

Letter from Assisi & Rome

Inviting your participation and the Agenda for our Assisi & Rome Roundtable, 21 to 23 May, 2022

It is with pleasure that I write to provide you with some further information about the agenda and organisational arrangements for the upcoming *Assisi & Rome Roundtable*, so that you might further prepare for what promises to be our very special and precious time together in Italy in May.

Against the backdrop of a fracturing world, our roundtable timing and agenda takes on even greater significance than in previous years. Our intent is that there is much good in the world that can be built upon and amplified by those of goodwill and determination.

This past week, I have visited Assisi & Rome to meet with the key figures who will host and meet with us for our back-to-back roundtable meeting in the two cities, over three days from **21 to 23 May, 2022**.

Most notably, at the Vatican, I met with Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State to His Holiness, Pope Francis, who confirmed the significance of our planned meeting and advised that he will request an audience for our participants with Pope Francis when we are in Rome. The Vatican will also participate in our overall roundtable discussions, where we will address the theme of 'the broken world'.



Secretary General Steve Howard with Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State to Pope Francis



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

In Assisi, I met with our generous host, Dr Stefania Proietti, the dynamic Mayor who is also Governor of the Province of Perugia. A long-standing friend and supporter of the Foundation, Mayor Proietti confirmed her strong commitment to our *Assisi Accord*, our global mobilisation on climate change and she has offered us the most beautiful meeting venues in her city.

The spirit of Assisi, that legendary sense of peace and calm, freed of time and space, is very much present and will provide us with a purposeful setting for the first days of the roundtable.





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In Rome, where we will continue our discussions, involving the Vatican and the Bank of Italy, we will also benefit from the personal participation by a senior Minister in the Draghi Government, Professor Enrico Giovannini, who has offered an ongoing working relationship with the Foundation on matters relating to sustainability, across Italy and beyond.

We are expecting a maximum of 50 participants for the *Assisi & Rome Roundtable* meeting. They will come from many backgrounds and from all over the world, from Australia, China, France, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, The Vatican, United Kingdom and the United States.



Secretary General Steve Howard with Professor Dr. Enrico Giovannini, Ministry of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility in the Government of Italy

Should you have any further suggestions regarding your participation or the roundtable agenda, please contact me. Otherwise, our staff in Australia, at sg@globalfoundation.org.au are available to assist you with your questions and we will also have staff on the ground in Italy during the roundtable.

On behalf of the Global Foundation, our Chairman, Ms Louise Watson and I look forward to greeting you in Assisi.

Kindest Regards,

Steve Howard
Secretary General



Chairman, Louise Watson

