

## Alan Atkisson

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Alan AtKisson is an author, speaker, and senior advisor who focuses on sustainability, strategy, and the process of transformative change. He has nearly 30 years of experience, and he was inducted into the International Sustainability Hall of Fame in 2013 in recognition of his numerous contributions to the field, including helping to establish the practice of sustainability indicators, introducing and spreading the concept of being a “sustainability change agent,” and inventing a series of tools and methods to support schools, institutions and companies in developing systems-based sustainability strategies and plans (the open source “VISIS Method” and the proprietary “Accelerator” tools). Alan has published six books, including two bestsellers in his field (*Believing Cassandra* and *Sustainability is for Everyone*). He is the founder or co-founder of several sustainability businesses and volunteer initiatives, including the pioneering NGO Sustainable Seattle (in 1991), his international consulting firm AtKisson Group (1992), the Center for Sustainability Transformation in Germany, the 17Goals partnership for promotion of the SDGs, and the Oslo Manifesto for engaging designers in making the SDGs a reality.

Alan has given hundreds of inspirational speeches and seminars around the world, and he has consulted to over 200 organizations in over 30 countries. Since 2009, he has been advising the United Nations Secretariat in New York, most recently on helping countries to implement the Sustainable Development Countries. He served on the President’s Science and Technology Advisory Council of the European Commission (2012-2014). Alan is also known as a professional singer, songwriter, and guitarist: he has released six albums and two singles, and he sometimes blends music into his presentations.

Working through the international consultancy he founded in 1992, the AtKisson Group, as well as the Center for Sustainability Transformation, Alan’s clients have included corporations such as Levi Strauss, Nike, and Ajinomoto; international agencies such as the Nile Basin Initiative and Baltic 2030; several national governments; and global NGOs such as WWF. He is a past president of the Balaton Group, and a full member of the Club of Rome. A dual citizen of the USA and Sweden, Alan lives in Stockholm.