

## **World Businessmen Conference: Inclusive Economy New Synod Hall, the Vatican, 17-18 November, 2016**

### **Concept:**

By seeking opportunities to serve the Common Good in and through their enterprises, Business Leaders participating in this congress on Inclusive Economy will explore ways to widen the social inclusion in the process and benefits of economic growth without, on one hand, dampening incentives to work, save and invest while, on the other hand, fostering widespread economic opportunity in the form of robust job creation, broad labor force participation, and decent working conditions in activities environmentally and socially sustainable.

**Developers:** Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and UNIAPAC.

### **Goal:**

Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, and again in his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*, demands that all economic policies ought to be shaped by the dignity of each human person and the pursuit of the common good. He invites us to fight against the *globalization of indifference* whereby, almost without being aware of it, *we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own*. For the business leaders to take charge of this call we need to thoroughly discuss how to create more opportunities for more people to participate in and benefit from the economy; how to improve the lives of the low-income groups by engaging them not only as consumers of products and services, but also as producers thus tapping into underutilized talents and skills and overcoming the barriers that keep them from contributing to the economy and improving their livelihoods; how to create an economy that is respectful of the social needs of the local communities and of the natural environment. We need to reflect on better ways to create a working environment based on reciprocity between solidarity and subsidiarity in which people can be their own agents for an improved quality of life. We need to find ways to unlock new sources of productive employment and translate economic growth into broad-based progress in living standards and a more widely shared prosperity. We need to think of ways through which enterprises and industry implement the Paris Agreement and the process it began. Recognizing that the most effective and sustainable route out of poverty for the working-age population is a productive, fairly paid job, we need to identify effective ways for the business enterprise to bring about greater improvements across the range of outcomes that matter most to people's lives and make them happen.

**Speakers:** Members of business organizations, political institutions, ILO, IMF, World Bank, UN, entrepreneurs, academics, people overcoming exclusion.

**Participants:** leaders from international, regional, small and medium companies in the aforementioned companies, academics.

**Location:** Rome - Vatican City, New Synod Hall. **Duration:** 2 days, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2016.

**Important note:** Audience with the Holy Father at Sala Clementina, Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at 12 pm.