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TIFO HONORED WITH INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

TerraGraphics International Foundation (TIFO), a Moscow, Idaho-based organization working to resolve environmental health crises around the globe, has received the 2019 Achievement Award from the [Association for Environmental Health and Sciences](#).

The [award](#) – presented March 20 at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Soil, Water, Energy and Air in San Diego – recognizes TIFO for its efforts to reduce threats from pollution in low- and middle-income countries. The foundation has conducted projects in Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, Senegal, and China and continues to work in Nigeria and Kyrgyzstan. TIFO also received the [United Nations' 2011 Green Star Award](#) for its collaboration with Doctors Without Borders in fighting a severe lead poisoning [emergency in northern Nigeria](#).

TIFO says the crises it addresses often relate to declining environmental pollution in the United States, as mining, smelting, and recycling operations move from high-income countries to those with weaker regulations. International demand for cheap electronics and automobiles drives growth in hazardous jobs like recycling electronic waste and batteries and small-scale mining.

Children are frequently among the chief victims.

TIFO was founded as a not-for-profit foundation in 2013 by Ian von Lindern and Margrit von Braun. Its executive director is Casey Bartrem.



*Photo left to right: Paul Kosteki (AEHS Executive Director), Margrit von Braun, Ian von Lindern, Casey Bartrem*