

THE ROME ROUNDTABLE

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The Global Foundation

Together, we strive for the global common good

Ms Louise Watson

Chairman, the Global Foundation

Louise has been a member of the Board of the Global Foundation since 2017. She has over 25 years' experience as a strategic adviser to companies and Government, and has had significant experience as a non-executive director.

Louise has long-standing and trusted relationships with Australia's corporate leaders, influencers, investors, market operatives, and the media.

Louise is recognised as a leading adviser to Australian companies, their Chairs, CEOs, and Executive Teams. She is acknowledged for her strategic advisory skills and stakeholder management in times of corporate change and challenge and is also recognised as an entrepreneur through her success in building pioneering advisory businesses.

In 2002, Louise established Symbol Strategic Communications, recognised as one of Australia's leading corporate advisory firms in communications and investor relations. Symbol advises listed companies and corporates on reputation management, issues management, significant transactions and transformation projects, and investor and media relations.



Dr Mark Cutifani CBE

Chair, Global Advisory Council, the Global Foundation; Chairman and Acting CEO, Vale Base Metals

Mark is a mining engineer by training having started his career in deep underground coal mining in Australia in 1976. In his +46 years of experience, he has had line and support responsibilities across all forms of mining, processing, and product marketing, having worked across 6 continents, 20 countries and with more than 30 minerals and metals. He is recognized as a major industry leader and innovator with a track record for delivery of improvements across all facets of business performance.

Mark retired from his role as the Chief Executive Officer (CE) of Anglo American (AA) in April 2022 after more than 9 years and delivering the significant restructuring and revitalisation across all facets of its global mining business. In his period of tenure, AA delivered industry leading capital and shareholder returns underpinned by a doubling of employee productivity, with associated material cost reductions and improvements in capital returns. At the same time AA moved from lagging industry performance in sustainability and innovation to being an acknowledged leader in value creation through new and progressive social, technical, and commercial transformations.



Prior to his AA position he was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for AngloGold Ashanti. Mark was responsible for the recovery and turnaround of the business after successfully dealing with the industry's most significant "out of the money" gold hedge book. Mark has also held senior executive positions with the Inco and Vale, the Normandy Group, Sons of Gwalia, Western Mining Corporation, Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines and CRA (Rio Tinto). Mark was also a past President of the International Council for Mining and Metals (ICMM) and the South African Chamber of Mines (now Minerals Council).

Ms Sharan Burrow

Deputy Chair, Global Advisory Council, the Global Foundation; Global Advocate for Rights and Sustainability

Sharan Burrow is a global advocate for human rights, climate action and Just Transition. She is the Former General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (2010-2022). Previously she was President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (2000-2010.)

Sharan is well known for her international advocacy on employment, human rights, industrial relations, corporate responsibility and climate action with just transition solutions.

She has represented workers and civil society groups in global policy discussions in United Nations bodies, on the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation as well as at the tables of the G7, G20, World Bank and International Monetary Fund. She has twice been a Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos.

Sharan is currently a Visiting Professor in Practice to the LSE-Grantham Institute, a Vice-Chair of the European Climate Foundation, a board member of the Green Hydrogen Association, Co-Chair of the IEA Labour Council, an adviser on Temasek's Sustainability Panel, a board member of Novonix and Chair of the Curtin University Institute for Energy Transition Advisory Council.



Mr Steve Howard

Secretary General, the Global Foundation

As founding Secretary General of the non-profit Global Foundation since 1998, Steve Howard has led the necessary global push for the adoption of 'co-operative globalisation', a holistic and long-term strategy to enable a sustainable global common good.

Much of Steve's work with the Global Foundation has involved aligning leaders from the private sector, civil society, academia, faiths and institutions, and sometimes from governments, from across the world, in defining and striving for a shared global vision, backed up by concrete actions.

Many world leaders, including Pope Francis and his most senior officials at the Vatican, have personally participated in and endorsed this and related initiatives. Through this collaborative and low-key approach, Steve and the Global Foundation have helped to shape global affairs with practical outcomes.

Prior to the Global Foundation, he led the successful renaissance strategy for Melbourne, Australia in the early 1990's, including a national strategy to enable private sector investment in public infrastructure, which has since been adopted as investment model, worldwide.



Ms Cristiana Argentino

Head of 'Scenarios, Strategic Options and Climate Change', Eni SpA

Cristiana was born in Turin in 1968, she joined Eni in 1997, holding various roles mainly in the CFO area.

Since 2021, she has been Head of 'Scenarios, Strategic Options and Climate Change' activities and Secretary of the 'Sustainability and Scenarios Committee' of Eni spa Board of Directors. She is Chairman of the Board of Azule Energy Angola spa and member of several BoD in the Eni group, including Versalis, Eni Foundation, GreenIT, and Eni New Energy. She has been part of the Board of Agi since 2015.



She graduated in Economics and Commerce at the University of Tor Vergata, Rome. After graduating, she collaborated in research and teaching activities for the courses in Political Economy and International Economics. In 1996-97, she obtained the Master's Degree in 'Energy and Environmental Management and Economics' (MEDEA) from Eni's Scuola Enrico Mattei.

Dr Claudio Mario Betti

Director, Australian Catholic University, Rome Campus

Claudio Betti, based in Rome, is currently a Director at Australian Catholic University, bringing experience from previous roles at CUA/ACU, Catholic University of America, Seraphicum and Catholic University of America/Australian Catholic University Rome Campus. Claudio Betti holds a 1995 - 1998 PHD in History at Università degli Studi di Roma 'La Sapienza'. With a robust skill set that includes Grant Writing, Research, Marketing, International Relations, Conflict Resolution and more, Claudio Betti contributes valuable insights to the industry.



Ms Riona Bowhay

Senior Macro Stewardship Analyst, Aviva Investors

Riona Bowhay is a Senior Macro Stewardship Analyst at the Aviva Investors Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence. She works with Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Steve Waygood, to drive systemic change in financial markets. Engaging with policy makers and regulators around the world, the team seeks to address market failures on sustainability issues to support the creation of a sustainable financial system. Such issues include climate change, biodiversity loss and antimicrobial resistance.

Riona has deep, practical knowledge on transition plans, non-financial data assurance, TCFD reporting and climate governance.

Riona is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales and has an undergraduate degree from the University of Sheffield in Accounting and Financial Management.



Mr Dennis Bracy

CEO, Avatar Dimension

Combining a long-time commitment to strengthening US-China relations and a passion for finding solutions to global energy and environmental issues, Bracy led the US team for the US-China Clean Energy Forum since its inception in 2007.

In that capacity, Bracy and the CEF team served on the senior management team of the US-China Clean Energy Research Center, which was established by Presidents Hu Jintao and Barack Obama in 2009.

Over the past 35 years, he has served as an advisor to business executives, Members of Congress, Governors and Mayors and is considered a leading strategist on energy issues. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the Washington State China Relations Council.

As Chairman of Avatar Studios, he heads a company that produces television programs for clients around the world. In the early 1990s, Bracy led the team that developed the first prime-time television co-produced by foreigners in China and he continues to produce several documentaries and videos in China every year. As Chairman of Avatar Dimension, he heads a company which produces holograms for use in exhibits, movies and TV programs.

His previous professional positions include president of Hill & Knowlton Technology, vice president of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, and press secretary for the Watergate trials.



Ms Shiva Lynn Burgos

Founder, The Mariwai Project, Papua New Guinea

Shiva Lynn Burgos is the first international contemporary artist to work in Mariwai, a small Kwoma village located in the Upper Sepik River, Papua New Guinea. Although it is not part of Kwoma custom for women to paint and carve she was accepted as an artist and invited into the Kiava clan. She was taught traditional styles and contributed carvings and paintings to the new ceremonial house being built in Mariwai. She created The Mariwai Project in 2014, a wide-ranging and long-term arts project and cultural exchange with the indigenous artists which includes philanthropic support for art, culture, health, education and development in the region. She is appointed by the PNG ministry of Culture to develop PNG arts and culture projects and partnerships internationally, including the first PNG Pavilion at the Venice Art Biennale 2026.



"There should be an artist and an ancestral voice in every boardroom and at every roundtable" (SLB)

Prof Francis Campbell

Vice-Chancellor, the University of Notre Dame Australia

In February 2020, Professor Campbell became the fourth Vice Chancellor of The University of Notre Dame Australia. He also holds the position of Professor, International Relations. He was previously the Vice Chancellor at St Mary's University, London.

He is currently serving as a Trustee of Forward Thinking (London), a Governor of the Forrest Research Foundation, member of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Board of Directors and is a founding member of the International Council on Human Trafficking at St Thomas University, Miami, School of Law.

Previously Professor Campbell served in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 10 Downing Street, the United Nations Security Council in New York, the European Union and Amnesty International.



Fr Simone Ceccobao

Friar of Assisi, Eremo delle Carceri

Fr. Simone Ceccobao is a Franciscan friar currently serving as the Padre Guardiano (father custodian) at the Eremo delle Carceri, a historic hermitage located near Assisi, Italy. This position involves serving as the spiritual leader and guardian of the small community of friars who reside at the hermitage, which is known for its deep spiritual and historical significance tied to St. Francis of Assisi.

The Eremo delle Carceri, situated on Mount Subasio, is a place where St. Francis and his early followers would retreat for prayer and contemplation. The term "Carceri" comes from the Latin "carcer," meaning isolated or solitary places, rather than prisons. This serene and secluded spot continues to be a refuge for those seeking spiritual solace and reflection, maintaining a strong connection to nature and simplicity, much in the spirit of St. Francis himself.

Fr. Simone, originally from Tuscany, has been noted for his dedication to preserving the spiritual heritage and tranquility of the hermitage, ensuring that it remains a place of peace and prayer for visitors and residents alike.



Rev Heather Cetrangolo

Founder, Systemic Renewal

Heather helps leaders get results who are trying to effect change in the hardest places. She is the creator of Systemic Renewal, an action research method that works to discover what essential good has been lost in a system and to reclaim it.



Heather has combined twenty years of experience in community development, four years of doctoral research and a lifetime of personal renewal to understand the pedagogy that leaders use to restore systems that appear 'too far gone.' She has worked in a range of settings including student support for international students, renewing NGO's facing liquidation, supporting faith communities recovering from abuse and legal practice in disadvantaged communities.

She holds degrees in Law, Theology, Education, and Leadership Studies, and is currently completing her PhD, developing a pedagogy for systems change inspired by Franciscan social reform. She was ordained an Anglican priest in 2010. She is a victim-survivor and like her namesake, 'Heather' has learned to flourish in harsh conditions.

Ms Adie Dawes-Birch

Principal, Twiga Group

Adie Dawes-Birch is an expert consultant and advisor, committed to nurturing complex and challenging environments to enable growth and development in support of a fairer, more connected world. Maintaining an interesting and diverse portfolio of interests, Adie is currently Principal of Twiga Group, co-founder of The Lewin Index and founder of Hedgeley&Co and holds non-executive and community roles.

As both a founder and investor of start-up businesses, Adie is passionate about fostering innovation and supporting entrepreneurial ventures. She is also passionate about ensuring high quality opportunities and experiences for future generations of leaders, having been a founding member of the Industry Advisory Board for the Bachelor of Global Studies at Monash University, an active contributor to Capstone programs at Deakin University, and immediate past President of one of the largest schoolgirls' rowing clubs in the world. Having been involved with The Global Foundation since its inception, Adie previously held the roles of General Manager and CEO and member of the Australian Advisory Council.



Mrs Barbara De Donno

Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Italia

Full Professor of Private Comparative Law at the LUISS "Guido Carli" Department of Law – Rome. Secretary General of ICC Italy (National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce - ICC). Member of the Interministerial Commission for the Environmental Code Reform. Academic Director of the LUISS LL.M. on "Business and Company Law: European and International Perspectives – B&C Law" and the "Foundation Programme on Social Sciences". Member of the LUISS School of Law Board as LL.M. Programs Coordinator. Attorney at the Rome Bar and Supreme Court of Cassation Lawyer. Member of Board of Editors or Scientific Committees of Comparative Law Reviews, Research Centers and non-profit associations. Member of the Académie Internationale de Droit Comparé, and the Italian Association for Comparative Law. Former member of the National Committee for the Environmental Assessment EIA –SEA (2008- 2020) and (appointed by the Parliament) of the National Committee on Tax Judiciary (2014-2018). Rapporteur of national and international conferences and lecturer in LL.Ms programmes. Member of the LUISS Alumni Association. Author of publications on comparative and European business law.



Gerardus Budisatrio Djiwandono

Member of Indonesian Parliament (4th Committee), Gerindra Party

Gerardus Budisatrio Djiwandono is an Indonesian politician who has been serving in the House of Representatives since 2017. A member of the Gerindra party, he is currently a Deputy Chairman of the legislature's fourth commission on agriculture, environmental, forestry, and maritime affairs.



Ms Cristina Duarte

Under Secretary General & Special Advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General, United Nations

Ms. Cristina Duarte is the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa since August 2020.

Ms. Duarte's career includes more than 34 years of leadership and strategic management experience in public policy making and in the private sector, coupled with a deep understanding of international and regional cooperation and the challenges facing African countries. Before joining OSAA, she was a Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration and High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, President Paul Kagame's Advisory Committee on African Union Reforms, the Board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development at the UONGOZI Institute.



She served as Minister of Finance and Planning in the Republic of Cabo Verde from 2006 to 2016. Prior to this position, she was the Director of a World Bank project on private sector development and competitiveness. She has also served as Director for Planning and Studies in the Cabo Verde Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and as an adviser to many international financial and non-governmental organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme, Food and Agriculture Programme, the African Development Bank, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Ms. Duarte also worked for Citibank in Kenya Financial Institution Relationship Manager and rose to become the Vice President, Country Corporate Officer and Head of Corporate and Investment Banking of Citibank in Angola.

Mr Ross Fitzgerald

Director, Visy Industries

Ross Fitzgerald is a Director of Visy Industries. He was formerly the Founding CEO of Spectrum Venture Management and Founding Chairman of Explore Learning. Ross has an Honours Degree in Economics from Monash University, an MBA from Harvard Business School, and a Certificate of Theological Studies from Oxford University.



Prof Dr Enrico Giovannini

Former Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures & Mobility, Government of Italy; Co-founder & current spokesperson, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development

Enrico Giovannini is full professor of Economic statistics and Sustainable development at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" and professor at the National School of Administration (SNA). He was Minister of Sustainable Infrastructures and Mobility in the Draghi government (February 2021 – October 2022) and Minister of Labour and Social Policies in the Letta government (April 2013 – February 2014). He is co-founder and Scientific Director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS), a coalition of more than 300 organisations established to implement in Italy the UN 2030 Agenda. He was Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the OECD (2001-2009) and President of the Italian Statistical Institute (2009-2013). In October 2014, the President of the Italian Republic made him "Cavaliere di Gran Croce al Merito della Repubblica", the highest ranking honour of the Italian Republic and in January 2023 he received a honorary PhD in "Sustainable development and climate change". He is the author of more than 130 articles published on national and international journals and seven books on statistical and economic topics.



Mr Mark Gough

CEO, Capitals Coalition

Mark Gough is the CEO of the Capitals Coalition, a global collaboration of business, governments and civil society that is transforming the way that decisions are made by including the value provided by nature and people.

Previously, Mark led the Natural Capital Coalition and was on the board of the Social and Human Capital Coalition. He championed and delivered the bringing together of these two communities, creating a unified, systemic, collaborative approach.

Mark has worked extensively in the private sector, leading programs and strategy for The Crown Estate and Reed Elsevier (now RELX), as well as advising many more.

Among other board and advisory positions, Mark is on Steering Committee for the Global Commons Alliance and the Board for The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity.



Mr Aurélien Hamelle

President Strategy & Sustainability, TotalEnergies

Aurélien Hamelle has been President for Strategy & Sustainability and member of the executive committee of TotalEnergies, the French major integrated energy company, since January 2024. Before taking up this position, he was General Counsel and Senior Vice President for Acquisitions & Disposals of TotalEnergies. He started his career as a regulatory and dispute resolution lawyer with various firms, including Allen & Overy as a partner in their Paris office.

As President for Strategy & Sustainability, Aurélien Hamelle oversees several corporate divisions of the Company (strategy and markets, sustainability and climate, government affairs, HSE, internal control and audit, legal).

He is a member of various professional associations or academic bodies, such as the Haut Comité Juridique de la place financière de Paris (HCJP – High committee of the Paris financial place) and the Club des Juristes. He has been a member of the sanctions' panel of the French Financial Markets Authority since September 2021. He has been involved in academia as an assistant teacher in law and global governance in various institutions, namely at the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po) where he sits on the strategic committee of Sciences-Po's law school.



Sr Adele Howard RSM OAM

Adviser, Mercy Eco-Communications

Adele is a member of the Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Adele works on 'integral ecology' in advisory and communications roles in the church, education and community sectors, both locally and internationally. Her work is inspired by the vision of Pope Francis in his writings *Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home*, and *Laudate Deum – On the Climate Crisis*.

Adele is an experienced educator, practical theologian, presenter and digital media producer, with advanced qualifications in Theology and Media Arts. She is an Honorary Fellow of Australian Catholic University, in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy.

Over many years, Adele has written, directed and produced award winning interactive digital productions, both in Australia and internationally such as 'Lore of the Land', 'Mercy and Justice Shall Meet'.

Adele also developed an international theological reflection process on 'the Cry of Earth and the Cry of the Poor'.

Her recent work with the Vatican Dicastery (DPHID) as Oceania Coordinator of the Project 'Doing Theology from the Existential Peripheries,' led to associated theological reflection publications including 'The Urgent Call of *Laudato Si'* in Oceania'.



Ms Laura Jones

Councillor, Kidwelly Town Council, Wales

Laura Jones is from Carmarthenshire, Wales (UK).

She is a Kidwelly Town Councillor; part of her remit being Deputy Chair of Policy and Deputy Chair of Community Development.

Laura is also an active stakeholder of the Kidwelly Growth Team, a Carmarthenshire County Council initiative aimed at the sustainable regeneration and rejuvenation of the social, cultural, health & well-being and economic recovery of ten rural towns across the county.

Laura has a wide range of employment experience, having worked in education, marketing and sales, and IT in London and Sydney. She has a BA (Hons) in History & History of Art and is a BWY 500 hour qualified/certified Yoga Teacher with 18 years' experience of yoga practice and 15 years' teaching including specialization in yoga for children and teenagers, sleep recovery as well as a focus on women's health and wellbeing in menopause.



Ms Svetlana Klimenko

Lead Financial Management Specialist, The World Bank

Svetlana Klimenko is a Global Lead for Sustainable Finance and Lead Climate Finance Specialist, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank. Svetlana has more than 25 years of professional experience working on international development and sustainable finance. She has provided significant contributions to the global climate, nature, sustainable finance, and private capital mobilisation agendas, including through the engagement with the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, COP teams, global standard-setters, investors, United Nations, OECD and their international organizations. She coordinates WB dialogue with the Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance and is working on the cutting edge of sustainable finance agenda at the global, regional, and country level.



Ms Mathilde Mesnard

Deputy Director, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Since December 2022, Mathilde Mesnard is Deputy Director for the Environment Directorate and OECD Co-ordinator for Climate and Green Finance. She supervises work on climate and green finance and investment, as well as on environment and economic integration.

From 2021 to 2022, she was the OECD Deputy Finance for the G7 and G20 and acting Director for Financial and Enterprise Affairs. From 2016 to 2022, she was Deputy Director of the OECD Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs, responsible for the policy areas of financial markets, corporate governance and corporate finance, anti-bribery, as well as the Centre for Responsible Business Conduct.

From 2013 to 2016, she was Co-ordinator of the New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) Initiative where she supported the development of multiple innovative projects across the Organisation, promoting new approaches with an impact on OECD analytical work, data collection and publications. From 2009 to 2013, Mathilde was Senior Advisor to the Secretary-General and Counsellor in his Office, where she supported the delivery of his Strategic Agenda, including in the preparation of the Ministerial Council Meetings, advancement of the relationships with Key Partners and the OECD Accession Process. She also supported the development of the CleanGovBiz Project, a strategic horizontal initiative on anti-corruption and integrity.



From 2001 to 2009, Mathilde worked in the Corporate Affairs Division of DAF where she led and contributed to a number of projects on corporate governance in South-East Europe, the Russian Federation, Asia and China, and developed the OECD Guidelines on corporate governance of SOEs. Mathilde has previously held positions as management consultant with Deloitte & Touche, Assistant Professor in Economics, and Financial Analyst at Citibank.

Mathilde has a degree in Philosophy, a Master's Degree in Finance from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris and an MBA from Drexel University. She received her PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

Dr Mabel Miao

Secretary General, Center for China and Globalization, China

Dr. Mabel Lu Miao is the Co-founder and Secretary-General of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG), a leading Chinese non-government think tank ranking in 64th place globally in the authoritative 2020 Global Go To Think Tank Index (GGTTI) released by the University of Pennsylvania and the only think tank in China granted "Special Consultative Status" at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); Over the years under the leadership of Dr. Miao, CCG has gained wide international recognition and grown into a significant think tank with global impact that promotes China's globalisation process. CCG is the only non-governmental think tank with the qualification for independent establishment of post-doctoral research workstations issued by government.

Dr. Miao also serves as Founder and Secretary General of Global Young Leaders Dialogue (GYLD) program, Deputy Director General of the Alliance of Global Talent Organizations (AGTO), Secretary General of China Global Talent Society, Secretary General of Policy Advisory Committee of Western Returned Scholars Association (WRSA) and Deputy Director-General of the International Writing Center of Beijing Normal University.

Dr. Miao holds a Ph.D degree in Modern and Contemporary Chinese Studies from Beijing Normal University. She was also a visiting fellow at New York University and Harvard University, a post-doctoral fellow of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUS), and a Lien Fellow at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.



Prof Miriam Mirolla

Chair of Psychology of Art & Theory of Perception and Psychology of Form, Academy of Fine Arts Rome

Born in Naples, Miriam Mirolla lives and works in Rome.

Her general interests span art psychology, education, avant-garde theories, philanthropy, digital humanities, gender studies, citizenship. In 1986 she joins the Eventualist Theory at Jartrakor research center in Rome. In 1991 she had her Bachelor at La Sapienza University in Rome, and a few months later she was called as Intern curator at P.S.1 Institute for Contemporary Art, New York. Professor in several Academies of Fine Arts and Universities, she published scientific papers, conference papers, books as well as she curated group and solo exhibitions.

As an Experimental Artist, she realized numerous exhibitions and experiments, as documented in the book "Miriam Mirolla, Experiments in Art" (2017), by E. Melchiorre. Founder and scientific director of the Laboratory of Art Psychology (LAP), since 2010; promoter and chairman of the 1st Congress of Art Psychology, Capitoline Museums in Rome, 2010; and 2nd Congress of Art Psychology, MACRO Museum, Rome, 2019.



She is actually Professor of Art Psychology Responsible for External Relations and Responsible for the School of Art Didactic at Academy of Fine Arts in Rome. Courtesy Professor at FIU Miami, Florida.

Since 2021, she is President of “Pensare Insieme” international think tank.

Dr Brian Motherway

Head of Office, Energy Efficiency and Inclusive Transitions Office, International Energy Agency (IEA)

Brian Motherway is Head of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Inclusive Transitions. He oversees analytical and outreach programmes supporting energy efficiency globally. He also leads IEA's work with governments ensuring all clean energy transitions are people-centred and inclusive, covering analysis and best practice on topics such as skills, inclusion and fairness in clean energy policies. Prior to joining the IEA Brian was Chief Executive of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Brian holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering and a PhD in sociology.



Fr Francesco Occhetta SJ

Secretary General, Fratelli tutti Foundation

Francesco Occhetta, a Jesuit since 1996, teaches at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. After graduating in Law in Milan, he obtained a licence in moral theology in Madrid and a doctorate in moral theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He specialised in human rights at the University of Padua. He completed his training in Santiago, Chile. As a professional journalist since 2010, he created 'Comunità di Conessioni', a training programme for young people in social and political commitment, and founded an editorial publication.



Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia

President, Pontifical Academy for Life

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia is an Italian prelate of the Catholic Church. He is the president of the Pontifical Academy for Life and grand chancellor of the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences.

Paglia was president of the Pontifical Council for the Family from 2012 to 2016 and Bishop of Terni-Narni-Amelia from 2000 to 2012. He was also a co-founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio in 1968. Paglia was the postulator for the cause of canonization of Óscar Romero and of Felix Varela.



H.E. Cardinal Pietro Parolin

Secretary of State of His Holiness, Pope Francis, The Holy See

Cardinal Pietro Parolin was born in Schiavon (Italy) on January 17, 1955. He was ordained as a priest on April 27, 1980 in Vicenza, his diocese of origin and, after spending several years at the pastoral ministry, he began studying law. He completed his studies in 1986, graduating with a Degree in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University and a diploma in Diplomatic Sciences from the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, where he had begun studying in 1983. Joining the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See in 1986, he offered his services at the Apostolic Nunciatures in Nigeria and Mexico, and, for 17 years, in the Section for Relations with States of the Secretariat of State, later becoming Undersecretary (2002-2009). In August 2009, he was appointed Titular Archbishop of Aquipendium and Apostolic Nuncio to Venezuela. In August 2013, he was made Secretary of State by His Holiness Pope Francis, who has also invited him to join the College of Cardinals in the Papal Consistory on February 22, 2014.



Mr Gustavo Pimenta

Chief Financial Officer, Vale

Gustavo Pimenta is an executive with extensive experience in the financial, energy and mining sectors, and a career developed over more than 20 years in Brazil and the United States. In 2021, he assumed the position of Executive Vice President of Finance and Investor Relations. He is also responsible for Procurement and Energy & Decarbonization at the company. His current challenges include leading Vale's efficiency and productivity agenda, ensuring the best allocation of capital and the success of the business, managing a portfolio of more than 8,000 suppliers worldwide, and defining and implementing the strategy to reduce the company's direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions by 33% by 2030. Before joining Vale, Mr. Pimenta worked at AES for 12 years, three of which as global CFO. He gained extensive experience as the company's Planning and Strategy Director and Vice President of Performance and Services. He led AES's global repositioning as a company focused on ESG and low carbon and also participated in the group's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives. At the beginning of his career, he worked as an auditor for KPMG for three years and later became Vice President of Strategy and M&A at Citibank in New York. A member of various company boards, such as VLI and J.M. Huber, he has a degree in Economics from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais and a master degree in Finance and Economics from Fundação Getulio Vargas.



Prof Michelangelo Pivetta

Associate Professor, Architecture and Urban Design, University of Florence

Michelangelo Pivetta graduated from the IUAV University of Venice with a Doctorate in Architectural and Urban Design at the University of Florence, and went on to become an Associate Professor in Architectural Design at the Department of Architecture of the same University.

Michelangelo is a member of the technical-scientific committee of the Territorial Ecomuseums of the Veneto Region, a consultant for the Commissioner for Earthquake Reconstruction in Central Italy and for the UN - UNDP for development projects in the Middle East, and a member of the editorial staff of Firenze Architettura.

A winner of design competitions, Michelangelo also writes books and essays, and approaches his teaching as an experimental opportunity for research and verification.



H.E. Ambassador Chiara Porro

Australian Ambassador to the Holy See

Chiara Porro is an Australian diplomat who was appointed Ambassador to The Holy See in September 2020.

Porro was born in Milan but left Italy at age three. She graduated from the University of York, England with a Bachelor of Arts in politics, philosophy and economics. She subsequently completed a Master of Arts in international relations and diplomacy from Leiden University, Netherlands.

Porro worked in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, before moving to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where her service has included time in India and New Caledonia.



Prof Dr Riccardo Pozzo

Professor of Philosophy, Tor Vergata University of Rome

Pozzo is a philosopher with a background in logic and philosophy of science. His approach relies on the use of concept modelling for textual content documentation and elaboration. During his tenure at CNR, he pushed forward the participation of Italy to the European research infrastructures for social sciences and humanities CESSDA, CLARIN, DARIAH, EHRI, ERIHS, ESS, OPERAS, RESILIENCE, and SHARE. His research is focused on reflection and inclusion as societal processes that shape our understanding of what cultural innovation stands for. Tackling epistemological challenges related to humanities-led cross-disciplinary issues such as human-centered artificial intelligence, happiness and well-being, he aims at a change in the mindset as regards target groups active in social infrastructures such as education, life-long learning, healthcare, urban development and regeneration. The focus is on the introduction of the notion of cultural innovation, which requires adapting the process of co-creation. Pozzo has made an unprecedented attempt in pointing out processes and outcomes of cultural innovation while showing their operationalization in empirical case studies.



Mayor Stefania Proietti

Mayor of Assisi and President of the Province of Perugia, Italy

Stefania Proietti was elected Mayor of Assisi, Italy, in June 2016. She has a distinguished academic and corporate background, with a doctorate in mechanical engineering and is renowned globally for her work on climate action and carbon markets, at academic, political and business levels.



Ms Vicky Sins

Decarbonisation and Energy Transformation Lead, World Benchmarking Alliance

Vicky Sins is responsible for leading the work around the decarbonisation of the economy and the energy transition including a Just transition for the World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA). She believes in private sector contribution, responsibility and accountability by demonstrating how companies in high carbon-emitting industries are contributing to reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement and SDG 13, with the aim to enable the required just transition to a low carbon economy. Furthermore she also was responsible for the delivery of the first Nature & Biodiversity benchmark in 2022, exploring what corporate accountability for a nature positive future means for the most influential companies across different sectors.

Vicky joined on May 1st 2019 after spending the past 14.5 years working for ABN AMRO Bank and the last 7 years with ABN AMRO Clearing Bank in charge of Energy & Commodity clients. Besides this she was heading up the Corporate Social Responsibility strategy for ABN AMRO Clearing forcing industry dialogue to increase transparency to support safe and orderly capital markets. She was part of the Investor Working Group of the UN Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative and instrumental in setting up partnerships between ABN AMRO Clearing and Frontclear (a developing country capital market infrastructure builder). She has a Master degree in Financial Management and is an alumni to the Prince of Wales' Cambridge Institute for Sustainable Leadership.



Next to her role at WBA she also sits on the advisory board of Everimpact, a platform to measure CO2 emissions. Vicky also served on the Global Task force of the Institute for Managed accountants advising on sustainability related challenges and is a contributor to the Competent Boards Climate & Biodiversity program.

Mr Tom Tayler,
Head of Climate Finance, Aviva Investors

Tom leads Aviva Investors' advocacy with policymakers and regulators on climate change and finance as a member of our Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence. His work prioritises engagement to seek correction of market failures and management of systemic risks, with particular focus on the need for reform of the international financial architecture to embed climate and sustainability at its heart.

He supports the work of Aviva Investors and the wider Aviva group on sustainable finance with a particular focus on market and regulatory reform, including contributing to the work of the UN High Level Climate Champions, the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), the EU High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, the UK Green Finance Taskforce, and the UN Global Investors for Sustainable Development.



H.E. Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson
Chancellor, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

From 1975-76 and 1980-1981 Turkson served as staff member at St Theresa's Seminary, and from 1981-1987 as staff member at St Peter's Seminary. He was Acting Chaplain and Lecturer at the University of Cape Coast (1984-1986) and Visiting Lecturer at the Catholic Major Seminary, Anyama, Ivory Coast (1983-1986). He has been a Chancellor of the Catholic University College of Ghana since 2003.

On 6 October 1992 he was appointed Archbishop of Cape Coast and received episcopal ordination on 27 March 1993.

He served as president of the Ghana Catholic Bishops' Conference (1997-2004). He was a member of Governing Council of the University of Ghana, Legon (2001-2006) and of the Board of Directors of Central Region Development Commission (CEDECOM) (2002-2006). He served as treasurer of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) (2007-2009) and presently serves as Vice President of the Association of Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (AECAWA). He served as President of the Regional Episcopal Conference of West Africa (RECOWA) (2007-2010). He was also Chairman of the Ghana Chapter of the Conference of Religions for Peace (2003-2007) and Ghana National Peace Council (2006-2010).

On 24 October 2009 he was nominated President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. On September 24, 2013, he was confirmed by Pope Francis as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.



Mr Raphael Vermeir CBE
Independent Non-executive Director – Lead Independent Director, Eni SpA

Director elected from the list presented by Italian and foreign institutional investors. Raphael Louis L. Vermeir was born in Merchtem (Belgium) in 1955 and has been a Director of Eni since May 2020. Since April 2021 he has been Lead Independent Director, appointment confirmed on May 2023. He is currently an independent advisor for the mining and oil industry. He serves as Trustee of the Classical Opera Company in London, as well as Chairman of Malteser International and board member of Sedibelo Platinum Mines. He is Fellow of the Energy Institute and the Royal Institute of Naval Architects.



Dr Huiyao (Henry) Wang

President, Center for China and Globalization, China

Dr. Henry Huiyao Wang is Founder and President of Center for China and Globalization (CCG), Former Counselor to China State Council appointed by Chinese Premier and Vice Chairman of China Association for International Economic Cooperation under Ministry of Commerce; Vice Chairman of China Public Relations Association; Director of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation under Ministry of Foreign Affairs; a member of Advisory Committee for Global Competence Development of Tsinghua University. In addition, he is a Steering Committee Member of Paris Peace Forum (PPF) and also sits on the Advisory Board of Duke Kunshan University and Richard Ivey Business School.



Dr. Wang pursued his PhD studies at University of Western Ontario and University of Manchester. He was a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, a Visiting Fellow of Brookings Institute. As a thought leader on global relations, international business, global governance, talent migration, global investment and trade, etc., he has published over 100 works; a frequent speaker at international events such as the World Economic Forum, Munich Security Conference, Paris Peace Forum; a frequent contributing writer for the op-eds to South China Morning Post, Financial Times, Bloomberg, New York Times etc.

Dr Steve Waygood

Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Aviva Investors

Steve is Chief Sustainable Finance Officer at Aviva Investors, where he has worked for the last 17 years. He founded its Global Responsible Investment team as well as its Sustainable Finance Centre for Excellence, which seeks to transform capital markets so that they become more sustainable. He also co-founded the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark, the World Benchmarking Alliance, and the UN Sustainable Stock Exchange Initiative.

Steve is also member of the Board of Trustees for WWF-UK, where started his career in 1995, working on its own ethical and environmental investment policy.

Steve is also a Visiting Professor of Sustainable Finance at the University of Surrey; an Honorary Senior Visiting Fellow at City's Business School, University of London; and a Senior Associate at the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.



Steve has advised the UK Government, the European Commission, the G20, the Financial Stability Board and the UN on the creation of sustainable capital markets. He has also spoken at 10 Downing Street, the World Economic Forum, Harvard Business School, Columbia University, the London School of Economics, as well as the stock exchangers of London, Paris, New York and Singapore. He has a PhD in sustainable finance and has received awards from Brummell, the International Chamber of Commerce, the City of London, the United Nations Foundation, Yale and Harvard.

Ms Susan Whyte

Director, Global CFO Programme, Accounting for Sustainability

Susan manages the A4S global CFO programme, which includes the CFO Leadership Network and Circles of Practice, ensuring alignment and expansion of global CFO and finance team activities, and managing global projects, across APAC, Canada, Europe and the US. Susan has over twenty years' experience as a project and programme manager. Prior to A4S she worked in the financial sector managing IT implementation, restructure and regulatory projects. She moved to the not for profit sector and worked in CAFOD, an international overseas development agency, as a programme change manager managing the delivery of a divisional restructure. Susan has a B.Comm and H.Dip in System Analysis from NUI Galway



Prof Bing Xiang

Founding Dean and Professor of China Business and Globalization, Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, China

Dr. Xiang Bing is the Founding Dean and Dean's Distinguished Chair Professor of China Business and Globalization at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (CKGSB). Under his leadership, CKGSB has evolved from a fledgling school to one of the most influential business schools in China with a global reputation since 2002.

Renowned as a foremost authority on China's business and economy, Dr. Xiang serves as the first opening keynote speaker at the Harvard College China Forum in 2018 and 2023 and the Penn Wharton China Summit in 2023, the closing keynote speaker at the Columbia China Forum in 2024, the first closing keynote speaker at the Harvard College China Forum in 2024, and the closing keynote speaker at the SCMP China Conference on US-China Relations in New York City in 2019. Additionally, he was the First Co-Chairman for the Ditchley Foundation Annual Forum in 2018. He was also a lunch keynote speaker for the Foreign Policy Association's Board of Trustees in 2018.

Dr. Xiang has served as an independent board member to several listed companies, including four Fortune Global 500 companies. He was a member of the Global Board of Trustees for United Way Worldwide (US) during 2011-2017.



Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh

President, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, Malaysia

MICHAEL O.K. YEOH (Tan Sri Dato') is Founding President of the World Digital Chamber and the KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific, a leading regional Think Tank. He is also Founder and Chairman of the ASEAN Economic Club. With over 40 years of senior management, corporate board and strategic advisory experience he advises and sits on the Boards of several Publicly Listed Companies and Foundations. His boardroom experience covers a wide range of industries in Banking & Finance, private equity and debt ventures, investments, property development, media, healthcare, education, food and agriculture. He represented the Government of Malaysia (with Ambassador ranking) on the ASEAN High Level Task Force on Connectivity and was a member of the Malaysia Competition Commission, the Human Rights Commission, the Advisory Board of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). He also appointed to the Executive Council of the United Nations ESCAP Sustainable Business Network (ESBN). An author, international speaker and thought leader, he authored several books and has been invited to speak at international forums organized by the World Economic Forum, the World Policy Conference, the Boao Forum, Asia Society New York, the Institute for Economic Growth India, the Centre for China and Globalization and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. He holds an Economics degree from Monash University, Australia and a Doctorate of Laws (H.C.) from the University of Nottingham, UK. He has also attended the Aresty Institute, Wharton School and is a Visiting Professor at the Cambodia University of Technology (CAMTECH).



Mr Jian (James) Zeng

International Partner, King & Wood Mallesons

Mr. Zeng joined King & Wood Mallesons as a partner in 2002 and is currently based in Guangzhou Office. He has extensive experience in corporate matters and international project financing and is involved in a wide range of practice areas including: energy and resources, infrastructure projects, foreign direct investment, cross-border mergers and acquisitions, trade financing, technology transfers and the cross-border sale of goods - especially large-scale equipment. Over the years, he has provided counsel for a wide variety of high-profile domestic and international clients. He has represented clients in the medical profession, clean energy industries, mineral resources, petrochemicals, infrastructure, manufacturing, real properties among others. Mr. Zeng's roles in these projects include: project structuring, conducting due diligence, business negotiations, the drafting of transaction documents and liaising with government agencies in relation to obtaining government approvals and consent.

