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2018 marked fifty years since the Club of Rome was founded on 7th April 1968. Two anniversary conferences - one in Winterthur on 7th April and the other in Rome on 17th -18th October - looked back at the organisation's achievements over the past fifty years, including the many "Reports to the Club of Rome". The Club's work over the past five decades profoundly shaped the emergence and development of the worldwide environmental movement, and brought the issues of sustainability, climate change and environmental protection, ever further into the global consciousness.

Today, the Club remains faithful to an identity it has nurtured over the past half-century. One founded on a belief in global, independent, systemic and long-term thinking to drive forward the necessary debates on the effectiveness and viability of global engagements for sustainable development, and to enhance awareness and understanding among key stakeholders.

The adoption of the Paris Agreement in 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (which entered into force

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in 2016), and the increasing and ever more ambitious commitments to climate neutrality from a number of regions and cities around the world, demonstrate that the international community is increasingly confronting the challenges of the future of our planet.

Nonetheless, global engagement, the measures currently in place and the speed and extent of sustainable development, remain inadequate to ensure a stable, liveable and equitable future which doesn't exceed planetary boundaries. This was the starting point for negotiations at COP24 in Katowice, which laid down the rights and obligations of each state in their pursuit of the 1.5 C° warming target set by the Paris agreement.

Against this international backdrop, two reports to the Club of Rome were published: "Transformation is Feasible" and "A Finer Future". Both outline concrete actions to reconcile the socio-economic goals of a sustainable future with the planet's ecological boundaries.

In 2018, the Club also laid the foundations for its work in the coming years. Two strategy workshops took place in April and June to discuss the future strategy as well as the organizational and content direction of the Club of Rome. This process led, amongst other things, to a new work programme for the coming years, which has been implemented since the beginning of 2019.

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Ahead of the Anniversary summit in October in Rome, the Club's General Assembly elected a new board and a new presidency: Mamphela Ramphele (South Africa) and Sandrine Dixson-Declève (Belgium) will lead the Club of Rome as Co-Presidents; Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker was re-elected to the Executive Committee and, alongside Anders Wijkman, was made honorary president.

We look back on a very exciting and successful year, which is documented in the following activity report.

-Alexander Stefes
Executive Director of the Club of Rome

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We express our gratitude to the Ruth and Robert Heuberger-Stiftung for their generous support in the year 2018.

Beyond that, we warmly thank our sponsors and partners for supporting us financially or otherwise.

Robert und Ruth Heuberger-Stiftung

Transformation is feasible

How to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals within Planetary Boundaries

by Jorgen Randers, Johan Rockström, et al.

The dual adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), together with the Paris Climate Agreement, both in 2015, represents a global turning point. We have never before had such a universal development plan for people and planet. For the first time in human history, the world has agreed on a democratically adopted roadmap for humanity's future, which aims at attaining socially inclusive and highly aspirational socio-economic development goals, within globally defined environmental targets. Humanity's grand ambition is surely to aim at an inclusive and prosperous world development within a stable and resilient Earth system. This human quest is to attain as many of the SDGs as possible by 2030, and then continue following a sustainable global trajectory well beyond the next 12 years. This report has identified one such possible, smarter pathway to success through five transformative and synergistic actions.

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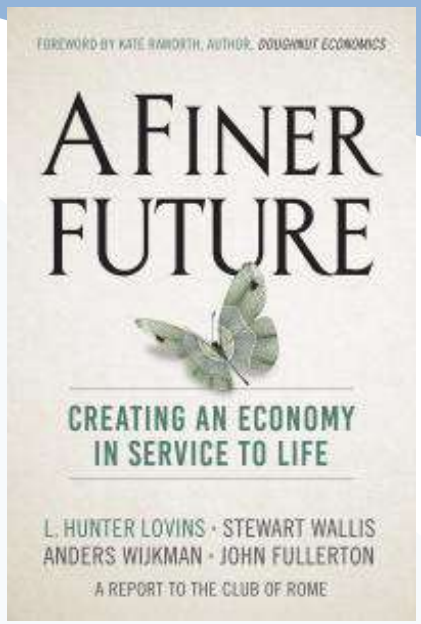
A Finer Future

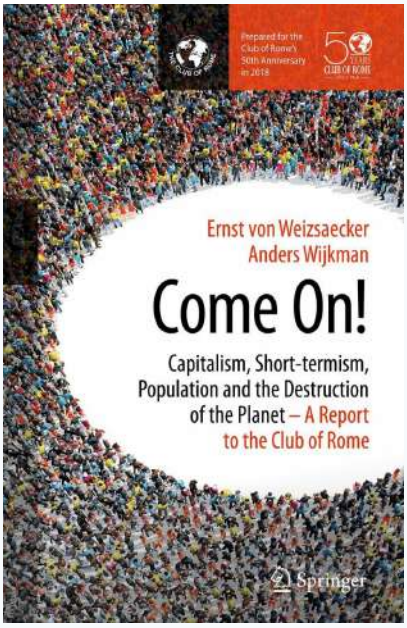


Creating an Economy in Service to Life

by L. Hunter Lovins, Stewart Wallis, Anders Wijkman & John Fullerton (Mitglieder des Club of Rome)

Humanity is in a race with catastrophe. Is the future one of global warming, 65 million migrants fleeing failed states, soaring inequality, and grid-locked politics? Or one of empowered entrepreneurs and innovators building a world that works for everyone?

While the spectre of collapse looms large, *A Finer Future* demonstrates that humanity has a chance to thread the needle of sustainability and build a regenerative economy through a powerful combination of enlightened entrepreneurialism, technology and innovative policy. The authors – world leaders in business, economics and sustainability – gather the evidence, outline the principles of a regenerative economy, and detail a policy roadmap to achieving it, including: transforming finance and corporations; reimagining energy, agriculture, and the nature of how we work; enhancing human well-being; delivering a world that respects ecosystems and human community. Charting the course to a regenerative economy is the most important work facing humanity and A Finer Future provides the essential blueprint for business leaders, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, politicians, policymakers and others working to create a world that works for people and the planet.



Come On!

Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet

by Ernst von Weizsäcker, Anders Wijkman, et al.

Current worldwide trends are not sustainable. The Club of Rome's warnings published in the book Limits to Growth are still valid. Remedies that are acceptable for the great majority tend to make things worse. We seem to be in a philosophical crisis. Pope Francis says it clearly: our common home is in deadly danger. Analyzing the philosophical crisis, the book comes to the conclusion that the world may need a "new enlightenment"; one that is not based solely on doctrine, but instead addresses a balance between humans and nature, as well as a balance between markets and the state, and the short versus long term. To do this we need to leave behind working in "silos" in favor of a more systemic approach that will require us to rethink the organization of science and education.

However, we have to act now; the world cannot wait until 7.6 billion people have struggled to reach a new enlightenment.

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This book is full of optimistic case studies and policy proposals that will lead us back to a trajectory of sustainability. But it is also necessary to address the taboo topic of population increase. Countries with a stable population fare immensely better than those with continued increase.

The book has already been published in a number of different languages, with other language versions to follow.

Events

January

Brussels, 10.01

Co- President Anders Wijkman spoke at an event entitled *What does science tell us about biofuels?* The event, held at the European Parliament and co-hosted by Fredrick Federley MEP and Sirpa Pietikainen MEP, focused on the presentation of the Globion Report and the IEA Technology Roadmap on Bioenergy.

Munich, 17.01

Co-President Ernst von Weizsäcker presented *Come On!* at a gathering in Munich, jointly organised by the European Research Centre of the Club of Rome and the *Deutsches Museum*. The report was prepared for the 50th Anniversary of the Club of Rome and suggests possible solutions to global ecological and social crises.

Belgrade, 17.01

The Serbian Chapter of the Club of Rome and the Association of Economists organised a lecture entitled *Politics and Economy for the Realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.*

Events

Zurich, 18.01

Former Secretary General of the Club of Rome, Graeme Maxton, spoke at the Second Conference on Financial Networks and Sustainability at the University of Zurich. He was joined on the panel by the Nobel-prize winning economist, Joseph Stiglitz.

Bilbao, 19.01

The Basque Group of the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome organised an event with Antón Costas on *Remedies for Discomfort and Populism: A new Social Contract for progress.*

Eberswalde, 23.01

Former Secretary General Graeme Maxton spoke at the 12th Eberswalder Sustainability Lecture.

February

Barcelona, 09.02

The Barcelona office of the Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome organised an event on *The Circular Economy: Competitiveness and Reindustrialisation*. Participants included Daniel Calleja, Director General of Climate in the European Commission, who spoke about the opportunities for circular economy in Europe.

Stockholm, 13.02

Come On! Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet was launched in Sweden. Co-author and Co-President, Anders Wijkman and former Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Johan Rockström, were present.

March

Hamburg, 06.03

Ernst von Weizsäcker gave a speech entitled *Disruptive changes ahead – where is the place for sustainability?* at the 2nd International Exchange Summit.

Prague, 07.03

The annual assembly of the Czech Association of the Club of Rome was held at Charles University in Prague.

Stockholm, 12.03

Anders Wijkman spoke at a conference entitled *Forest and the climate – manage for maximum wood production or leave the forest as a carbon sink?*. The event was organised by The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and The Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences.

Vienna, 15.03

The Austrian chapter of the Club of Rome co-organised a symposium entitled *Green Finance – New Developments in Europe. Challenges and opportunities for Austria*.

Events

Hamburg, 19-20.03

Directors of the Club of Rome Schools in Germany met for their annual meeting in Hamburg. They discussed and evaluated school development and visions for their schools for the year 2030, with a particular focus on the SDGs.

Göteborg, 20.03

Anders Wijkman presented *Come On!* at the Ekocentrum in Göteborg.

Winterthur, 21.03

Alexander Stefes, Executive Director of the Club of Rome, introduced the Club of Rome, the Limits to Growth and recent publications for the radio broadcast *Stadtalk* in Winterthur, Switzerland.

Winterthur, 28.03

Co- President of the Club of Rome, Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, gave a public lecture at the *Casinotheater* in Winterthur on the occasion of the organisation's 50th Anniversary. He presented the recent report to the Club of Rome *Come On! Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet*.

Kiev, 30.03

The Ukrainian Association of the Club of Rome and the Kiev International Economic Forum co-organised the Young Scientists Conference under the banner of *The Economic Future of Ukraine*. The event was designed to help talented young people become the architects of a better social and economic reality and to provide budding scientists with guidelines on how to harness their collective energy around the ideas of sustainable and socially-oriented economic growth, as advocated by the Club of Rome.

Keynote speakers included Anders Wijkman, Garry Jacobs and Norwegian economist Erik S. Reinert.

April

Winterthur, 07.04

Exactly 50 years after the founding of the Club of Rome, members and guests gathered in Winterthur to mark this special occasion.

Events

London, 26.04

As part of the Club of Rome's 50th Anniversary celebrations, Co-presidents Anders Wijkman and Ernst von Weizsäcker presented their book *Come On! Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet* at Chatham House in London. In their presentation, the pair discussed the need for economic well-being to be largely decoupled from the destruction of natural resources to secure 'a prosperous future for all'. This, they argue, 'can only be achieved through a *New Enlightenment* where a balance exists between humans and nature, between short-term and long-term considerations and between public and private interests'.

May

Paris, 05.05

Club of Rome members Carlos Alvarez Pereira and Robert Hoffman hosted a workshop entitled *Open Simulation for Global Shift tools for opening mindsets?* The event was a follow-up to a first such workshop held in Vienna in November 2017 and explored, amongst others, the limitations of current modelling practices and how modelling can become a more accessible and participatory exercise, including by exposing younger generations to the process.

Events

Prague, 09.05

The Czech Association of the Club of Rome organised an event on the topic of terraforming Mars, asking whether rendering the planet habitable and populating it, as envisioned by SpaceX, is logical and necessary.

Maribor, 10-11.05

Club of Rome member, Carlos Alvarez Pereira co-led a workshop at the 3rd Annual Circular Change Conference. Entitled *With Blockchains Towards Circularity – Enabling Circularity: The Case for Blockchain*, he explained how the potential of blockchain technologies could be unlocked to enable a circular transition and enhance social progress.

Friedrichschafen, 17.05

To mark the birth centennial of Elisabeth Mann Borgese, founder of the International Ocean Institute and internationally renowned expert on maritime law, an event was held in her honour. Ernst von Weizsäcker spoke about her role as a founding and first female member of the Club of Rome, his encounters with her and her scientific achievements. Elisabeth Mann Borgese authored two reports to the Club of Rome, *The Future of the Oceans* and *The Oceanic Circle*.

Hainburg, 25-26.05

To mark the creation of the Carnuntum chapter of the Club of Rome, the newly established group held a launch event at which Ernst von Weizsäcker and former Secretary-General, Graeme Maxton, were present. The launch included a seminar with regional mayors, a large public event in cooperation with the Plant for the Planet initiative, and ended with an event about education for sustainable development.

May, Germany

The German Association of the Club of Rome and Club member Tim Jackson partnered with film-maker Florian Opitz to promote his film *System Error* across Germany throughout the month of May. The film explores humanity's seeming obsession with the notion of growth, and why our belief in it is still so strong.

June

June, Bratislava

The Slovak Association of the Club of Rome launched an exhibition of artist Rudolf Sikora's work, devoted the Club's 50th Anniversary. Sikora has been engaged in environmental issues since the very beginning of his career, and the exhibition was created as an urgent call to all those who care about the future of our civilisation and our planet.

Belgrade, 09.06

The Serbian Chapter of the Club of Rome and the Astronomical Observatory of Belgrade co-organised an event with Prof. Luka Popović entitled *The Astronomical Causes of Climate Change on the Earth*.

June, Madrid

The Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome hosted the following events in the month of June:

18.06:Waste and the Spiral Economy
25.06: Water: Sustainability and Geopolitics
28.06: Water and Sustainability. A Human Right and Rational Management

Events

June, Barcelona

The Barcelona Office of the Club of Rome hosted the following events in the month of June:

07.06: The Determination to Save Lives at Sea
18.06: Poverty and Visual Impairment

Hanover, 18.06.-20.06

International researchers and practitioners discussed important mindshifts for the Anthropocene at the symposium *Transformative Designs for Sustainability* in Hanover which was organized by the *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies*, the *Collective Leadership Institute*, the International Club of Rome and the Volkswagen Foundation. Participants included Club of Rome members Petra Künkel, Carlos Alvarez-Perreira, Mariana Bozesan, Kristin Vala Ragnarsdottir, Michael Dorsey, Markku Wilenius and Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker.

July

Barcelona, 02.07

The Barcelona office of the Club of Rome hosted a lecture by Jose Angel Marin on *Federalism and Complex States*.

Horsholm, 03.07

Club of Rome member Petra Künkel spoke at a Summer Leadership Lab in Horsholm, Denmark.

Fundan, 04.07

Club of Rome member Yi Heng Cheng gave a series of lectures entitled *Ecological Crisis and Symbiosism* at Fundan University in China.

Barcelona, 12.07

The Barcelona office of the Club of Rome organised a debate on *Governance, Participatory Democracy and Social Development*, as part of its year-long focus on the subject of Governance and Sustainable Development. The event was hosted by Jaume Lanaspa, President of the Barcelona Office, and included contributions from Francesc de Carreras, Joan Baldoví and Gemma Calvet.

August

Neudietendorf, 03-10.08

The 2nd Summer Academy for Pluralist Economics was organised by the Network for Pluralist Economics and the Protestant Academy of Thurinigia, in cooperation with the Club of Rome. Under the banner *Ten Years after the Crash*, it gathered participants from across the world to discuss and share alternative approaches to economics. Keynote speaker was Club of Rome member Maja Göpel.

Mexico City, 23.08

The Mexican Chapter of the Club of Rome, in cooperation with the Atmospheric Sciences Centre of the University of Mexico (UNAM) and other partners, organised a discussion entitled *The Significance of the thinking of the Club of Rome:its importance for Mexico* (*La trascendencia del pensamiento del Club de Roma: Su importancia para México*), to mark the organisation's 50th Anniversary.

Alpbach, 27.08

The Club of Rome organised a session on *Promoting sustainable development* at the 2018 European Alpbach Forum. The discussions centred on the need for new economic and political models, and for diversity and resilience to be integral components of new governance systems. The speakers were Honorary President of the Club of Rome, Ernst von Weizsäcker, current Co-President, Sandrine Dixson-Declève, and Club members, Michael K. Dorsey, Maja Göpel, Petra Künkel and Kristín Vala Ragnarsdottir.

Hanover, 28.08

The Club of Rome and the Volkswagen Foundation, who supported the *Limits to Growth* study, organised a 50th anniversary event entitled: *Thinking about the future – Preserving the earth! 50 years of the Club of Rome (Zunkuft denken – Welt erhalten! 50 Jahre Club of Rome*). The speakers included Ernst von Weizsäcker, Petra Künkel and President of the German Association of the Club of Rome, Mojib Latif.

September

Brussels, 10.09

Connie Hedegaard, former European Commissioner for Climate Action, gave the 100th Aurelio Peccei lecture entitled *A Brighter Future for Humankind. The SDGs: Achievements and Perspectives*.

Hamburg, 13.09

The German Association of the Club of Rome organised a series of lectures on the topic of *Mankind as a moderator of life*. Associate Club of Rome member, Christian Berg, offered his reflections on the issue by illustrating both how paradisiacal and fragile conditions for life on earth are.

Events

Helsinki, 20.09

The Finnish Association of the Club of Rome marked the 50th Anniversary of the Club of Rome with a seminar reflecting on the organisation's most important work in its 50-year history and the challenges which lie ahead.

Terschelling, 26-29.09

The Club's anniversary was marked at an event at the Springtij Forum in the Netherlands, organised by Club member Wouter van Dieren and his team. Close to 900 participants took part in the four-day event, through a series of plenaries, workshops, excursions, talk-shows and interviews on the topic of sustainability. Among the speakers were a number of members of the Club of Rome, including Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Mariana Bozesan, Ernst v. Weizsäcker, Anders Wijkman, Ian Dunlop and John Schellnhuber.

October

Madrid, 04.10

The Spanish Chapter of the Club of Rome hosted a lecture on Transhumanism, hosted by Professor Francesc Torralba.

Events

Brussels, 08.10

Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Co-President of the Club of Rome, discussed the new Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report at a conference organised by Climate Action Network.

Mumbai, 10-12.10

The Indian Association of the Club of Rome organised its annual conference in Mumbai, under the banner *Resource Efficiency and Jobs*. Participants discussed how India's economy can grow in line with sustainable development.

Rome, 17-18.10

Over 400 guests attended the Club of Rome's 50th anniversary conference in Rome. Among the speakers were Italian Environment Minister Sergio Costa, Mayor of Rome Virginia Raggi and numerous other prominent figures from the world of science, politics and civil society. The discussions centred on the work of the Club over the past 50 years, current challenges and the future work programme of the organisation.

Vienna, 22.10

The Austrian Chapter of the Club of Rome marked the Club's 50th Anniversary with an event at the Austrian National Bank, with Honorary President, Ernst von Weizsäcker, as speaker.

Munich, 24.10

Club of Rome member Uwe Schneidewind gave a lecture entitled *Coping with big transformations through 'Zunkunftskunst'* (*Mit 'Zunkunftskunst'die Große Transformation mesitern)*. The event was hosted by The Club of Rome European Research Centre and the *Deutsches Museum*.

Events

Beijing, 25.10

Club of Rome member Jinfeng Zhou and Anders Wijkman preesented the Chinese verison of the report Come On! – Capitalism, Short-termism, Population and the Destruction of the Planet in Beijing. Club of Rome member Yi-Heng Cheng later presented the book together with Ernst von Weizsäcker at a launch in Shanghai.

November

Bremerhaven, 07.11

The *Klimahaus Bremerhaven* and the *Club of Rome European Research Centre* organised an event on the topic of climate engineering, with discussions focusing on possible technological fixes for global warming, if sufficient GHG emissions reductions are not achieved.

Zurich, 08.11

The Club of Rome and Greenpeace co-hosted a debate entitled *Free trade versus Protectionism... are these the only alternatives?* Till Kellerhoff, Communications and Project Manager at the International Secretariat of the Club of Rome, was one of the speakers.

Lueneburg, 08-09.11

The German Association of the Club of Rome held a Club of Rome Schools Conference focusing on the issue of transformative learning in digital contexts.

Ottawa, 14.11

The Canadian Association of the Club of Rome organised an event on *Scaling up urban low-carbon innovations*. Rebbeca Aird presented her thoughts as part of a wider discussion on the *Low Carbon Innovation Ottawa* initiative.

Cologne, 14-16.11

The European Research Centre of the Club of Rome was a partner in organising the 8th International Conference on Sustainability and Responsibility. Honorary President Ernst von Weizsäcker gave a keynote speech entitled *Sustainability and Responsibility: A new Enlightenment is needed.*

Bratislava, 20.11

The Slovakian Association of the Club of Rome held its annual meeting at the Institute of Physics in Bratislava.

Hamburg, 30.11

Aurelio Peccei understood the Club of Rome as an *adventure of the spirit*, positing that fostering humankind's inner potential was the key to changing its current path of development. This was the overarching theme of the German Association of the Club of Rome's Annual Conference. Specifically, the conference honed in on what this spirit means in today's world, 50 years after the Club was founded, and how the German Association can contribute to enabling the creation of space for such *adventures* to flourish.

December

Brussels, 04.12

The Club of Rome officially launched its new initiative, the *Climate Emergency Plan*, at the European Parliament in Brussels. The launch was hosted by MEPs Heidi Hautala and Jo Leinen and was presented by the Club's Co-President Sandrine Dixson-Declève. Attendees included representatives from the European Parliament, the European Commission, businesses and NGOs leaders. The Plan calls on governments, businesses and civil society to take immediate action in response to the climate emergency, by proposing ten bold yet workable solutions.

Ottawa, 06.12

The Canadian Association of the Club of Rome organised an event on the impact of the tourism industry on the environment. The lecture, entitled *Can Tourism Co-exist with a Fragile Planet?*, was given by Club of Rome member Ted Manning.

Katowice, 12.12

Co-President Sandrine Dixson-Declève represented the Club of Rome at the Climate Conference in Katowice (COP24), discussing the *Climate Emergency Plan* on various panels.

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Our Vision: Emergence from Emergency

Humanity faces an existential crisis yet we know that we can emerge from emergency. We face threats of systemic collapse on many fronts. The philosophical underpinnings of modern societies democratic institutions and core values of respect for human rights, the rule of law and ethical use of science are all under threat. Decades of exponential growth in both population and consumption are now colliding with the limits of the Earth's biosphere destabilizing the very foundations of intelligent life as we know it today. Yet it is now within humanity's grasp to secure healthy, creative, productive, and meaningful lives for all people.

Reclaiming the purpose, intellectual integrity, and spirit of inquiry of the founders of economic theory and to update it based on current scientific understanding is long overdue and essential to humanity's step to a new civilization. (See Nadeau, The Unfinished Journey of Ecological Economics.)

It is encouraging to see a growing level of consciousness across the globe on the need to shape a new core value system that would enhance harmony between humans and with nature. The critical shift for the Club of Rome is a move beyond sounding the alarm to advancing conceptual frameworks essential for actualizing humanity's potential as a beneficial rather than solely predatory species. That has always been a part of our role, but never at the critical level required today. We must both sound the alarm while creating a vision of the future that will inspire the will to change and embrace a more equitable, harmonious and holistic balance between all species and the earths planetary boundaries.

A new paradigm is now a prerequisite for survival and evolution. We must clarify our "mission" as a species within the greater Earth Community and at a larger level the unfolding of creation. Planning for climate emergency and eco system tipping points is a pragmatic response to a known risk and humanity's insurance plan for survival and a positive future. Such plans will be necessary on many fronts in order to respond to known tipping points. This is where the Club of Rome and its members can add value and ensure that we contribute to a new human Renaissance.

Our vision is to:

Accelerate a better future for all

Emerge from emergency

Move towards more equitable economic, finance, socio-political models

Ensure an inclusive human dimension to all systems change and transitioning

Our Mission: Holistic, long-term thinking for a better future for humankind and the planet

The core Mission of the Club of Rome is to translate the above vision through the following five major pillars:

Climate Emergency

Emerging New Civilization

Reclaiming & Re-framing Economics

Rethinking Finance

Young leadership

These five pillars are linked and should be seen as integrated pillars of a shifting paradigm. The Emerging New Civilization, Reclaiming & Re-framing Economics and Rethinking Finance initiatives represent a shift in paradigm from the destructive pathway humanity is on now. The state of emergency we find ourselves regarding climate change, is a symptom of this destructive pathway of growth at all costs and growing structural inequities. At a time when the world's youth are voicing their growing disappointment in the current lack of leadership and action on important systemic issues like climate change, species extinction and socio-political malaise, enhancing a vibrant intergenerational dialogue and the co-creation of solutions is

essential. The new Mission of the Club of Rome focuses on influencing the five major areas further described below to ensure a broader societal and planetary balance. This Mission is built on a foundation of 50 years of thought leadership and transformational insight from past and current members and takes into consideration new pioneering thinking and pathways for change.

This shift in paradigm imposes on the Club of Rome the responsibility to be a catalyst for breakthrough thought leadership and where possible action by:

Enhancing intergenerational thought leadership by fostering greater dialogue and thought leadership between generations and promoting thought leadership from new young leaders

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Providing the space for difficult conversations and conflict resolution

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Promoting greater gender, ethnic, geographic and age diversity across government and business in order to enhance the capacity for complex decision making

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Continuing to promote a culture of deep thinking related to core global tipping points whilst offering spaces for co-creation of solutions and hope

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Translating the Club of Rome's thought leadership to touch the minds and hearts of leaders and citizensacross the globe through education, knowledge exchange and publications

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Partnering between our members, associations and with enlightened leaders from the business, policy and NGO communities to ensure more impact on the ground

16.10.2018, Rome

Annual Conference

The 2018 Members Conference 2018 took place in Rome within the framework of the Club's 50th anniversary celebration. In addition to a reflection on the past twelve months, the work programme for 2019 was discussed and a new board elected, which now consists of the following people:

Carlos Alvarez Pereira

Sandrine Dixson-Declève

Gerardo Gil-Valdivia

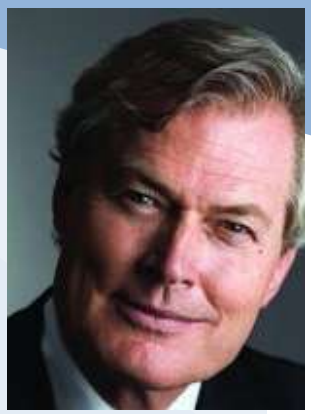
Enrico Giovannini

Herbert Girardet

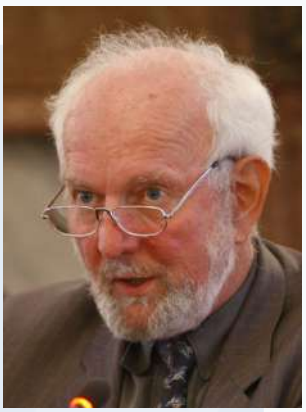
Petra Künkel

Chandran Nair

Tomoyo Nonaka


Gunter Pauli

Mamphela Ramphele


Ernst von Weizsäcker

Jinfeng Zhou

The board elected Dr. Mamphela Ramphele (South Africa) and Sandrine Dixson-Declève (Belgium) as the new Co-Presidents of the Club of Rome.

Dr. Mamphela Ramphele is a medical doctor, author and staunch human rights advocate. In the 1970s, she founded the Black Consciousness movement with Steve Biko in their native South Africa and was subject to a banning order under the apartheid regime. Dr. Ramphele has since had an outstanding career, as a managing director of the World Bank in Washington D.C., Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town and was leader of the Agang South Africa political party.

Sandrine Dixson-Declève has close to three decades of experience in European and international politics and business, with a special focus on climate change, the environment, sustainability, green growth and energy. She is also a lecturer and has been an advisor to international organisations, including the UN, OECD, OPEC and European Institutions. Until recently, Sandrine was Chief Partnership Officer for the UN Agency Sustainable Energy for All and prior to that the Director of the Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group and the EU office of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. She has also worked with the CEOs of some of the world's largest companies, and continues to serve as a special advisor to corporate executives, governments, academic institutions and NGOs.

The Co-Presidents are eager to build on the success of the past fifty years, to enhance collaboration with civil society, policy makers and the private sector, and to broaden membership of the Club with greater representation from the South and younger generations.

New Members

Bas de Leeuw

John Warner

Christina Manzano

Jaume Lanaspa

Isaac Martin-Barbero

Ryan Jackson

Kaddu Sebunya

Paul Shrivastava

Francesco Starace

Mark McGuffie

Andres Tarand

Publications

The Club of Rome Climate Emergency Plan

Sandrine Dixson-Decleve, Ian Dunlop, Anders Wijkman

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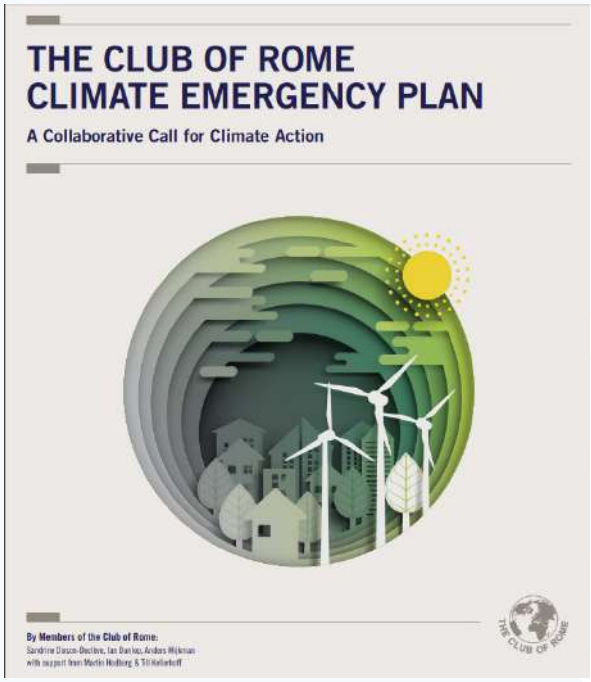

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