

'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature'

Our global project was launched in Rome - with some important help!



Pope Francis meets with Rome Roundtable participants at the Vatican, Wednesday 19 June, 2024

With the personal blessing of His Holiness, Pope Francis, today in Rome we launched an initiative to help renew faltering global governance, with a particular focus on systemic renewal to more effectively address the global challenges of climate change and the restoration of nature.

The launch came after three days of faith-enabled discussion and dialogue at our [Rome Roundtable](#) meeting, involving [forty invited leaders](#) from every continent and walk of life, representing global business and investors, global institutions, governments, faiths, civil society, think tanks, NGO's and academia. It built upon our preparatory global roundtable discussions over the past 6 months, including, most recently, in [Beijing](#).

The *Rome Roundtable* culminated in an Audience with Pope Francis, building upon his previous endorsement of the work of the Global Foundation. It was moderated by our [Leadership Group](#), under the guidance of our [Global Advisory Council](#), which also met in Rome.

Keynote guest speakers framed the major topics for discussion at the roundtable and each made significant contributions to the outcomes and to our future plans:



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

"Global Governance - a World in Chaos? Perspectives on the State of Global Governance"



His Grace, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life

"A.I in the Service of Humanity - the Vatican View"



Mr Aurélien Hamelle, President Strategy & Sustainability, TotalEnergies

"The Global Energy Transition to Net Zero - Expectations and Realities"



Mr Gustavo Pimenta, Chief Financial Officer, Vale

"Action on Nature - the Role of Mining in Making a Positive Contribution to a Sustainable Planet"

A centrepiece of the *Rome Roundtable* was a half day session dedicated to 'Renewing the Global Financial System, to Better Serve Climate and Nature Outcomes', led by **Dr Steve Waygood, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Aviva Investors**, a Key Partner of the Foundation and global advocate for major reform of the international financial system, to make it more fit for purpose in enabling effective global action.



Overall, the Rome meeting identified the major shifts that are required in the orchestration of global efforts to collaborate, govern and effect 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 evident today. Global, national and local efforts need to be elevated and integrated, faster and at a much larger scale than at present.

In this respect, the roundtable underlined the important contribution of the Global Foundation, as a global catalyst and as a high-level convening platform that could help to further mobilise and align often disparate global actors. Notably, it emphasised the vital leadership role that enlightened business is willing to play in addressing the great global challenges of our time, working in true partnership with all sectors of society.

Our signature project, '[Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature](#)', to be overseen by a Steering Committee, has identified and is already mobilising and aligning an expanding network of those in positions of influence who agree to affiliate with the initiative, drawn from five key sectors of society, namely: global talents, global business, global institutions, global civil society and governments.

Over the coming months, subject to securing levels of support, we will convene an ongoing series of global face to face and online forums that will help to bring these leaders closer together, so that they are encouraged to [move forward in concert](#), to enact systemic change at the global level.



*Mark and Sharan are co-chairs of our [Steering Committee](#) for *Shaping Agreement on Global Governance, Climate and Nature* Project.

With all best wishes,

Steve



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