



**European
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2nd Rome Conference of Value Based Investors & SDGs

The New Frontier. Sustainable Finance and Care

Presented by the '*Capital Stewardship and SDG's' Platform' Support Group.*

Hosted by

FeBAF – The Italian Banking, Insurance and Finance Federation

Place of venue: Via San Nicola da Tolentino, 72 – 00187 Roma

Date September 8th

Theme

The Conference intends to explore how Financiers, Green Economy experts and representatives of Civil Society can cooperate to 'Transform our World and Europe' by addressing the 'New Frontier': sustainable finance and care. So that 'no one should be left behind'.

The main obstacle to a successful implementation of the Agenda 2030 is the growing of inequalities and poverty fueled by the financial and macro-economic model. One of the most dangerous obstacles on the way to the SDGs is the destruction of the 'social fabric' generated by the rise of poverty. Due to macroeconomic and financial policies in place since the 1980s the growth of inequalities - for which the Financial Institutions have a major responsibility - has led to behaviors that in turn lead to the destruction of solidarity, and - as we see in the United States - a selfishness economic model that leads individuals and countries to 'barricade' oneself physically and mentally. These policies and the behaviors they generate, coupled with the aging of the population, will lead to an increasing number of individuals, including in Europe, being at risk of poverty for at least the last third of their lives (50-80), which in turn will strengthen the populist movements. This while the impact of global limits will lead to increase public financial needs to ensure the resilience of human communities.

The Rome conference will address 'investing in a just transition' - how to move from a concern with 'stranded assets' to 'stranded communities'? The Conference will also consider further dialogues (regional or thematic) preparing the G20 in Argentina, contributing to the implementation of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), Positive Impact, new equity index, new regional initiative as the *Africa Agriculture Adaptation* to address this new dimension of sustainable finance and care.

Programme (draft).

SEPTEMBER 8TH- No one should be left behind' - Sustainable Finance and Care.

08:45-09:45 Welcome coffee and First Networking on Sustainable Finance Partnerships. Participants are introducing their initiatives.

09:45-10:00 Introduction by

Mr. Luigi Abete, President Banca Nazionale del Lavoro and FeBAF (confirmed)
Mrs Geraldine Walsh EPE President (confirmed).

10:00 – 10:20 Keynote speaker

S.E. Cardinal Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, (confirmed)

10:20 – 10:40 Global : how to complement and build on the existing mass of work being done to address sustainable finance

Ms Valeria Piani, The Principles for Responsible Investment (confirmed)

Mr Javier González Fraga - President of the Bank of the Argentine Nation, in view of the G20 in Argentina (confirmed)

10:40 – 11:00 Sectorial : which tools and new approaches.

Mr Philippe Dessertines Financiers and the new frontier, the nexus food security & bio-agriculture, water & soil, forests , land use, climate and care .

Mark Campanale, Carbon Tracker Initiative . 2 degrees of separation, a company-level ranking of the oil & gas industry based on climate risk exposure (confirmed)

11:00 – 11:10 . Green financial centers . A leading initiative for Africa

Ms Lamia Merzouki, Casablanca Finance City Authority : Mobilizing to foster sustainable development on the African continent. (confirmed)

11:10 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 12:10 Dialogues between Financiers, Green economy, Care experts and Civil society.

Roundtable

- **Davide Dal Maso, UNEP-FI**, the Italian national dialogue on sustainable finance and the G7 (confirmed)
- **Nicola Cullen, Share Action** (confirmed)
- **Tomas Insua, the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM)** (confirmed)
- **CIDSE representative** (confirmed)
- **Reverend Henrik Grape, the Lutheran Church of Sweden and the World Churches Council** (confirmed)

12:10 – 13:00 The way forward.'investing in a just transition' , proposals for further dialogues

Roundtable

- **Alessandro Messina, CEO Banca Popolare Etica S.c.p.a.** member of The Global Alliance for Banking on Values (confirmed),
- **Tom Vereijken, European Water Partnership**, Water stress (confirmed),
- **Philippe Dessertines**, Finance and Agriculture dialogues in Europe and other regions of the world.
- **Gianluca Manca, ABI sustainable investment group**, European banking federation group on sustainable finance, EFAMA responsible investment working group(confirmed)
- **Blake Goud, Islamic Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Foundation**

13:00-13:10 Conclusions by Robin Edme, Chairman of the Steering Committee (confirmed).

13:30. Working Lunch. Private debriefing session

14:30 – 15:30 , Preparing a two years programme of dialogues .

Background.

Movimento Europeo Italy, European Partners for Environment, and Centro Studi sul Federalismo organized on 14 -15 April 2016 with Value Based Investors a conference in Rome on how to mobilize private capital in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. The meeting addressed «*Sustainable Finance and Care in the Light of Laudato si'*». This meeting with value based investors and representatives of the Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches addressed what should be the roadmap of Long Term Investors aiming to contribute to the Common Good. As underlined by Cardinal Turkson, "*the 'true' nature of finance consists in favouring the use of surplus resources to promote the real economy, which means the well-being and development of the whole person and of all people*". Our initiative aimed to contribute to develop a "reset action plan" by the "transformative cooperation" of value-based investors, workers, civil society organizations, faith groups and public authorities.

The G7 joined the G20, other countries and markets in throwing its weight behind a growing movement to turn the power of the global financial system to sustainable development. The Inquiry, which has supported Italy's G7 presidency over the last year as it explored the potential of sustainable finance, presented two reports at the meeting: [Mobilizing Sustainable Finance for SMEs](#) and [Financial Centres for Sustainability](#). Next G20 in Argentina.

This second conference will focus on the sustainable finance and care agenda,

A two years joint programme would be explored with a particular attention for :

- a joint action plan of Financial institutions and citizens to harness capital for the common good and lead the world
- further dialogues on the nexus food security & bio-agriculture, water stress & soil, forests, land use, climate, poverty and initiatives as , the Africa Agriculture Adaptation. .

¹ Note published by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in November 2008, on the eve of a Conference sponsored by the United Nations General Assembly in Doha about "Finance and Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus". This Note is entitled "**A New International Financial Pact**".