



Short Summary - The Melbourne Roundtable Town Hall, Melbourne, Wednesday 27 November, 2019



The Lord Mayor of Melbourne hosted the inaugural roundtable meeting in the Global Foundation's new Australian series, at the Melbourne Town Hall on Wednesday 27 November, 2019.

The focus for the meeting was *'Australia's national strategy for the future, taking a longer-term view and in a global context'*. Participants concluded that Australia needed a stronger sense of national strategy and that they could make important contributions to this through the convening power of the Global Foundation.

The Melbourne meeting was briefed on the progress of the Global Roundtable series convened by the Foundation and also received a presentation on macro trends until 2030 from Bain & Co.

The 50 participants in Melbourne were joined by global contributors via live video-links, who spoke about their actions on key themes that underpin the *co-operative globalisation* strategy of the Global Foundation:

- The *World Benchmarking Alliance*, a new institution to measure corporate impact on global sustainability.
- The *1,000 Abrahamic Circles* project, that brings together Muslim, Christian and Jewish faith leaders, to promote deeper understanding.
- The *Economy of Francesco* young entrepreneurs conference, to be led by Pope Francis and hosted by the Mayor of Assisi, Italy from 26-28 March, 2020.
- The *Consumer Goods Forum* for its corporate leadership efforts in eradicating global forced labour other global sustainability efforts.

The full report of the *Melbourne Roundtable* discussions will be released in early 2020 and will inform the Agenda for second and third Australian series meetings: the *Sydney Roundtable* meeting, to be hosted by the Governor General at Admiralty House on 2 March and the *Perth Roundtable* meeting, to be hosted by the Governor of Western Australia and featuring the Archbishop of Canterbury, on 21 October, 2020.