



Catholic-inspired NGOs FORUM  
*Forum des ONG d'inspiration catholique*

2017 FORUM

CATHOLIC INSPIRED  
ORGANIZATIONS:

PROMOTERS OF HUMANITY

*11 - 13 December*

Rome





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 Ferreira (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 Alvare* 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



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**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* 10'

Panelists: *Prof. Maria Salas-Porras* 20'

*S.E. Ambassador Agnès Avognon-Adjabo* 20'

*S.E. Ambassador Prof. Michel Veuthey* 20'

**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* 30'

**18.10 Closing**

*Alfred Fernandez, Daniel Guéry,, Joban Ketelers,  
Maria Teuscher Hildingsson, 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**