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**'State of the World'  
Roundtable**

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## ***The 'State of the World' Roundtable launches the Global Foundation's 2022 Program***

With an impressive line-up of speakers and a significant list of prominent attendees, *The 'State of the World' Roundtable* successfully launched the Global Foundation's program for 2022 on Tuesday, 8th February.

The program focused on the topics of Global Economy, Global Pandemic Response and Preparedness, Measuring Progress and Mobilising for Climate Change - with a special focus on the city of Assisi, Italy as a global hub of integral ecology, ahead of the Foundation's first global face to face meeting planned for Assisi and Rome from 21-23 May.

**The overarching message was the need to strengthen international co-operation and improve global governance arrangements, supported by new and emerging coalitions of private and public sectors and civil society which are affiliated with the Global Foundation.**

The one hundred invitees heard from global figures, including: the Honourable Mathias Cormann, Secretary General of the OECD; Professor Dr Enrico Giovannini, Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility in the Government of Italy; Dr Philip Lowe, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia; Prof Dr Stefania Proietti, Mayor of Assisi, and President of the Province of Perugia, Italy; The Rt Honourable Helen Clark ONZ SSI PC, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former Administrator of the United Nations Development Program; Mr Pascal Lamy, President of the Paris Peace Forum, to name a few.

They were joined in the sessions by global leaders of business and investment, international institutions, universities and think tanks, as well as diplomats and faith leaders.

Chairman Louise Watson welcomed the guests and emphasised the importance of bringing together leading figures to discuss strategies on how best to move forward, together, and to leave no one behind. *"Globalisation has brought exceptional benefits to our world – not the least the alleviation of poverty; women's empowerment; substantial reductions in infant mortality and the rapid rise in standards of living. So, the fact that globalisation has somewhat stalled somewhat during the pandemic should not deter us on our essential mission to continue to strive for the global common good. Now is a perfect moment to meet, albeit virtually, to consider the issues which will help to shape our respective and collective agendas for the year ahead and beyond."*

Secretary General Steve Howard captured the need for this roundtable and the mission of the Global Foundation by stating, *"The central imperative of the Global Foundation is for a world that embraces 'co-operative globalisation', that strives for a sustainable future where human flourishing is paramount. World leaders, including Pope Francis and other faith leaders, along with the heads of global institutions, business, academia and civil society, have warmly embraced our approach."*

All contributors and participants are listed in the Official Program, and the Foundation look forward to sharing a full report with its network in the coming weeks.