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TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR ROBERT (BOB) SCHOLES

The Executive Committee and Board of the National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) are saddened and shocked by the news of Prof Bob Scholes's untimely passing. Our sincere condolences to his spouse, Prof Mary Scholes, and his family, as well as the many colleagues who will sorely miss him. Our hearts go out to colleagues at the University of the Witwatersrand especially, who will miss him as a colleague and for his insights. We think also of the many students he taught and mentored. He will live on in their lives and work.

Prof Scholes's interests and influence were wider than pure academia. He lectured on many courses for volunteers interested in conservation and was a stalwart in the Mountain Club of South Africa.

For NSTF, he will be remembered in particular as an NSTF Award Winner in the Lifetime category in 2015. We also recognize the important role he played internationally as a renowned climate scientist, warning of the climate emergency long before others recognized the urgency of the situation. Now that the crisis is worse than ever, we will remember and advocate for scientific evidence and action.

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