

The Bellerive Foundation is a non-profit organization which deals with a wide range of ecological, socio-political and ethical issues. Its efforts range from environmental protection and conservation of natural resources to the safeguarding of human and animal rights. It was established in 1977 by Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, who also chaired the foundation until his death in 2003. The foundation is now headed by his widow, Princess Catherine.

The foundation's work is divided into the following main programs:

Appropriate Technology (Energy for Survival): This program was established to promote more efficient use of the three principle sources of energy on which the world's poor depend for survival, namely human muscle power, draught animal power and increasingly scarce fuelwood.

Alp Action: Alp Action functions under the auspices of the Bellerive Foundation as an independent, non-political agency for environmental action and awareness. It promotes preservation of the Alps' natural and cultural diversity and vitality.

Bellerive Conferences: Bellerive convenes international conferences on themes "having direct implications on the long-term stability of the planet." The conferences bring together high-level, multi-disciplinary panels of experts representing all sides of a given controversy.

Respect for Life: Aims to promote a balanced and holistic approach to conserving endangered species and habitats as well as both human and animal rights.

Budget In recent years the budget has averaged around two million Swiss francs per annum, with income coming from private sources plus contributions from individual and corporate Friends of the Bellerive Foundation.

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