



Inclusive and Sustainable Finance
Milan, May 30th 2018. Roundtables
Side event of the European Conference SDGs, Climate and the future of Europe.

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2015-2018 are emerging as critical years for sustainable finance to transform the financial system to be in the service of sustainable development (Agenda 2030), environment, care and peace. Indeed, financial institutions can take the lead in working for the 'common good' as finance returns to its roots while focusing on how its actions and decisions can incentivize actions by other participants in the global economy around social inclusion, environmental stewardship and economic sustainability.

For a shift to be meaningful, it requires more significant action by 'broad finance' stakeholders whose decisions collectively influence the way finance is allocated, which includes more than just financial institutions. Included in the range of those 'broad finance' stakeholders are traditional players including asset managers, banks and insurers as well as asset owners, a category which includes both the institutional owners such as pension and sovereign funds but also their beneficiaries whose interests are made known through formal and informal governance structures specific to each institution.

The Milan European Conference of May 31st, 2018 will present a *new narrative for Europe 2030* where sustainable finance plays a leading role and an *enhanced partnership*.

The roundtables of May 30th will review progress and prepare the next steps after the release of the High Level Group report on *Financing a Sustainable European Economy* (January 2018) and the Commission plan of action (March 2018), as well as after the Winterthur one day dialogue on 25th April 2018 among blockchain-enabled sustainable finance tools and faith-based financial institutions to discuss *Blockchain for Sustainable and Inclusive Finance* along with discussions on prospects for integrating the principle of sustainable development in faith-consistent financing to achieve the SDGs.



On the agenda :

15:00 – 16:15 Roundtable 1. Preparation of an Enhanced Partnership Summit .

The Milan conference May 31st will propose an '*enhanced partnership*' between European Council Members and state and non-state actors making Europe the world leader in '*polylatelism*' to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and climate agreements

After the release of the High Level Groups reports respectively on *Financing a Sustainable European Economy* (January 2018) and *Boosting Investment in Social Infrastructure in Europe* (January 2018) as well as the *Commission's Action Plan for a greener and cleaner economy* (March 2018), the roundtable will debate the role of Sustainable Finance Champions into **the “SDGs polylateral enhanced partnership”** and his **“Summit”** (to take place later on, ahead of the 2019 European elections).

16:45 – 18:00 Roundtable 2. Partnership agreement. Preparation of Buenos Aires conference and G20

After the Zürich workshop (April 25th) hosted by the RFI Foundation, the Swiss-Arab Network, the Bank of the Argentine Nation, UN Environment and EPE on “Faith-Consistent Financing Prospects to Achieve the SDGs ” and “Blockchain for Sustainable and Inclusive Finance”, the May 30st roundtable will review, in view of the Buenos Aires September 20-21th, 2018 Third Conference of Value Based Investors and the SDGs titled '*People and Planet : Financial Inclusion for Social Inclusion*', the possible elements of a **Partnership Agreement for Sustainable and Inclusive Finance** which would be presented to the **G20** :

- developing a "sharing, co-operating and knowledge system" for a multi-stakeholder continuous knowledge development across the 'broad finance' stakeholders in support of implementation of the SDGs and Climate Agreement
- drafted under the leadership of the G20 and/or the UN
- in line with the *G20 High-Level Principles for Digital Financial Inclusion* and the *G20 Financial Inclusion Indicators*
- leveraging the blockchain, a ground-breaking digital technology, for measuring impact of sustainable & inclusive finance.

18:00 Cocktail