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THE NEW CLIMATE ECONOMY

HOW ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY CAN GO HAND IN HAND

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THE NEW CLIMATE ECONOMY
The Global Commission on the Economy and Climate



Kingdom of the Netherlands



PARTICIPANTS

*Vatican officials and leaders in business, politics, science and civil society.
Members of the diplomatic corps and select journalists will be invited as well.*



GOAL

There is much anticipation over the encyclical that Pope Francis is expected to release this June that will address climate change. The encyclical will speak to the heart and address the moral imperative to care of the environment – emphasizing the need for climate action for everyone, most urgently the vulnerable people, but also our future generations.

The encyclical may have a significant impact on both United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda in New York in September and the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in December. One of the main challenges is that many politicians believe that economic growth and climate change are at odds with each other, and therefore fear taking action. The New Climate Economy Report, which will set the scene for the discussion, demonstrates that the goals of improving economic performance and reducing climate risk can complement each other. In fact, sustained growth cannot be achieved unless climate risk is addressed. At the same time, the reduction of emissions will be much more difficult without a strong economy.



10:00-10:30

Welcome by

H.R.H. Prince Jaime de Bourbon de Parme

Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Holy See

Opening address

His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson

President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

President Felipe Calderón

Chair of Global Commission on Economy and Climate



10:30-11:30

Round table discussion with

Paul Polman

CEO Unilever, Chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development,

Naina Lal Kidwai

Chairman, India, Director, HSBC Asia Pacific

Jeremy Oppenheim

Director of McKinsey & Co, former Program Director of the New Climate Economy

Her Excellency Lilianne Ploumen

Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Coordination of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl

Archbishop of Washington

Moderated by

Andrew Steer

President and CEO of World Resources Institute



11:30-12:00

Brief coffee and networking break



12:00-13:00

Discussion among panel members



13:00

Closing remarks by

His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson

President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

