





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, VALUE-BASED INVESTORS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL TEACHING IN THE LIGHT OF *LAUDATO Si*'

Experts' meeting

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Context

COP21 (Paris, December) has been described as a 'game changer' as Non-State Actors (Regions and Cities, Business and Financiers, Trade Unions, Religious Organisations, NGO's, Universities, etc.) role as the agents of a 'virtuous circle' encouraging Governments to be 'more ambitious and/or courageous' has been leveraged and multistakeholders unthinkable coalitions a few years ago are developing ambitious new agenda's to adapt our management of three ' wholes ': Earth , Humanity and Capitalism. Within that context, the Encyclical Letter *Laudato si*' of Pope Francis is a call for a broad and deep renewal of the sense of responsibility of all.

§189 Today, in view of the common good, there is urgent need for politics and economics to enter into a frank dialogue in the service of life, especially human life. Saving banks at any cost, making the public pay the price, foregoing a firm commitment to reviewing and reforming the entire system, only reaffirms the absolute power of a financial system, a power which has no future and will only give rise to new crises after a slow, costly and only apparent recovery. The financial crisis of 2007-08 provided an opportunity to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles, and new ways of regulating speculative financial practices and virtual wealth. But the response to the crisis did not include rethinking the outdated criteria which continue to rule the world

How do we have the actors of the finance sector, and in particular the investors, make that shift towards a climatefriendly and inclusive economy in line with SDG's? Experts will explore how to adopt a 5 years Progress Contract and the launch of a platform *Capital Stewardship and SDG's*.

Agenda

14:00 - 14:30 Roundtable Opening

Mr. Roberto Palea, President Centro Studi sul Federalismo & Mr. Olivier Jacquot, Director Centre Saint Louis

14:30 - 16:00 Roundtable Session 1. State of Progress

Chair: Mr. Robin Edme, EPE President, Senior Advisor Responsible Finance (French Ministry of Environment, Energy & the Sea and Chairman of the UN Intergovernmental Group of Friends of § 47 of Rio+20 Declaration

- Giovanni Brunelli, Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea: Italian Sustainable Finance Strategy
- Mr. Gianluca Manca, UNEP-FI, co-chair of the European Task Force
- Mr. Emanuele Fanelli, CDP Senior Vice-President, Investors on the Nazca platform
- Reverend Henrik Grape, The Lutherian Church of Sweden, the Church investment policy
- Mrs. Flavia Micilotta, Executive Director, Eurosif
- Mr. Davide Pelusi, Morningstar Italia & Iberia CEO, Funds Sustainability Ratings
- Mr. Davide Libralesso, Etimos, European Federation of Ethical and Alternative Banks and Financiers

• Fr. Cristian Mendoza, Professor School of Church Communications of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome

Debate

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break.

16:30 - 18:00 Roundtable Session 2. Towards a 5 years Progress Contract - Capital Stewardship & SDG's

Chair: Mr. Raymond Van Ermen, EPE

- Ms. Dominique Dron, French General Council of Economy, Ministry of Economy, Industry and Digital "White paper on financing ecological transition" and "Ecology, a model for finance"
- Ms. Sian Ferguson, the Divest Invest Movement, Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts
- Mr. Francesco Ferrante, Vice-President Kyoto Club, Association of Italian Companies
- Ms. Leida Rijnhout, European CSO Coalition for the SDG's

Debate

18:00 - 18:15 Our Roadmap and 5 years' trajectory - Conclusion by the Rapporteur

19:30 Bus Departure

20:00 Cocktail and Walking dinner at the French Embassy to the Holy See, <u>Villa Bonaparte</u> (Via Piave, 23 - 00187 Roma)