2017 FORUM

CATHOLIC INSPIRED ORGANIZATIONS:

PROMOTERS OF HUMANITY

11 - 13 December

Rome
Catholic-inspired NGOs FORUM
Forum des ONG d’inspiration catholique

DECEMBER 11

Arrival & inscription throughout the morning

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Prayer
Opening & Introduction
Johan Ketelers

15.00 Presentations & Plenary Discussions

Many important challenges in our societies influence the positioning of civil society and, in a particular way, Catholic inspired organizations. The world is in a state of profound transformation. It is evident that religion will play a more important role in the years to come and that economic systems will have to develop new approaches to ensure better care for the common good. We propose that the Forum consider these points and examine together how and to what degree these issues call us forth.

• Presentation I: The importance of religion in the development of our societies today and tomorrow
  Prof. Rafael Palomino Lozano 20’

  Plenary Discussion
  Moderator: Maria Teuscher Hildingsson 30’

• Presentation II: An economic system at its end and the rapid erosion of the social contract increasing social inequalities invite us all to contribute to the development of new mechanisms that ensure continued sharing and respect for the common good
  Prof. Paul Dembinski 20’

  Plenary Discussion
  Moderator: Rolando Medeiros Soux 30’

16.45 Coffee break

17.15 The how and why of the Forum & exchanges on the Founding Document
  Alfred Fernandez, Daniel Guéry, Johan Ketelers,
  Maria Teuscher Hildingsson, Michel Roy, Gianpaolo Silvestri 30’
18.30  **Strengthening the voice of the Church in its service to humanity**  
       H.E. the Most Rev. Paul Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States  30’

19.00  **Holy Mass** celebrated by H.E. the Most Rev. Paul Gallagher

20.00  **Dinner**

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7.30  **Breakfast**

9.00  **The work and thematic progress of three existing platforms**  
       Vincenzo Conso (Forum Rome), Jorge Diaz Fereira (Forum Geneva), Daniel Guéry  
       (Forum Strasbourg)

9.40  **Panel Presentation I**

   The associative framework is traditionally founded and built in search of dialogue  
   and in opposition to an egocentric vision. Education, religious liberty and the family  
   have served to enrich this framework in the past. Today the framework seems to be  
   faced with resistance from individualism and with approaches principally defined by  
   short term and immediate solutions. How can Catholic inspired organizations  
   contribute to better establish an integrated vision of humanity encompassing full  
   respect for the common good and for the integral development of each person?

   Moderator:  **Alfred Fernandez**  10’

   Panelists:  
       Prof. Stefano Zamagni  20’
       Prof. Helen Alvaré  20’
       Prof. Norberto Ignacio Liwski  20’
       Prof. Luisa Ribolzi  20’

11.10  **Coffee break** with submission of questions in anticipation of the plenary discussion

11.40  **Plenary Discussion**

13.00  **Lunch** with Thematic discussion by table
14.30 **Panel Presentation II**

Debates regarding human rights, development and migration demonstrate we live in a period of transition and how much social realities are placed in a multicultural perspective and one of “diasporisation.” Civil society and Catholic inspired organizations have played important roles in the past. How do we ensure continuity of dialogue and strengthen our engagement as promoters of humanity?

**Moderator:** Michel Roy  
**Panelists:**  
- Prof. María Salas-Porras  
- S.E. Ambassador Agnès Avognon-Adjaho  
- S.E. Ambassador Prof. Michel Veuthey

15.40 **Coffee break** with submission of questions in anticipation of the plenary discussion

16.20 **Plenary Discussion**

17.20 **Analytical Summary** of the challenges identified and related to the agenda of international organizations. An invitation to the network to continue the work in thematic groups.  
*Geoffrey Strickland*

18.10 **Closing**

*Alfred Fernandez, Daniel Guéry, Johan Ketelers, Maria Teuscher Hildingson, Michel Roy, Gianpaolo Silvestri*

19.00 **Holy Mass** celebrated by H. Em. Pietro Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State

20.00 **Dinner** and continued exchanges

**DECEMBER 13**

07.45 Leaving for the Papal Audience (bus)  
08.00 Meeting at the gate with participants not staying at the villa.

10.00 **Papal Audience**

**Departure**