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Rome Roundtable 16 & 17 November, 2020

'Which way for the world after the pandemic? Our inclusive future'

17 November 2020

Statement from the Global Foundation after Day One, 16 November



Yesterday, the Global Foundation conducted the first session of its most important global meeting of the year, the *2020 Rome Roundtable*.

75 invited participants from diverse backgrounds, from business, faiths, academia and civil society, drawn together from all continents, met virtually by Zoom in Rome, where they addressed the topic: *'Which way for the world after the pandemic? Our inclusive human future.'*

Discussions were conducted according to the Chatham House rule.

Building upon its previous global meetings held in *London* and *Paris* in 2019, and in Rome and elsewhere previously, the *Rome Roundtable* discussed pathways for solidarity and recovery from Covid, sharing a vision for a world that is united in pursuit of *co-operative globalisation*, one that is transformative, fair, inclusive and prosperous.

We agreed that returning to the 'old normal' will not be sufficient; rather, that this a moment in history to make a transformative, positive step-change in our world and that this is best achieved by collaboration, across all divides.

We agreed to step up, in a more systematic and output-oriented manner, our continuing *dialogue between civilisations*, that we have championed across faiths and belief systems and across cultures and geographies. We agreed that co-existence is preferred to conflict and we agreed to identify and report on specific actions that will support this commitment.



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Following on in support of outcomes from the recent [*Paris Peace Forum*](#), we agreed that we would make a concerted effort to ensure that the global roll-out of Covid vaccines will be achieved on an equitable basis, something that is not at all assured at present.

With Italy about to host the G20 year, we adopted an exciting proposal from the Mayor of Assisi to partner with her for **a G20 meeting of the economy of fraternity and community**, during the course of 2021, dovetailing the exhortations of Pope Francis' recent *Fratelli Tutti* letter with the intentions of our major sponsors from the world of business and investment, as well as our wide supporter base from civil society.

As business leader, Mark Cutifani, Chief Executive of global mining company Anglo American reminded us: *"To build an inclusive global future, businesses need to keep the wider good of society in mind, to think bigger not smaller, to be open and flexible and not rely on the standard formulas of the past. In short, we need to act for the Common Good."*

The concluding day of the Rome Roundtable, on 17 November, will include keynote addresses by the Foreign Minister of the Vatican and the Governor of the Bank of Italy, along with a major proposal for a new systemic vehicle, **the International Platform for Climate Finance**, to mobilise the enormous private investor capital required, globally, to address action on climate change.

A copy of the *2020 Rome Roundtable Program* is attached.



The Global Foundation is an Australian-headquartered, civil society organisation, that convenes global platforms for dialogue between key actors from business, institutions, academia, faiths, non-government bodies and civil society. The meeting in Rome is faith-enabled, enabling a strong level of interaction with the Vatican, along with other faiths. www.globalfoundation.org.au