



The Global Foundation

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Global Foundation in 2023

25 years of cooperative globalisation

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Changes to the Foundation's Leadership Group

- In May, we formed a **Leadership Group** comprising of the Board plus Global Advisory and Australian Advisory Chairs
- In May, we welcomed **Ms Sharan Burrow AC** as Deputy Chair of the Global Advisory Council
- In May, we farewelled **Dr Selena Ng**, who stepped down from the Board
- In October, we welcomed two new members of the Global Advisory Council, **Rt. Hon. Charles Clarke and the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO**
- In November, we welcomed a new Member of the Board, Ms Christine Christian AO



New Partners

We welcomed three new Foundation Partners in 2023:

- Squitchy Lane Holdings in January
- Adani in June, which upgraded from Corporate Member
- Alinta Energy in November

They joined existing Key Partners, Aviva Investors and King & Wood Mallesons and continuing Partner, GHD



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Foundation Programs Year in Review 2023

Taking a lead in re-making globalisation





State of the World Roundtable and Dinner with Dr Philip Lowe Sydney, 20 February

- For the 3rd consecutive year, Foundation members heard from some of the world's most influential voices as they discussed substantial challenges facing the world today including conflict, climate change, and global inflation
- The roundtable and dinner were kindly hosted by **Mr Tim Gordon**, Executive Partner, Gilbert & Tobin

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State of the World Roundtable and Dinner with Dr Philip Lowe Sydney, 20 February

Notable speakers included:

Dr Philip Lowe | Governor, Reserve Bank of Australia

Prof Dr Dewi Fortuna Anwar MA | Researcher Professor, Research Centre for Politics,
National Research & Innovation Agency, Indonesia

Mr Shri Amitabh | G20 Sherpa, India

Mr Pascal Lamy | Former Director-General, WTO

Mr Andreas Schaal | Director, OECD Global Relations & Cooperation

Ms Kate Burke | Managing Consultant, Pragma Partners

Mr Marc Eames | Principal, Bain & Company

- The roundtable was followed by a dinner with the Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, **Dr Philip Lowe**



International Forum on Security and Strategy

Online, 25 March

Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited to speak at an online event hosted by the China Institute for International Studies at Tsinghua University



Australian China Business Council

Beijing, 23-27 April

- Foundation Chairman of the Board, **Ms Louise Watson** attended a week-long Australia China Business Council mission to China, travelling to various cities and meeting with Chinese business leaders in advance of the Foundation's Beijing Mission
- Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** joined **Ms Watson** for the ACBC reception & dinner in Beijing on 27 April



Beijing Mission Beijing, 28-29 April

- Chairman **Ms Louise Watson** and Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** led a Foundation global delegation to Beijing for the first time in more than three years, focusing on re-making globalisation and encouraging further dialogue between civilisations
- The Mission included a dinner with President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, **Mr Jin Liqun**, and a roundtable discussion hosted by the Center for China and Globalization
- It was supported by the Australian Ambassador to China, **His Excellency Graham Fletcher**, and the Chinese Ambassador to Australia, **His Excellency Xiao Qian**

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Beijing Mission

Beijing, 28-29 April

- The Mission marked significant global outcomes in **'remaking globalisation'** and continuing **'Dialogue between Civilisations'**, aligning with the Foundation's ongoing pursuit of cooperative globalisation
- One agreed conclusion was for the Foundation to champion an **'Australia China Plus'** strategy addressing bilateral trade and commerce
- The Mission served as a useful precursor to the **Australian Prime Minister's** visit to China in November





Dinner with the Leadership Group

Sydney, 8 May

- The Leadership Group of the Foundation met for the first time in conjunction with a significant members' dinner, with **Dr Mark Cutifani**, Chair of the Global Advisory Council, as the guest of honour
- It was a special evening with extensive discussion and endorsement of the Foundation's plans through and beyond its 25th year
- The dinner was kindly hosted by **Mr Darren McClafferty**, partner at Foundation Key Partner, King & Wood Mallesons



Dr Mark Cutifani



Ms Sharan Burrow AC



Prof Sir Ed Byrne AC



Mr Steve Howard



Ms Louise Watson



Prof Paul Welling CBE



Mr Brian Loughnane AO



Meetings with Chinese Ambassador to Australia, Xiao Qian Canberra, 8 June & Melbourne, 11 October

- In June, **HE Xiao Qian** hosted an intimate working lunch for the Foundation at his residence in Canberra, which was attended by **Mr Murray Prior** (International Director and Global Head of Business Development & Marketing King & Wood Mallesons), **Mr Peter Gago AC** (Chief Wine Maker at Penfolds Wines) and **Mr Steve Howard** (Secretary General, Global Foundation)
- In October, **Ms Renae Lattey** (Chief Executive Partner King & Wood Mallesons) hosted a small private dinner with **HE Xiao Qian** in Melbourne and accompanied by **Mr Dean Jenkins** (Company Director) and **Mr Steve Howard** (Secretary General, Global Foundation)
- China ended its tariffs on Australian barley in August and in November agreed to review its tariffs on Australian wines



Summit for a New Global Financing Pact

Paris, 22-23 June

- Foundation Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited to a summit in Paris jointly hosted by **French President Emmanuel Macron** and **Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley**
- The summit aligned with the Foundation's work on the **Assisi Accord**, aiming to set the foundations of a new global financial system to address climate change and development issues
- **Mr Steve Howard** was accompanied at the summit by **Mr Tom Taylor** from Foundation Key Partner, Aviva Investors



The Amundi World Investment Forum

Paris, 22-23 June

- Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited to attend the 2023 edition of Amundi World Investment Forum entitled “The Global Shake-up: Where will the pieces fall?”
- **Mr Steve Howard** attended breakout sessions on the new economic cycle, net zero, emerging markets, and global geo-politics





Dialogue Between Civilizations on Global Commons Vatican City, 27-28 June

This global roundtable was co-convened by the Foundation and Pontifical Academy for Social Sciences with **Professor Jeffrey Sachs** and **Professor Riccardo Pozzo** as co-chairs of the meeting, along with Foundation's Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard**

The Roundtable and its conclusions was pivotal to the Foundation's work on global governance reform

A number of Foundation supporters, including from China, participated in the meeting



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*...The key recommendation from the meeting
elevated support for the Foundation focus on global
governance reform:*

'Promoting new global governance arrangements to oversee the sustainability of the global environmental commons, including the climate, the oceans, biodiversity, world heritage sites, and to ensure a fair and just transition that advantages the poor. The formulation of such arrangements should be affiliated with the United Nations and its many institutions and should involve governments as well as religious groups, civil society, enlightened businesses and investors, educators, students, and young people around the world.'





The Australian Transformation Series

- At the Foundation's National Canberra Roundtable in 2021, hosted by the **Governor General**, participants agreed to advocate for an '**Australian Transformation**', around three issues: of national identity centred on indigenous recognition; a sustainable transformation of the Australian economy; and a clearer sense of what constituted the national interest and consequent global engagement.
- In 2023, three Foundation programs have taken place under this banner on the topics of Australia's foreign policy, sustainable infrastructure and higher education
 - 'Australia's Foreign Policy'
 - 'Australia's Smart and Sustainable Future - Lessons from Italy on Sustainable Infrastructure'
 - 'Exploring the Future of Higher Education in Australia'
- The series will continue with the Foundation due to host the Australian Treasurer, **Dr Jim Chalmers**, scheduled for early 2024





Boardroom Lunch with Ms Jan Adams AO PSM, Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Sydney, 23 August

- At this intimate lunch, Foundation members had the opportunity to engage with Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Secretary, **Ms Jan Adams**, about Australia's foreign policy against a backdrop of turbulence in regional and global affairs
- The lunch was co-hosted by **Mr David Friedlander**, partner at Foundation Key Partner, King & Wood Mallesons





Dinner with Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO Melbourne, 7 September

- A small group of Foundation Members were invited to an intimate dinner with the **Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO**, immediate past Australian Ambassador to the United States and long term supporter of the Global Foundation
- **Mr Sinodinos** provided insights on the current state and trajectory of U.S. politics
- The dinner was hosted by **Mr Robert Knott**, Chairman of Foundation Partner, GHD



Australia's Smart and Sustainable Future - Lessons from Italy on Sustainable Infrastructure Melbourne and online, 7 September

- The first program of the 'Australian Transformation' Series was a roundtable discussion with **Professor Enrico Giovannini**, immediate past Italian Minister for Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility
- **Professor Giovannini** shared how Italy became an example of global best practice in sustainable infrastructure, providing inspiration and guidance for Australia's sustainability journey
- The session was hosted by **Mr Mike Fitzpatrick AO**, Director of Foundation Partner, Squitchy Lane
- The Foundation plans to host a visit to Australia by **Professor Giovannini** in 2024





Dr Keyu Jin in Conversation

Online, 4 October

- **Dr Keyu Jin** is a world-renowned economist and Associate Professor at the London School of Economics. In this session she provided insights about her newly released book, 'The New China Playbook: Beyond Socialism and Capitalism'
- Discussion topics included understanding China's economic model through a historical and cultural lens, the concept of the "major economy," the distinct perspective of the new generation in China, and the importance of dialogue and trust in managing geopolitical tensions between east and west
- The session was hosted by **Mr Darren McClafferty**, Partner of Foundation Key Partner, King & Wood Mallesons



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Lunch with Professor Jeffrey Sachs *Melbourne, 12 October*

- **Professor Jeffrey Sachs**, world-renowned expert and advocate of sustainable development, provided valuable contributions to the Foundation's ongoing discussion of global governance reform, building upon the '**Dialogue Between Civilizations on Global Commons**', which he co-chaired at the Vatican in June 2023
- Themes included rethinking the paradigms of economics and governance, the importance of collective action, and the role of virtue in leadership
- The lunch was hosted by **Mr Ian Fraser**, CEO APAC of Foundation Partner, GHD





Dinner with the Leadership Group Sydney, 1 November

- The Leadership Group of the Foundation met for a second time in conjunction with a members' dinner
- **Dr Mark Cutifani** and **Ms Sharan Burrow AC**, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Global Advisory Council, canvassed plans to lead a series of programs advocating for the transition to net zero
- The meeting was kindly hosted by **Mr Murray Prior**, International Director and Global Head of Business Development and Marketing, on behalf of Key Partner, King & Wood Mallesons





Exploring the Future of Higher Education Online, 14 November

- The Foundation convened a small group of university leaders, education policy professionals, and members of the Global Advisory Council to discuss the future of higher education in Australia
- Discussion topics included the disconnect between the university sector and Australian society, competing notions of the role of higher education, and how universities can be key contributors to responding to global changes and challenges
- Key speakers included titles **Professor Sir Edward Byrne AC** (Distinguished Vice Chancellor's fellow, ANU), **Rt Hon Charles Clarke** (Former Secretary of State for Education of the United Kingdom & Visiting Professor at Lancaster University and Kings College), and **Mr Ben Rimmer** (Deputy Secretary of Higher Education, Research, and International Group, Department of Education)



Prof Sir Edward Byrne AC



Rt Hon Charles Clarke



Mr Ben Rimmer



Ms Sharan Burrow AC



Dr Mark Cutifani



Prof Patricia Davidson



Prof Susan Dodds



Prof Bruce S. Downton MB BS MD



Mr Tim Payne



Prof Grady Venville

Contributors

The Arts & Sustainable Development

Rome, 28 October

Foundation Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited to speak at an event organised by the Academy of Fine Arts in Rome about the role of the arts in increasing awareness of the importance of creativity and innovation as key skills for personal, social and economic development, which he joined online on **28 October**



World Chinese Economic & Technology Summit

Online, 7 November

- Foundation Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited to address the World Chinese Economic & Technology Summit, hosted in Shenzhen, China this year by KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, which is headed by **Tan Sri Michael O.K. Yeoh**, a member of the Global Advisory Council
- **Mr Howard** contributed to a session entitled “Geostrategic and Geoeconomic Challenges Facing a New Multipolar World – the Role of China and Asia”



Paris Peace Forum

Paris, 10-11 November

- Foundation Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** attended the sixth edition of the Paris Peace Forum
- The forum aligns with the Foundation's work on global governance reform and fostering dialogue to find common ground
- During the course of the Summit, **Mr Howard** had private meetings with:
 - **Mr Pascal Lamy**, Coordinator of the Jaques Delors Think-Tanks Network
 - **Madame Fu Ying**, Chairperson of Center for International Security and Strategy
 - **Mr Jin Liqun**, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - **Dr Henry Wang and Dr Mabel Miao**, President & Secretary General of Center for China and Globalisation
 - **Dr Dino Patti Djalal**, Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia and Former Indonesian Deputy Foreign Minister



A4S Accounting for Sustainability Summit

London, 29 November

- Foundation Secretary General **Mr Steve Howard** was invited by Key Partner Aviva Investors to attend the Accounting for Sustainability Summit (“A4S”), an initiative of **King Charles** to promote measurable action on climate biodiversity and nature in general
- The summit took place ahead of COP28 and brought together leaders in finance to discuss actions to build a resilient, sustainable economy





Key Initiatives

The Chapel in the Woods of the Hermitage of St Francis of Assisi

- In June 2023, the **Franciscan Friars of Assisi** asked the Global Foundation to support their proposal to build a new chapel in the woods of the Hermitage, a sanctuary outside of Assisi, Italy, where St Francis, Patron Saint of Ecology, retreated to pray 800 years ago
- The project builds on the Foundation's existing relationship with Assisi through its Mayor, **Professor Stefania Proietti**
- The Foundation intends to continue to convene meetings of global significance in Assisi



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The Chapel in the Woods of the Hermitage of St Francis of Assisi

- The Foundation has established a fundraising committee in Australia to raise the required funds to help build the Chapel and to conduct related activities

The Australian fundraising committee comprises:



Mr Anthony Shepherd AO
Chairman, Fundraising
Committee



Ms Louise Watson
Chairman of the Board,
the Global Foundation



Sister Adele Howard RSM OAM
Advisor to the Vatican on
Ecological Theology, Spirituality
and Reconciliation



Ms Christine Christian AO
President, State Library
of Victoria

Mobilising the Transition to Net Zero

- Under the leadership of the Global Advisory Council, the Foundation plans to address the issue of global climate and biodiversity governance and pathways to net zero
- The core group will be led by **Dr Mark Cutifani** and **Ms Sharan Burrow AC**, Chair and Deputy Chair of the Global Advisory Council, and will also comprise **Dr Steve Waygood** (Chief Responsible Investment Officer, Aviva Investors), **Mr Pascal Lamy** (Coordinator of the Jaques Delors Think-Tanks Network), **Mr John Denton AO** (Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce) and **Mr Steve Howard** (Secretary General, Global Foundation)
- A number of Foundation members and global organisations and institutions are being invited to join the project
- A preliminary meeting on 1 November informs the Global Advisory Council meeting of 11 December, which will confirm the project
- Global meetings are proposed to advance the initiative during 2024

