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**THE FIRST DOLOMITE CONFERENCE ON THE GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
OF CLIMATE CHANGE - THE END OF THE ZERO-SUM GAMES.
DRAFT AGENDA (OCTOBER 20TH – 22ND 2022) – CASTEL FIRMIAN -
MESSNER MOUNTAIN MUSEUM (BOLZANO) E CASTEL DEL
BUONCONSIGLIO (TRENTO)**

The first Conference of the Parties (COP) – the supreme United Nations decision making body where the 196 countries of the world agree the convention dealing with climate change – was held in Berlin in 1995. In 2021, twenty-six years later the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the report assessing progress towards the COP's targets had to acknowledge failure: since 1995 the observed global temperature has raised from 0,5 to almost 1,35 degrees above the mean values recorded in the period 1850 – 1900 preceding the last industrial revolution; the landmark objective of keeping such increase within 1,5 will not be reached not even in the most optimistic scenario in terms of reduction of CO2 emissions. In fact, 2020 was the hottest year of history, notwithstanding the sharp deceleration of human activities due to the COVID19 restrictions¹.

The fight to climate change and, more widely, the need to preserve the environment has, however, yielded an interesting result: it has indeed been the most powerful force towards more and better global governance. We do badly need to govern a globalization which is rapidly unfolding on a technological, financial, and even natural plane (as the COVID19 pandemic has dramatically demonstrated). It is again climate change which is exposing the inadequacy of a diplomatic machinery – the UN, the World Bank, the very COP – which was conceived at the end of the WW2 and shaped around a different, more stable world order. The existing global governance instruments had great merits in the second part of the twentieth century (although amid several crises) and yet they need to be greatly overhauled to respond to the complexity that are defining the new century.

¹ IPCC, (AUG 2021), "THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE BASIS",
https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/downloads/report/IPCC_AR6_WGI_Full_Report.pdf

Vision and its partners are thus convening a three-day meeting from the 20th – 22nd October where thirty visionary intellectuals, policy makers, entrepreneurs, managers, journalists, political and natural scientists will gather to start up a discussion on how to win a battle which we cannot lose and how to reform global governance instruments so that they may adapt themselves to the 21st century. Chairs of the conference are Stefania Giannini (UNESCO Vice Director and former Italian Minister of Education), Enrico Giovannini (Italian Minister for sustainable infrastructures and mobility), Bill Emmott (Author of “The fate of the West” and former editor of The Economist) and Alexandra Borchardt (Head of Digital Journalism Fellowship Hamburg Media School Senior Research Associate, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism, University of Oxford).

The major distinctiveness of the conference will be that it is meant to be a proper problem-solving place: the objective is, thus, to work – within the annual conference, but also via a number of brainstorming web sessions to be held between events – as a lab where radical and yet pragmatic ideas may emerge. We will, then, convene a very pluri-disciplinary group of participants because we are convinced that the nature of the question requires us to go beyond the logic of purely relying on experts. We will also make sure that the conference is articulated by problems to be solved into working groups and plenary discussions whose conclusions will be reported by the chairs and introducers of various sessions. The entire work will be coordinated by VISION and follow a methodology that VISION is successfully applying to the sister cycle of conference titled “CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE” (of which Vision organized already the first two editions in Messina/ Taormina). The DOLOMITE conference is meant to become a yearly event which we are going to experiment in 2022.

The discussions will be inspired by the concept paper drafted by VISION and the organization will be the following:

1. The conference will be opened by a **plenary session which will discuss the VISION concept paper** and provide a framework to the conference: the main issue will be how to develop a global governance (the UN/ COP which is complemented by other bodies like G7 and G20) which is good enough for the climate change/ environmental challenge.
2. We will then split into four working groups which will focus on four questions we see as fundamental (and which we better articulate into the concept paper):
3. **the economic/ energy dilemma** (and how to turn the argument of the “cost” of the transition into an opportunity of development/ innovation); **the democracy question** (and how to solve the potential conflict of interests between present and future generations); **the problem of globalization** (and the possible reform of the COP and/ or the G20 so that decision making becomes quicker and more binding); the role that **cities and local communities** have played so far and possible evolution.
4. Five further plenaries will follow: on how to mobilize on a big scale the vast amount of money which is looking for an impact (**impact finance**), whereas this will involve a reflection on the effectiveness of regulations like the EU ones which are trying to steer the assets of banks towards greener ratios (and better **ESG** indicators); on the **end of the privately owned, fossil fueled car** as corner stone of the industrial age and on how to accelerate the transition to new forms of mobility; on **reinventing**

agriculture so that it can go towards a zero-emission target; on “**climate media**” and the need of world public opinion to come together; on how to **overcome the “zero sum game” between developing and developed countries** which has produced the stalemate.

5. We also envisage two conversations on climate change as an **ethical question** and **sports** as a lever to promote the environment.
6. **Conclusions of the four working groups, a first version of the DOLOMITE CONFERENCE manifesto of the first DOLOMITE conference and first hints for the 2023 Dolomite conference will come from the chairs.**

The media partner of the conference will be **The Economist**. The above working groups and plenary sessions will be prepared through online seminars with the participants in the months before the conference.

AGENDA (*Not yet confirmed – confirmed – confirmed in VCR)

**THURSDAY MORNING 20th OCTOBER
BOLZANO at MESSNER CASTEL FIRMIANO**

11.00 – 12.00 Registration

12.30 Welcome Lunch

14:00 – 14:15 Institutional Greetings

14:15 – 14:45 Introduction to Conference program

14:45 – 15:45 “ARE WE GOING INTO THAT GENTLE GOOD NIGHT?” (A REACTION to THE CONFERENCE’S CONCEPT PAPER)

15.45 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 16.15 Introduction to the 4 WGs from each introducer

16.15-17.45 WORKING GROUP SESSIONS

Group 1. THE ECONOMIC / ENERGY DILEMMA: HOW CAN WE MAKE THE WORLD GREENER WITHOUT REDUCING ECONOMIC GROWTH? WHICH ARE THE MERITS AND LIMITS OF DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES/ ENERGIES?

Group 2. THE DEMOCRACY QUESTION: HOW CAN WE FIND A COMMON AGENDA BETWEEN DIFFERENT GENERATIONS (AND SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE EMBEDDED SHORT TERMISM OF ELECTORAL CYCLE)? HOW CAN WE AVOID THE GILETS JAUNES EFFECTS?

Group 3. THE PROBLEM OF GLOBALIZATION: HOW CAN WE MAKE POLICY MAKING PROCESSES AT GLOBAL LEVEL MORE TO RESPOND TO THE CRISES WHICH ARE DEFINING THE 21ST CENTURY?

Group 4. CITIES AS PLACES FOR EXPERIMENTING THE FUTURE: WHY ARE DIFFERENT CITIES DIFFERENTLY PERFORMING AS FAR AS EFFICIENCY OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, HOUSING, MOBILITY?

17.45 – 18.45 Transfer to TRENTO Hotel

20.00-21.00 Dinner

21:00 - 22:00 *Keynote speech*: **CLIMATE CHANGE AS AN ETHICAL QUESTION AND INTERRELIGION DIALOGUE.**

FRIDAY MORNING 21ST OCTOBER
TRENTO – CASTELLO DEL BUONCONSIGLIO

9.00-9.30 Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 9.45 Introduction to the second day: **Alexandra Borchardt** and **Bill Emmott**

9:45 – 10:45 Back to the working groups to finalize draft reports

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:15 IMPACT FINANCE: GIVE FINANCIAL MUSCLE TO THE TRANSFORMATION AND MEASURE LESS AND BETTER TO DESIGN THE RIGHT INCENTIVES

12.30-13.30 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 THE END OF THE FOSSIL FUELED CARS AS CORNER STONE OF INDUSTRIAL CIVILIZATION (WITH A FOCUS ON ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, SHARING AND SELF DRIVING)

15.00 – 16:00 REINVENTING A ZERO EMISSION PRIMARY SECTOR / AGRIFOOD

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16.15 - 17.15 CLIMATE JOURNALISM AS A LEVER TO MAKE THE WORLD TO BE AS ONE

17:30-18:00 Back to the Hotel

19:30-20:00 Transfer to the Castle/Restaurant

20:00-21:00 Dinner and Introduction to Trento as Capital of the Middle Ages

21:00-22:00 *Keynote* Speech **Mountains, Sports and Climate Change - Trento and South Tyrol as benchmark to a different approach to Nature.**

SATURDAY MORNING 22ND OCTOBER
TRENTO-CASTELLO DEL BUONCONSIGLIO

8:30 – 9:00 Welcome Coffee

9:00 – 9:40 Reporting back to PLENARY from the WG

9.40 – 10.40 THE HOLY GRAIL OF PLURIDISCIPLINARITY: THE NEW RESEARCH AND TEACHING BET

10:40-10:55 Coffee Break

10:55 – 11:55 HOW TO END THE ZERO-SUM GAME BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED WORLD – IDEAS FOR SHARM EL-SHEIKH

11:55 – 13:00 FIRST HINTS FOR DOLOMITES MANIFESTO (20'') + WRAP UP OF CONFERENCE AND FIRST HINTS FOR THE 2023 CONFERENCE (30'')

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch and end of conference.

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