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'State of the World' Roundtable Part One

Sydney & Online, 21 February

The Global Foundation convened part one of its 2024 State of the World Roundtable, entitled 'State of the World: the Global Economy' in a hybrid session, followed by an intimate dinner in Sydney with **Ms Michele Bullock, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia**. The roundtable was kindly hosted by **King & Wood Mallesons**. A report of the roundtable discussion is available [here](#).



Mr Steve Howard, Ms Michele Bullock, Ms Louise Watson



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'State of the World' Roundtable Part Two

Online, 29 February

The Global Foundation convened part two of its 2024 State of the World Roundtable, entitled 'State of the World: Global Governance, Climate and Nature, fully online, with **Ms Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations**, as the guest of honour.

Ms Mohammed strongly endorsed the work of the Global Foundation:

"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." A report of the roundtable discussion is available [here](#).



Ms Amina Mohammed



Ms Sharan Burrow

Australia's Sustainable Future National Energy Transition Roundtable Melbourne & Online, 16 May

The Global Foundation convened a roundtable discussion focused on Australia's national energy transition and sustainable infrastructure.

The roundtable was kindly hosted by **Mr Jim Giannopoulos**, newly appointed Global CEO of Foundation Partner GHD, and featured contributors including **Dr Mark Cutifani CBE**, **Ms Sharan Burrow AC**, **Mr Mike Fitzpatrick AO**, and **Ms Kristy Graham**.



**Mr Jim
Giannopoulos**
CEO, GHD

Themes:

- A shared, coherent national ambition
- Developing broad, cross-sector coalitions
- Building trust in processes
- Greater honesty to the community about the realities of the transition
- Conversations to be led with positivity

A report of the roundtable discussion is available [here](#).



Beijing Mission

25-27 May 2024



The Foundation convened a global meeting in Beijing for the second consecutive year, in partnership with the Center for China and Globalization's 10th Annual China and Globalization Forum.

The highlight was a roundtable co-chaired by Steve Howard and Mabel Miao, Secretary General of CCG, 'Shaping the future: Global governance of climate and nature'.

The exceptional conversation underscored the fact that **meaningful action is not possible without the involvement of China, and Asia more broadly**. A report of the roundtable discussion can be found [here](#).



Dr Mabel Miao



Rome Roundtable

16-19 June 2024

The Foundation launched its global project, **'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature'** with the assistance of Pope Francis and a distinguished group of global citizens at its 2024 Rome Roundtable.

The meeting identified the major shifts 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.





Rome Roundtable

16-19 June 2024

The Rome Roundtable was moderated by our Global Leadership team under the guidance of our **Global Advisory Council**, which also met in Rome. A report of the roundtable is available [here](#).



Mr Steve Howard, Ms Louise Watson



Dr Mark Cutifani CBE



Ms Sharan Burrow



Dr Mabel Miao



Prof Enrico Giovannini



Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh



Rome Roundtable

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Keynote guest speakers framed the major topics for discussion at the roundtable and each made significant contributions to the outcomes and to the Foundation's 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'



Rome Roundtable

16-19 June 2024

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.



Dr Steve Waygood



Mr Tom Tayler

'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature'

Project Steering Committee

At the Rome Roundtable, the Foundation launched its Global Project on 'Shaping Global Governance, Climate, and Nature'. The Project is overseen by a distinguished Steering Committee.



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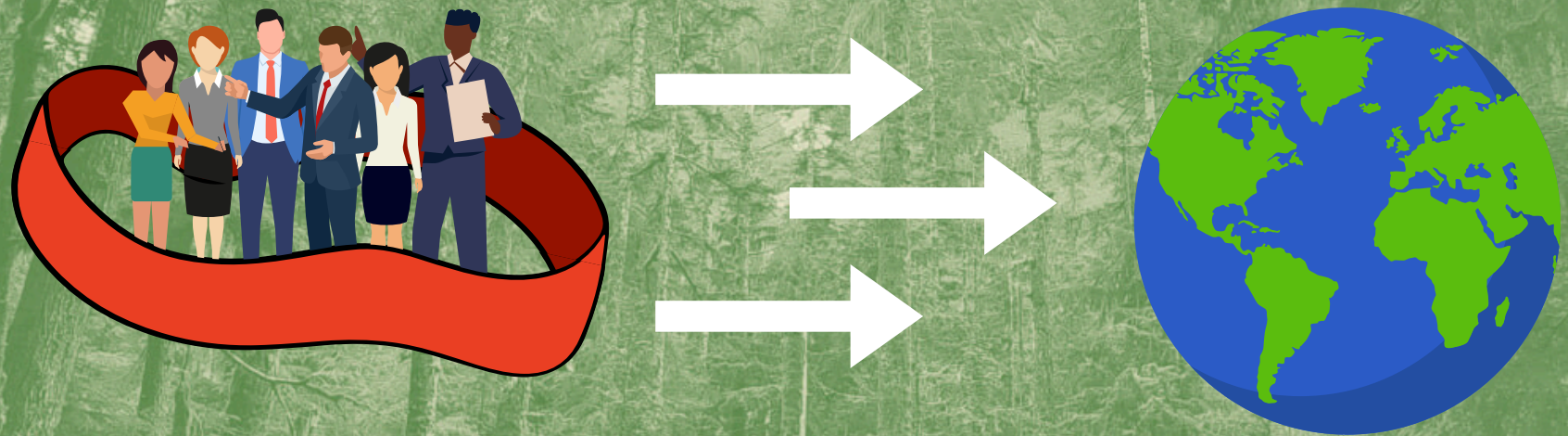
The Project has identified, and is linking, key figures from five sections of global society.



'Shaping Global Governance, Climate and Nature'

The 'rubber band' approach

We are gathering a diverse and growing group of influential global contributors drawn from many backgrounds. They may not necessarily agree with each other on every aspect of the global transition, but they do agree that there is greater value in working together to help shape better global outcomes.



You can read more about, and engage with, our Global Project [here](#).

Australian National Energy Transition Roundtable

Melbourne, Sydney & Online, 6 November

The Foundation convened a distinguished group of its supporters for a second Australian National Energy Transition roundtable hosted by GHD. We welcomed two special guests:



The Hon. Matt Kean -
Former NSW Treasurer
and newly appointed
Chair of Australia's Climate
Change Authority



Dr Alex Heath -
Head of the Climate and
Energy Division at Treasury

Themes:

- Cross sector collaboration
- Place-based, community engagement
- Australia's opportunity to be a global leader
- Incentivising private sector investment
- Adapting strategies as new technologies emerge



A report of the roundtable is available [here](#). The Foundation intends to build upon its Australian focus in 2025.

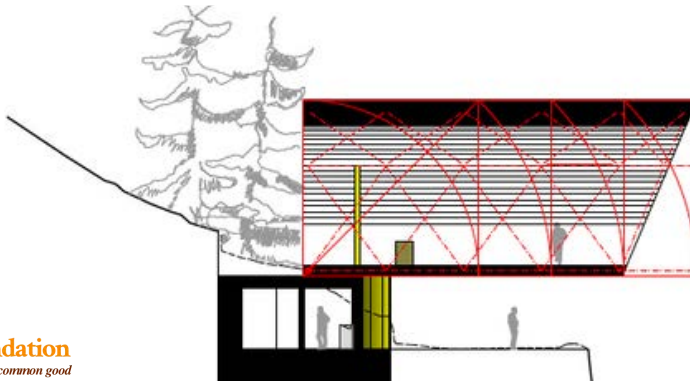


Assisi & the Chapel of St Francis

For several years, with the encouragement of the Mayor of Assisi, the Foundation has convened global roundtable discussions in the beautiful Italian hillside town of Assisi; the birthplace of Saint Francis. 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, which was an important ecological retreat for St Francis 800 years ago. A description of the project can be found [here](#).



Architect's drawings for the Chapel in the Woods



Assisi & the Chapel of St Francis

The Chairman of the Foundation, Ms Louise Watson, led a delegation to Assisi in June 2024 following the Rome Roundtable to meet with the Mayor of Assisi, **Dr Stefania Proietti**, and the **Franciscan Friars** to advance the project.



Mayor of Assisi, Dr Stefania Proietti (centre), Franciscan Friars, and project architects.



Assisi & the Chapel of St Francis

To help realise the vision of the Chapel in the Woods in Assisi, the Global Foundation has established a fundraising committee and a cultural advisory committee.

Fundraising committee



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Chairman, Fundraising
Committee



Ms Louise Watson
Chairman of the Board,
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