

22 MARCH 2017, THE VATICAN (1:30 PM - 7:45 PM)

Opening of Conference Doors

Creative Opening *Invocation* Michael Fitzpatrick Cellist

Opening - Vatican and Club of Rome (WATERSHED Co-Hosts)

Dr. (h.c.) Nik Gowing, Watershed Anchor/Moderator

H.E. Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture and of the Pontifical Commission of Sacred Archaeology

H.E. Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States, Holy See's Secretariat of State

Prof. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Co-President, The Club of Rome

Silvia Zimmermann del Castillo, Co-Director, Watershed

Joerg Geier, Associate Director, Watershed

Session I: Water Nexus

A global awakening to water at the nexus of today's world

Intro Session I: Water Nexus **Nik Gowing**, Watershed Anchor/Moderator

Making the Leap into the Nexus

Dr. Rabi Mohtar, Founding Director of Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI), TEES Endowed Professor, Texas A&M University

Water at the Crossroads: A global commons

H.E. Minister (Dr.) Seleshi Bekele Awulachew, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, Ethiopia

Dr. Fred Boltz, Managing Director for Ecosystems, Rockefeller Foundation

Dr. Assia Bensalah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large for H.M. the King of Morocco

J. Carl Ganter, Co-Founder and Director, Circle of Blue

Audience Engagement **Nik Gowing**, Watershed Anchor/Moderator

The Nexus of Water and Humanity

H.E. Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, Prefect, Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development - An interview with Nik Gowing

Water or Food: Innovations in water models for agriculture, industry and communities

Prof. Gunter Pauli, Sustainability Entrepreneur; Author, The Blue Economy

BREAK 15:45 - 16:05 (0:20) Times may change****

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Life on a Pale Blue Dot

Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Lindbergh Fellow for Aerospace History, Smithsonian Institute; NOAA (retired); former NASA astronaut

Water in Space: Life beyond the blue planet

Gary White, CEO and Co-Founder Water.org and **Matt Damon**, Academy Award Winning Actor, Co-Founder Water.org (via video)

Audience Engagement **Nik Gowing**

Session II: Water Stories

Who we are, what we have in common: A world of water stories

Intro Session II: Water Stories **Nik Gowing**

Telling Our Water Story: How storytelling will transform the global water dialogue

Scott Harrison, CEO, Charity:Water

Water Wisdom - Sacred Legacy: How oral history and tradition can inform the future

Dr. Malidoma Somé, West African Elder, author and teacher, Burkina Faso

The Breath of Waters - Liquid Links between Water and Aesthetics

Erierto Eulisse, Director of Civiltà dell'Acqua and Manager, Water Museum of Venice, Italy

BREAK 17:30 - 17:50 (0:20) Times may change****

Session III: Water: Shared Values

Finding common ground, sharing responsibility and accountability on a planet with finite resources

Intro Session III: Water Stories **Nik Gowing**

Water: Is it a human right?

Dr. Peter Gleick, President Emeritus and Chief Scientist, Pacific Institute (Live Remote Interview)

Dr. Sara Ahmed, Gender and Water Specialist; Board Member, WaterAid India

Ambassador (Dr.) Godknows Boladei Igali, Former Secretary of Power and Water Resources of Nigeria

Yusuf Nessary, Social Entrepreneur and Founder, Zam Zam Water

Water and Children: What we do today is our children's future

Kajsa Dahlström, President, Globetree

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Water in Peace

HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, Chairman of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Amman, Jordan (*Video Statement*)

Redefining the Value of Water

Jennifer J. Sara, Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank

Dr. Fred Boltz, Managing Director for Ecosystems, Rockefeller Foundation

Our Watershed Moment: The 21st Century Renaissance

Dr. Ian Goldin, Author, Speaker and Oxford University Professor of Globalisation and Development and a Senior Fellow at the Oxford Martin School

Closing: Water: A Call for Action

Where do we go from here?

Msgr. Tomasz Trafny, Head of Science and Faith Department, Pontifical Council for Culture

Graeme Maxton, Secretary-General, The Club of Rome

Nik Gowing, Watershed Anchor/Moderator

Creative Closing **Michael Fitzpatrick**, Cellist