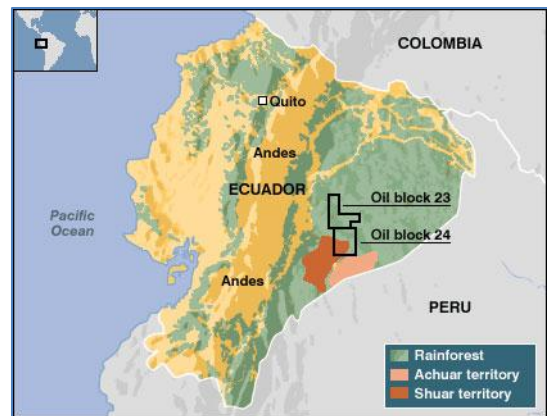


## Register now for the Pachamama “Awakening the Dreamer” Symposium

Sustainable Sandhills and the Fayetteville State University Faculty Sustainability and Disaster Recovery Research Group are hosting an "[Awakening the Dreamer](#)" Symposium on Saturday, June 26 from 10 am - 5 pm at the FSU Planetarium.

The [Pachamama Alliance's](#) Awakening the Dreamer Initiative aims to wake people up from the destructive dream in which we are currently living, and to inspire us to step consciously into a new dream, the pursuit of an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on the Earth. The initiative was born out of a relationship between an American couple who traveled to Ecuador to meet elders from the indigenous Achuar tribe. The Achuar are a dream culture, and many of their elders had been troubled by dreams of the "modern world" encroaching on their native lands and culture. When asked by the Americans how they could help, the Achuar replied, "by returning to your home and changing the dream of the north." So began the Pachamama Alliance and the Awakening the Dreamer Symposium.



[Watch a Short Video about the Symposium](#)

Our facilitator for the Symposium will be **Tim Toben**, Chair of the NC Energy Policy Council and a principal in green energy and green building ventures in North Carolina, including Greenbridge Developments, LLC. Toben also serves on the NC Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change and is Chairman of the Board of Visitors at the UNC-CH Institute for the Environment. He also chairs the Chancellor's Energy Task Force at UNC Chapel Hill. He and his wife Megan own and manage the Pickards Mountain Eco Institute, see [www.pickardsmountain.org](http://www.pickardsmountain.org).

Toben writes of the **Awakening the Dreamer Symposium**:

“I have seen hundreds of presentations on the crises we face around environmental sustainability, social justice, and spiritual fulfillment, but this is the first that left me hopeful about the future. The symposium is a structured presentation of the realities we face but with a realistic path to a hopeful future.”

The number of participants is limited due to space constraints, so please RSVP to Sustainable Sandhills at [jonparsons@sustainablesandhills.org](mailto:jonparsons@sustainablesandhills.org) or by calling 910-484-9098 **by 5:00 pm on Monday 6/21**.

Once we receive your RSVP, we can provide you with directions, the lunch menu, and instructions for payment.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, June 26 at the FSU Planetarium!

