

The Global Foundation invites partnerships for the implementation of its global project, 'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature'.

Together, with suitable partners, the Foundation will co-convene a series of global roundtable discussions through 2024/2025 and beyond, to help to renew faltering global governance to more effectively address the global challenges of climate change and the restoration of nature.

About the 'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature' project

The Rome Roundtable 2024

Following a year of development and consultation, the Foundation launched the project at its signature global program, [the Rome Roundtable](#), held from 16-19 June 2024. The highlight of the Rome meeting was an audience at the Vatican with His Holiness Pope Francis, who continues to support and encourage the work of the Foundation.



The Rome meeting identified the major shifts that are required in orchestrating global efforts to collaborate, govern and implement timely action to address climate change and the restoration of nature, at scale, if humanity is to secure a sustainable planet. Such global mobilisation is possible, but it is not sufficiently evident today

Global, national and local efforts need to be elevated and integrated, faster and at a much larger scale than is happening at present. Global systems of co-operation and accountability, including for international finance, need to be thoroughly modernised to match contemporary needs.

The Rome discussions re-confirmed the special ability of the Global Foundation to act as a catalyst and as a high-level global convening platform that could help to further mobilise and align multiple official and unofficial players around these issues.

The meeting clearly identified that business must play an elevated role as partners and major actors in the design and execution of the global transformation effort.

The project

The 'Shaping global governance, climate and nature' project seeks to help to renew faltering global governance, to more effectively address the global challenges of climate change and the restoration of nature.

The project is led by the Foundation's most senior figures, **Dr. Mark Cutifani CBE** and **Ms Sharan Burrow AC**, who head a steering committee of eminent persons drawn from the Foundation's Global Advisory Council.

The project is developing a shared, global ambition around action to address climate change and the restoration of nature, by mobilising and aligning the Foundation's expanding network of globally influential affiliates, to achieve more cohesive and impactful advocacy.

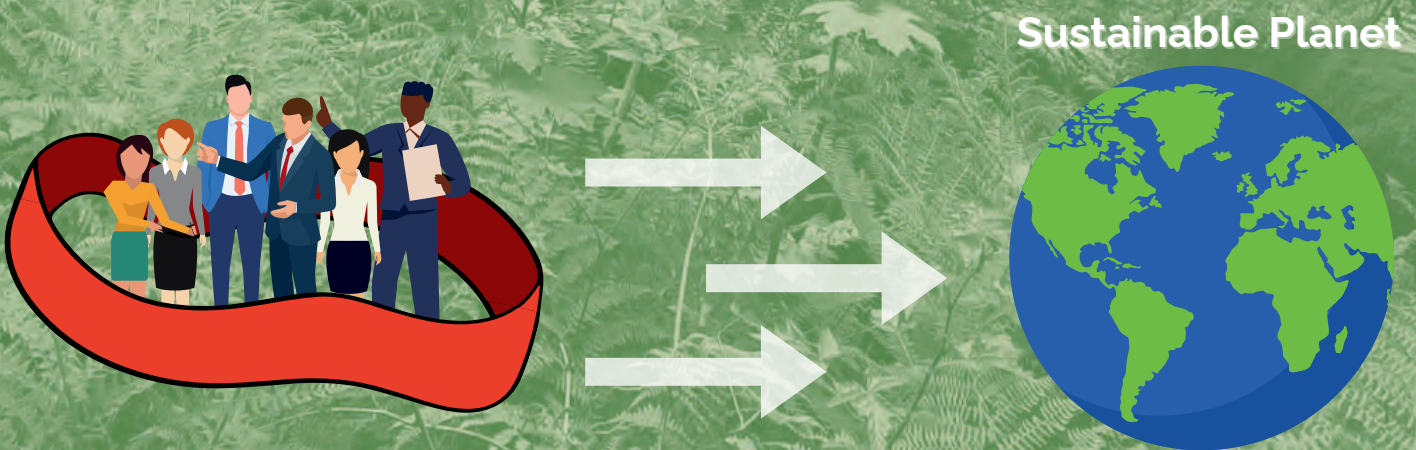
These affiliates are clustered under five headings, namely: global talents, global business, global civil society, global institutions, and governments.



An expanding network of affiliates



The intended outcome from the project is that these parties will, by working together in concert, encourage and enact systemic change at the global level. The Foundation imagines this form of collaboration as being akin to that of the role of an 'elastic band' that helps to bond and enable a group of people of influence to move forward together towards an agreed destination.



The Foundation's Process of Mobilisation & Alignment

The recent global roundtable meeting in Rome was preceded by discussions co-convened with partners in [Beijing](#) and in [Australia](#) and, earlier this year, [online](#). As it did with these activities, the Foundation will, with suitable partners, co-convene a cumulative series of well-prepared and curated roundtable discussions across the world over 2024/2025 and beyond.

The intention is to work with and in support of the many formal and informal processes that are already well underway globally, through mechanisms including the G20 and the United Nations' COP climate and biodiversity processes.

Each of these roundtable discussions will:

- **build upon** preceding deliberations and outcomes, in terms of a total project focus
- **take full account** of the status of the formal processes of global negotiation and exchange which are ongoing
- **provide** specific focus and local partnership with governments and other entities, on issues that are relevant to the location and context of each meeting
- **involve** cross-sections of society and local, national and global contributors
- **be convened** and conducted in a collegiate and trusted manner, consistent with the Foundation's long-standing reputation for effective dialogue.



In terms of locations for these roundtable meetings, the Foundation will give preference to hosting in and by emerging nations. This is in recognition that these nations deserve greater global attention and emphasis in addressing global governance issues around climate change and the restoration of nature than has occurred in the past.

At the same time, the intention is also to bring greater global focus and effort to addressing issues within the host nations that are important to them – for example, a meeting in Brazil would focus significantly on the future of the Amazon, ahead of its the hosting of COP 30 in 2025.

Key success factors through partnership

The Foundation now invites partnerships for the implementation of the global project, seeking to partner with businesses and organisations that share its overarching ambition of a fair and just transition achieved through cooperative globalisation.

Partners may contribute combinations of financial support, other resources and networks of influence. In some instances, partners will have the capacity to play host or co-host to the respective roundtable discussions, cobranding with the Global Foundation.

The Foundation offers to prospective partners five key success factors. They are as follows:



The Foundation is recognised for its deep understanding and insights into global governance and environmental issues. Its thought leadership will help shape partners' discussions on these critical topics.



The Foundation leverages its access to distinguished global leaders from business, civil society, government, faiths, academia and institutions to facilitate meaningful conversations and collaborations. See the endorsements on page 7 for examples of notable individuals who have participated in Foundation activities.



The Foundation actively promotes policies and practices that align with its vision for a sustainable and just world, leveraging its credibility and network to influence change at various levels.



Understanding the interconnectedness of current global challenges, the Foundation integrates sustainable solutions across sectors, disciplines and nations.



The Foundation is committed to collaboration, fostering a trusted network where stakeholders can share best practices, learn from each other, and jointly develop strategies to influence global policy and corporate actions towards more sustainable outcomes.

Specific success factors offered by the Foundation include:



The Foundation offers partners engagement with institutions and governments, ensuring the voice of business is better integrated into outcomes.



The partnership will deliver access and advocacy to a network of globally distinguished institutional figures that are engaged on an ongoing basis with the Global Foundation, including the United Nations and its agencies, the Vatican, OECD, International Energy Agency, World Bank and other multilateral development banks.



Tapping into its intimate knowledge of the status and trends in global governance of climate and nature, the Foundation will complement partner organisations' comprehension and help to build the ongoing discussion agenda.



The Foundation will provide opportunities for joint messaging, reflecting the combined strength of the partnership, emphasising mutual goals and enhancing partner organisations' profiles.

About the Global Foundation

Founded by eminent Australians in 1998, the Global Foundation is a not-for-profit and non-partisan organisation whose primary purpose is to unite prominent citizens of the world to discuss the most pressing global issues, find alignment, and work together to shape the global common good.

The Global Foundation comprises some of the world's most prominent business, union, academic, faith and civil society leaders. The Governor General of Australia is its Patron in Chief. Its Secretary General, Steve Howard, is supported by a small secretariat based in Melbourne, Australia.



Endorsements

His Holiness, Pope Francis, address to the Global Foundation Rome Roundtable, Jan 2017



"I am pleased to join you for this new edition of the Rome Roundtable of the Global Foundation. Inspired by the Foundation's motto – "Together we strive for the common good" – you have gathered to discern just ways of attaining a globalisation that is "cooperative", and thus positive as opposed to the globalisation of indifference. You seek to ensure that the global community, shaped by institutions, agencies, and representatives of civil society, can effectively achieve international goals and obligations that have been solemnly declared and assumed, such as those of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals."

Ms Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, the United Nations



"Thank you for making this space available for many leaders that I can see on screen and that I have great respect for... The assessment of the State of the World Report by the Global Foundation was really spot on – it was a world that for all of us was filled with our inability to respond to major catastrophes."

M. Pascal Lamy, former President of the Paris Peace Forum and former Director of the World Trade Organisation (WTO)



"I have been acquainted with the Global Foundation for some time and am happy to see that they are still driving the idea that global problems, including global governance, can be talked about and solved. Organisations like the Global Foundation have a mission that is clearer today than a decade ago. They are the translators of global problems into something citizens understand. This knowledge brings about awareness which inspires mobilisation and ultimately, political action. Greater awareness and greater mobility require civil society, which is better equipped at bridging the gap between knowledge and action."

Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of Australia



"I warmly remember my participation in the Foundation's inaugural Rome Roundtable meeting, in 2016. It is great to hear about the work you have been doing on global sustainability issues, which is a true challenge of our times. I wish you and the Foundation all the best for your fifth Rome Roundtable taking place in June and applaud your plans for further collaborative work in this area. These kind of dialogues, reaching across countries and drawing in perspectives from many walks of life, are increasingly important if we are to deal with the complex global challenges facing us as a global community."

Mme Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank and former Managing Director of IMF



"The Global Foundation clearly helps to stir the debate, to propose ideas, to catalyse proposals, and to help in the process of all our debates across global institutions... I know that I can call on [you], my Australian colleagues, when we need new ideas, when we need energy, and when we need a bit of that sun, which helps you see the light, perhaps a little better than most..."

Mr Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and former board member of the World Bank in Washington



"Thanks for your great contribution. I would like to say that you are the first to support the establishment of this Bank with your foresight and insight. Looking forward to working with you in the days and years to come."

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