



The Global Foundation
Together, we strive for the global common good



Draft Agenda

The Assisi & Rome Roundtable

*‘Navigating the unknown,
together, towards
peaceful, global
co-existence’,*



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The Agenda for the Assisi & Rome Roundtable builds upon our recently circulated roundtable Update: [‘Navigating the unknown, together, towards peaceful, global co-existence’](#), along with extensive consultations with our supporters.

The roundtable meeting has been designed as one continuous and cumulative program, with all participants contributing throughout. Our modus operandi is to foster an interpersonal dynamic within the limited group of 40 or so participants who will take part.

Most will have multiple opportunities to contribute through informal remarks, some of which may be prepared in advance. Contributions, however, should be generally delivered from a seated position around a large table, for which notes may be referenced, although the reading of speeches is not encouraged.

A number of participants will be invited, in advance, to moderate sections of the meeting, others to make opening remarks to stimulate open discussion in the respective sessions.

The roundtable will be conducted in English only. There will be table microphones, to assist everyone being able to hear clearly.

The frame of reference that guides the work of the Global Foundation

As a not-for-profit, global, civic body, that relies upon generous and enlightened private sector support, the Global Foundation has the goal of serving the global common good, by acting as a catalyst in bringing together leaders, around a set of agreed principles and strategy.

As most taking part would already be aware, the Foundation is committed to a central, mobilising idea, of **cooperative globalisation**, that is, to promote a sustainable form of globalisation that is both renewed and remade around four principles. These principles, for a sustainable and lasting globalisation, are as follows: **transformative, fair, inclusive and prosperous**.



Rome Roundtable, 2017



Madame Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank
Rome Roundtable, 2016

Many world leaders, including at our previous global roundtable meetings, have specifically endorsed these principles and the associated work of the Foundation. See [here](#), for example, for the remarks made by Pope Francis at our *2017 Rome Roundtable* meeting. Also, in a related way, see [here](#) the recent remarks about **business with purpose** and the role of business in society, by the outgoing Chief Executive of Anglo American, Dr. Mark Cutifani, who will again play a leading role at our roundtable.

In summary, the Foundation acts by bringing together, from time to time, leading figures from diverse backgrounds, so that they may share and, in turn, benefit from aligning their own efforts around these principles. At the same time, participants report on their efforts or intentions to manifest the cooperative globalisation strategy in their respective spheres of interest which, in many instances, are much more impactful than if acting alone.

The tools and talents that the Foundation seeks to bring to bear are those of the private sector and civil society, working in partnership with each other and with governments, both local, national and internationally. Importantly, our work is also faith-enabled, open to the contributions of all faiths and belief systems to inspire our work. In fact, the Foundation has long championed the concept of '*Dialogue between Civilisations*', to seek common ground among those who may be informed by quite different faith and belief systems.

In this way, the Global Foundation is a facilitator and an encourager of those who are already committed to serving the common good. They see advantage in coming together and discussing the challenges and opportunities that the world at large is facing, then converting good intentions into practical and, in many cases, measurable actions. Our roundtable discussions will also include sessions on measuring progress.



Why Assisi, and then Rome? Integral ecology & the Assisi Accord:

The idea of meeting in a small village such as Assisi draws from a number of sources, including the notion that by stepping back for a few hours from the hustle and bustle of regular daily life, it becomes more possible to enjoy time for reflection and personal interaction, in a peaceful and stimulating environment.

Assisi, under the leadership of dynamic Mayor Stefania Proietti, is already legendary as a global village of peace, a crossroads for many who are active in promoting numerous international peace initiatives.

Secretary General Steve Howard with Mayor of Assisi, Professor Dr. Stefania Proietti



At this critical time in world affairs, the spirit of peace that Assisi represents is vital, both in terms of addressing immediate international conflicts and also in helping to avoid a further downward spiral in underlying strategic tensions that affect the geo-political scene.

Over and above this, Mayor Proietti has a vision for Assisi to become a global centre of integral ecology, a hub of activity for a sustainable planet where humanity cares for and acts in favour of our common home.

The Mayor's vision is echoed by many significant voices, most notably, Pope Francis, whose 2015 letter, 'Our Common Home' (Laudato Si'), [see here](#), described a holistic vision for a sustainable planet and for humanity, echoing the spirit of St Francis of Assisi.

The Global Foundation strongly supports this ecological vision and the fair and just transition that needs to accompany this step-change in human affairs. For some time we have been in discussions with several of our key supporters to

see if it might be possible to make positive steps, via our roundtable meeting, to further enhance Assisi's global role as a city of integral ecology, on an ongoing and enduring basis.

The primary focus of the agenda in Assisi will be for an **Assisi Accord**, a statement of intent, advocacy and action, whose principal focus will be to help mobilise global investor capital to address climate change. The international financial sector has both the willingness and capability to make a huge difference in addressing climate change, but needs better tools and systems to make this more possible, at scale and with the speed required.

What is missing to make all of this possible is the present adequacy of the international financial system to account for, measure and mobilise the scale of private climate investment required, if we are to avoid a planetary meltdown.

The draft text for the Assisi Accord will be circulated well in advance to all who are participating, to allow for comment and feedback

and, for those who are in a position to do so, to make commitments to support, through advocacy and adoption.

It may also be that, through the efforts of a number of our supporters and their own growing networks, Assisi can play an enduring role, as a beacon to the world at large and as an inspirational meeting place and training centre, for those who wish to be better skilled in turning good intentions about integral ecology and the application of sustainable finance into practical reality.



Dr. Steve Waygood



Professor Enrico Giovannini



Sr. Adele Howard RSM OAM

The Foundation acknowledges the outstanding contribution of Dr. Steve Waygood, Chief Responsible Investment officer with Aviva Investors, one of our most important Partner

institutions, who is playing a leading role in preparing the Assisi Accord and in attracting to join us in Assisi & Rome a number of leaders from the international finance sector who have already been working for some considerable time with Steve for an International Platform for Climate Finance.

We are fortunate that a Minister in the Italian Government, Professor Enrico Giovannini, has also kindly agreed to join us in Assisi for these discussions.

Now the Minister for Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility in the Draghi Government, Minister Giovannini is a leading international exponent of sustainability and well-being and has been an active contributor to the work of the Global Foundation over many years.

In addition, Sr. Adele Howard RSM OAM, who is an advisor to the Vatican on Laudato Si', will contribute faith-based insights about the integral ecology agenda.



His Holiness, Pope Francis & Secretary General Steve Howard
The Vatican, Rome Roundtable, 2017



The Rome Roundtable, 2016

Rome – what can we agree to do, to help to fix a broken world order?

We will continue our roundtable discussions in Rome, on Monday 23 May, commencing at 9:00am and running through the full day, before a break and then regrouping for a closing dinner, which is likely to conclude by 10:30pm.

Against a backdrop of an increasingly fractured world order, the roundtable discussions in Rome will address the broken world order that we are experiencing.

Just as Assisi will have set the tone for the requisite reform of the international financial system, in Rome we will incorporate this subject, as part of a wider assessment of a failing international order. We will consider what might usefully be done, beyond the wringing of hands, to improve, rebuild, international cooperation and governance.

As with the earlier focus on integral ecology, we will not be starting from scratch, rather building upon the outstanding leadership of those active in the space of international governance reform. The Foundation expresses its gratitude to

Mr. Pascal Lamy, one of the foremost exponents of international cooperation reform through his multiple roles, notable as the current President of the Paris Peace Forum [see here](#) and as former Director General of the World Trade Organisation.

Pascal Lamy is assisting the Foundation in the preparation of the Rome leg of the Roundtable and he will be joined by other global figures, including Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Vatican Secretary for Relations with Foreign States and Rt Hon Helen Clark ONZ SSI PC, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Program (TBC).



Archbishop Paul Gallagher



**Ms. Helen Clark
ONZ SSI PC TBC**



Mr. Pascal Lamy

In Rome, we have also requested an audience with His Holiness, Pope Francis, who has warmly received us and endorsed our work in the past.



Other elements in the Assisi & Rome Roundtable program

Keynote Address:

We are honoured that the Governor of West Java, Indonesia, H. E. Mochamad Ridwan Kamil, has agreed to attend and address our *Assisi & Rome Roundtable*, in Assisi. His Excellency Kamil leads the largest province in Indonesia, one of the world's great emerging nations that, this year, will host the G20, the global grouping of the major global economies.



**H.E. Mochamad
Ridwan Kamil**

Progress and measurement:

As an essential component of our intention to measure the progress made against commitments and to encourage all taking part to aim higher, there will be a session combining metrics for measurement of key themes with techniques to visualise progress on respective elements and then to link them to the overall vision.

At its 2016 and 2017 *Rome Roundtable* meetings, the Foundation embraced and endorsed a new, independent organisational initiative, the World Benchmarking Alliance [see here](#), which today assesses the sustainability performance against benchmarks of the largest corporate entities in the world.



**Ms Pauliina
Murphy**

Ms Pauliina Murphy, who is the Engagement Director with the WBA, based in London, will be joined by Australian consultant, Ms Kate Burke from 12th Level Advisory, in drawing together the threads and helping all to set some stretch goals for when we conclude the roundtable and resume our daily professional lives.



**Ms Kate
Burke**



Paris Roundtable, 2019

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