

**Nicolas Hulot,  
Special Envoy of the French President  
for the Protection of the Planet**



### **Biography**

Nicolas Hulot was born on April 30, 1955 in Lille (France). He has been a reporter, writer and television program-maker. *Ushuaïa Nature*, for instance, has been broadcast in 35 countries. In 1990 he established the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Mankind, a leading environmental NGO aiming at encouraging changing consumption patterns throughout society (citizens, policy-makers, business people...). He has been chairing it ever since. Nicolas Hulot wrote many books on sustainable development (“How many catastrophes before taking action?”, “The Titanic syndrome”, “For an Ecological Pact”....). Through his Foundation, he invited the 2006 French Presidential candidates to commit to an *Ecological Pact*. The Pact was then backed by around 750 000 people, and it helped put environment high on the political agenda. He was appointed as Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic for Protecting the Planet in December 2012.

### **A threefold objective as Special Envoy of the French president for the Protection of the Planet**

As French President François Hollande’s Special Envoy for the Protection of the Planet, Nicolas Hulot, a well-known French politician and former journalist, has a threefold mission:

- to reach out to different communities on energy and climate challenges, and to promote the implementation of innovative new policies;
- to keep up to date with the preparations of the 2015 “COP 21” in Paris (meeting of the parties of the UN Climate Change convention), where an international agreement and new commitments in terms of adaptation and climate change mitigation should be attained;
- to raise the interest of public opinion, influential people and world leaders on such environmental priorities as the preservation of biodiversity, the protection of the oceans and the fight against trafficking in endangered species.