

# José Sarukhan calls on scientists to be guardians of the environment

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Scientists can not remain only scientists, they must also strive to be **guardians of the environment, especially** at a time when facts and logic are discarded and the natural world is being destroyed.

This is stated by the coordinator of the **National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity** (Conabio), José Sarukhán Kermez, who will receive the **Tyler 2017 Prize** tomorrow , for his work in defense and contribution of knowledge of **biodiversity** .

In a statement, the **Tyler Award** Foundation reported that on more than one occasion Sarukhán has stressed that the academic world should have an agreement with the public so that the implications of their research can be known.

"But now, **environmental scientists** weigh an even greater responsibility: to make people see that ignoring the laws that govern the natural world carry great risk for humans," says the founder of Conabio.

Sarukhan considers the main problem is that "we ignore the matrix of nature that is essential to our well-being and that of the rest of the species we cohabit with."

For the professor and researcher who has dedicated his life to the defense of biodiversity, "inspire people to change their way of acting and living; That requires a certain type of personality. It's hard work, but if you have the will, then I urge you to do it. "

**Sarukhán Kermez** is one of the most recognized public scientists and intellectuals in Latin America, having developed one of the first governmental commissions in the world, dedicated to understanding and preserving biodiversity in Mexico, his country of origin.

For this reason, the **Mexican ecologist** will be in the United States to accept the award, the highest worldwide recognition for environmental achievements and is frequently referred to as the **Nobel for the Environment** .

In the framework of the 44th Tyler Prize conference, Sarukhan's talk will be followed by a panel discussion with some of the top environmental scientists in the United States.

Among them will be Jane Lubchenco and Harold Mooney with the panel **Translate Research into Action Policy: How Can Environmental Science Move Forward?** , Which will be moderated by John Iadarola, host of the political news network The Young Turks.

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