



DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**SAVING OUR COMMON HOME
AND THE FUTURE OF LIFE ON EARTH**
International Conference on the 3rd Anniversary of *Laudato si'*
(Vatican City, 5-6 July 2018)

CONCEPT NOTE:

Nearly three years after the publication of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the care for our common home, the Pontiff's prophetic words continue to ring in our ears: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" (*LS*, 160) The International Conference organized by the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to celebrate the third anniversary of *Laudato Si'* aspires to communicate above all a sense of deep **urgency** and profound **concern** for the precarious state of our common planetary home.

The Conference intends to assess the impact of *Laudato Si'* and envisage the journey ahead. It will unfold following the "**See-Judge-Act**" trajectory of the encyclical. First of all, in line with the **integral ecological approach** adopted by Pope Francis, we will look at the crisis of our common home from a holistic perspective so as to hear "*both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*" (*LS*, 49). We will especially listen to individuals and communities who are **the victims** of the crisis in basic areas like food security, health and migration, and with special reference among others to children, women, indigenous communities, minorities, and small island states. In a second moment, we will reflect on the **criteria to understand and respond** in an integral way to the crisis: ethical, economic, financial and political, just to mention a few. The inspiration to care for our common home ultimately springs from our faith that the natural world is God's creation entrusted to our care. As Pope Francis writes "faith convictions can offer ... ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters" (*LS*, 64).

The ultimate challenge of *Laudato Si'* is to **act**, moving away from the "dominant technocratic paradigm" along with its associated concept of a "superdevelopment" of a wasteful and consumerist kind (*LS*, 109) to the ideal of integral human flourishing. We believe that time has come to inspire a "**massive movement**" for the care of our imperiled common planetary home. The Conference will therefore seek to bring together representatives of the civil society, religions, churches, scientists, politicians, economists, grassroots movements, et al., in short "all people of good will", to dialogue and act together. At the end of the Conference, we hope to come up with some concrete and **participatory lines of action** for the care of our common home, conscious that we need to act as individuals and communities, at the local, regional, national and at international levels. We are also aware of our own responsibility as Holy See to "lead by example" in this regard.

The Conference is planned to engage persons and groups who can develop the *Laudato Si'* message and "bear fruit in significant historical events" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 223), such as the **Season of Creation** (Assisi, 1 September – 4 October 2018), the Global

Climate Action Summit (San Francisco, 12-14 September 2018), the **Synods on Youth** (Vatican, October 2018), and **on the Amazon** (Vatican, October 2019), the annual **IMF/World Bank meeting** (Bali, 12-14 October), and especially **COP 24** (Katowice, 3-14 December 2018).

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (5 July 2018):

07.45 Arrival and Registration

OPENING CEREMONY (09.15-11.00)

Opening Prayer: Group of Children
Coordination: Paolo Matterazzo, Prophetic Economy/Nomadelfia

Words of Welcome: H.E. Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson
Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DSSUI)

Opening Remarks: The Importance of Laudato Si' Today
H.E. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State

Happy Anniversary *Laudato Si'*! Impact and Challenges of the Encyclical
Chair: Delia Gallagher, CNN

A Representative Panel of Young People from different continents:

- Africa: Mr. Allen Ottaro, Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa, Kenya
- Americas: Mr. Delio Siticonatzi, Pueblo Ashaninca, REPAM
- Asia: Mr. Macson Almeida, Don Bosco Green Alliance, India
- Europe: Ms. Laura Menendez, Manos Unidas
- Oceania: Ms. Jade Hameister, North Pole explorer, Australia

The Urgency to Save Our One and Only Common Home: 1.5°C rise and no more

- Hon. John Gummer, Lord Deben, Chairman of Independent Committee on Climate Change, Great Britain
- Ms. Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, Poet, Marshall Islands

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

I: WHERE ARE WE?
(Listening to the Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor)

PLENARY SESSION (11.30-13.30)

Chair: Marta Rodriguez, Responsible for Women's Section, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

Introduction: The Holy See and COP24

Msgr. Antoine Camilleri, Under-Secretary for Relations with States, Secretariat of State

Presentation of the Conference Programme

Fr. Joshtröm Isaac Kureethadam, DSSUI

Climate Change – A Last Call for the Planet

Prof. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Director of the Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Global Stocktake – How is the Paris Agreement going?

Dr. Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Integral Ecology – How Ecological Degradation is Affecting the Poorest

Mr. Naderev Saño, Greenpeace Southeast Asia

Floor Discussion

13.30-14.30 Buffet Lunch

PARALLEL SESSIONS (14.30-16.00)

Group 1: ***Climate Change: Are We Hearing the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of the Earth?***

Coordination: CIDSE/Caritas Internationalis

Contribution: UN Environment et al.

All languages: English, Spanish, French, Italian

Group 2: ***OIKO-NOMIA: Serving Our Common Home?***

Coordination: DSSUI

Contribution: Carbon Tracker Initiative, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

Languages: two groups: English and French

Group 3: ***Churches and Religions: On the Path to Ecological Conversion?***

Coordination: Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM)

Contribution: various

Languages: two groups: English and Italian

Group 4: ***Indigenous and Young People: Are Their Voices Heard?***

Coordination: REPAM, Ecojesuit, CAFOD

Contribution: General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, Réseau ecclésial du Bassin du Congo (REBAC), DSSUI

Languages: three groups, mixed English/Spanish

16.00: Inauguration of the *Laudato Si'* Exhibition
Brief Comments by Dr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra, DSSUI
Blessing by H.E. Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson

16.15-16.45 Coffee Break

**II: WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?
(Discerning the Crisis of Our Common Home)**

PLENARY SESSION (16.45-18.45)

Chair & Opening Message: Msgr. Bruno Marie Duffé, Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

The Natural World as the Gospel (Good News) of Creation
H.E. John Zizioulas, Metropolitan of Pergamon, Greece

The Economic Reasons to Act and to Act Immediately
Prof. Nicholas Stern, London School of Economics, Great Britain

Integral Ecology for Integral Human Flourishing
Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond, Professor in Theology and Director of the Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing at the University of Notre Dame, and Senior Research Fellow at Campion Hall, Oxford University

Floor Discussion

18.45-19.45 Dinner

19.45 Start of Cultural Evening

DAY 2 (6 July 2018):

7.45: Participants gather at the Synod Hall

8.00: Walk towards Sala Clementina for the Papal Audience

09.30: **AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS**

Return to the Synod Hall through the Vatican Gardens, followed by Coffee break

**III: HOW TO INSPIRE A MASSIVE MOVEMENT
FOR THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME?
(Acting Together to Save the Earth)**

PLENARY SESSION (11.30-13.00)

Opening Prayer

Opening Remarks: Dr. Michał Kurtyka, President of COP24, Poland

Chair: Dr. Christiana Figueres, Convener of Mission 2020

Eco-justice: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor in the Light of CST
Cardinal Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno, Archbishop of Huancayo, Perú

Global Ecological Conversion: Building a Massive Movement to Protect Our Common Home
Mr. Bill McKibben, Founder of 350.org, USA

Sustainable Economy: Time for a “Marshall Plan” for our Common Home
Mr. Pierre Larroustourou, Spokesperson of *Pacte Finance Climat pour l'Europe*, France

Floor Discussion

13.00-14.00 Buffet Lunch

PARALLEL SESSIONS on Participatory Action (14.00-15.45)

Group 1: ***Climate Change: Raising ambition towards COP 24***

Coordination: CIDSE/Caritas Internationalis

Contribution: Dr. Jadwiga Emilewicz, Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Poland; Dr. Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway

Group 2: ***OIKO-NOMIA - Moving towards a New Economy: A Message to Bali***

Coordination: DSSUI

Contribution: Carbon Tracker Initiative, Agence Française de Développement (AFD), Pontifical Academy of Sciences

Group 3: ***Churches and Religions: Towards the Season of Creation***

Coordination: Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM)

Contribution: various

Group 4: ***Indigenous and Young People: Towards the respective Synods of 2018 and 2019***

Coordination: REPAM, Ecojesuit, CAFOD

Contribution: General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops, Réseau ecclésial du Bassin du Congo (REBAC), DSSUI

15.45-16.15 Coffee break

PARTICIPATORY ACTION PLANS FOR THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

PLENARY SESSION (16.15-17.15)

Chair: Fr. Augusto Zampini, DSSUI and Ms. Chiara Martinelli, CIDSE

Reports from the Groups on Lines of Action

Coordinators: Mr. Tomas Insua, GCCM and Ms. Adriana Opromolla, Caritas Internationalis

Action Plans for the following events:

- Season of Creation (September; Vatican City/Assisi, Italy) - Faith Communities
- IMF and World Bank Annual Meetings (October; Bali, Indonesia) – Economics and Finance
- Synod on Youth and Synod on the Amazon (October 2018 and 2019; Vatican City) - Youth and Intergenerational Justice - Indigenous Peoples and Forests
- Global Climate Action Summit (September 12-14; San Francisco, USA) - Climate Change and Civil Society
- COP24 (December 3-14; Katowice, Poland) - Politics and Advocacy

Floor Discussion

CLOSING SESSION (17.15-18.00)

Chair: Ms. Patrizia Morgante, Communication Officer, International Union of Superiors General (UISG)

Acting-Together and Now!

Cardinal Charles Bo, S.D.B., Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar

Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment

Presentation of Good Practices for the Care of Our Common Home

Laudato Si' and Education: *Tarumitra*, a movement of 2000 schools in North India

Fr. Robert Athickal, S.J., Director of Tarumitra, India with two students

Response: Monica Conmee, CAFOD

Laudato Si' and Finance: Ethical investments in an Era of Climate Change

Rev. Henrik Grape, Climate Change Coordinator, World Council of Churches

Response: Latin America

Laudato Si' and Advocacy: Taking Climate Change Seriously

Mr. Joseph Sapati Moeono-Kolio, Pacific Climate Warriors

Response: Fr. Rigobert Minani, S.J., Réseau ecclésial du Bassin du Congo (REBAC)

Concluding Remarks:

H.E. Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson