Second Vatican Conference on Impact Investing – Making the Year of Mercy a Year of Impact for the Poor

Conference Speakers

Our diverse roster of speakers from Church and sector leadership, successful social enterprises, family foundations and bi-lateral donor agencies will offer a rich perspective on how private capital can be used to lift people around the world out of poverty.

His Eminence, Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson
President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP)

Born in 1948 in Ghana, Cardinal Peter K.A. Turkson studied theology at St Anthony-on-Hudson Seminary in New York and was ordained a priest in 1975. He did graduate studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, 1976-80 and 1987-92. In 1992 he was appointed Archbishop of Cape Coast by St John Paul II and made Cardinal in 2003. He was President of the Ghana Catholic Bishops’ Conference 1997-2005, and since 2003 has been Chancellor of the Catholic University College of Ghana. He served as Relator during the II Synod of Bishops for Africa in October 2009. At the end of the Synod, Pope Benedict XVI named Cardinal Turkson as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, reconfirmed by Pope Francis in 2013. Fields of interest include human rights, ecology, integral development, economic and social justice, reconciliation, sustainable agriculture.

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Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo is President & CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. She came to CRS in January 2012 after a distinguished academic career. Before coming to CRS, Carolyn served from 1997 to 2011 as dean of the University of Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business.

During her tenure, the Mendoza College was frequently recognized as the nation’s leading business school in ethics education and research. It received and has retained top ranking from Bloomberg Businessweek since 2010 for its undergraduate business program. Prior to the University of Notre Dame, Carolyn served as associate executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University. Carolyn was born and raised in Hong Kong, and immigrated to the United States to attend Purdue University, where she received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees, and joined the faculty.

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Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG
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Born in 1936 in Bangladesh, Sir Fazle was educated at both Dhaka and Glasgow Universities. He was working as a senior corporate executive at Shell Oil when the 1971 Liberation War broke out, dramatically changing his life course. He moved to London and helped initiate a fundraising and awareness campaign called Help Bangladesh.

After the war, he returned to the newly independent Bangladesh, finding the economy in ruins. As millions of refugees returned to the country, their relief and rehabilitation called for urgent efforts. Sir Fazle established BRAC to rehabilitate these refugees in a remote area in north-eastern Bangladesh. Under his leadership, in the span of only four decades, BRAC grew to become the largest development organization in the world in terms of the scale and diversity of its interventions.

Sir Fazle has been honored with innumerable national and international awards for his achievements and was recognized by Ashoka as one of the ‘global greats’. In 2009, he was appointed Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG) by the British Crown in recognition of his services to reduce poverty in Bangladesh and internationally. In 2014, he was named by Fortune Magazine as one of the World’s 50 Greatest Leaders.

Mr. Matt Bannick
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Matt Bannick is managing partner of Omidyar Network, where, since 2007, he’s led the expansion of the firm from its Silicon Valley roots. Omidyar Network now operates on four continents, across six initiatives, and has invested nearly $1 billion in early-stage for-profit and not-for-profit ventures.

Bannick brings a wide range of executive, international and multi-sector experience to his role. He served in a number of senior executive positions at eBay, and as president of eBay International, he was largely responsible for building eBay’s global footprint and extending the opportunities offered by eBay to the developing world. Matt also served as PayPal’s first president after the company’s acquisition by eBay, and established PayPal as a global standard for online payments.

A recognized leader in the impact investing field, Bannick serves as a member of the Global Social Impact Investment Steering Group, and he led the U.S. National Advisory Board on Impact Investing as co-chair.

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Amit Bouri is the CEO and co-founder of the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN). His work in impact investing began when he was a strategy consultant with the Monitor Institute. At Monitor he was part of the team that produced the Investing for Social & Environmental Impact report, and he left Monitor to co-found the GIIN in 2009.

Amit’s other projects at the Monitor Institute included strategic planning and organizational development work for nonprofit organizations and foundations. Amit previously worked in the private sector as a strategy consultant with Bain & Company. He left Bain to work in global health at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. He also worked in the corporate philanthropy units of Gap Inc. and Johnson & Johnson. Amit holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, an MPA from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a BA in sociology and anthropology from Swarthmore College. Amit serves on the board of directors for Investors' Circle.

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Dr. Laurence Brahm  
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Laurence J. Brahm is the founder of Himalayan Consensus Institute, which is dedicated to protecting ethnic diversity through sustainable economics and the fight against climate disruption. Laurence is also founder of Shambhala Serai, one of Asia’s first social enterprises, and he is recognized as a leading specialist on the Himalayan region and on issues of sustainable development.

He was invited by Iceland’s President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson to serve as a member of the Himalaya – Third Pole Circle, and he also serves as a policy advisor to ICIMOD’s Hindu Kush Himalayan Monitoring and Assessment Programme (HIMAP). Laurence was NGO spokesperson to the United Nations Earth Summit 2012 (Rio+20) and selected by ScenaRio as one of the “100 Opinion Leaders Advising Rio +20.” He led NGO side events at the UNFCC Paris COP 21 in 2015 and at Durban Cop 17 in 2011. In 2010 he was recognized by the UNDP for his work to promote environmental protection, ethnic diversity and cultural sustainability in economic development in China.

As a senior advisor to China’s Ministry of Environmental Protection he was architect of the “ecological civilization” policy adopted by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and State Council on April 25, 2015, as a comprehensive “green print” to shift from fossil fuels to renewables. He advises Bhutan’s National Environment Commission on environmental regulatory frameworks.

Prof. Luigino Bruni  
Professor of Economics, Università di Roma Lumsa

Luigino Bruni, (Ascoli Piceno, Italy, 1966) is a full Professor of Economics at the Lumsa University, Rome. In 1989, he graduated with a degree in Economics from the University of Ancona in Italy. He got a PhD in the History of Economics at the University of Florence in 1998, and a second PhD in Economics at the University of East Anglia, in 2006. Before the professorship at Lumsa University in 2012, he was assistant professor and then associate professor at the University Milano-Bicocca (2001-2012). For the last 20 years his research has covered many areas, ranging from Microeconomics, Ethics and Economics, History of Economic Thought, Methodology of Economics, Sociality and Happiness in Economics. Bruni’s current research focuses on civil economy, relational goods, virtue-ethics in Economics, vulnerability in Organizations, Economics and Theology.

Mr. Sean Callahan  
Chief Operating Officer, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

As the chief operating officer for Catholic Relief Services, Sean Callahan is responsible for Overseas Operations, U.S. Operations and Human Resources, and for ensuring CRS’ fidelity to its mission to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. His role is to enhance performance, stimulate innovation and position CRS for the future. Sean was executive vice president for Overseas Operations from June 2004 to September 2012. He provided oversight for a program and management portfolio which grew to more than $700 million, serving people in more than 100 countries and engaging a team of more than 5,000 staff. Sean holds a master’s in law and diplomacy from Tufts University, where he also received a bachelor’s, magna cum laude, in Spanish.

Sean is on the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities USA (2014–present) and on the Executive Committee and Representative Council of Caritas Internationalis (2011–2015). He is also the president of Caritas North America (2015–2019).
Ms. Audrey Choi  
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Audrey Choi is CEO of Morgan Stanley’s Institute for Sustainable Investing. She is also managing director and head of Morgan Stanley’s Global Sustainable Finance Group. In these roles, she oversees the firm's efforts to support resilient communities and promote economic opportunity and global sustainability through the capital markets. In a career spanning the public, private and nonprofit sectors, Audrey has become a thought leader on how finance can be harnessed to address public policy challenges. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, Audrey held senior policy positions in the Clinton administration, the Commerce Department and the Federal Communications Commission. While at the White House, she served as chief of staff of the Council of Economic Advisers and domestic policy advisor to the Vice President. Previously, Audrey was a foreign correspondent and bureau chief at The Wall Street Journal. She was appointed to the Community Development Advisory Board, on which she currently serves, by President Barack Obama, and she also serves on the boards of several national nonprofits focused on education, conservation and impact investing. Audrey is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Business School.

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Beth Collins, Catholic Relief Services’ Director of Impact Investing has a 30-year executive leadership career with global experience spanning corporate, non-profit and NGO sectors throughout Africa, the Middle East, South East Asia and other emerging market regions. Beth worked for over 15 years in the private sector, starting, growing and leading new entertainment and media ventures as Senior Vice President at Talk Media and Vice President at Universal Pictures and Walt Disney Theatrical Productions. Early in her career, she was an Associate at a NY-based leveraged buyout firm sourcing, analyzing and negotiating corporate acquisitions.

In 2003, Beth joined the Clinton Foundation as its first Rwanda Country Director. Her work in Rwanda is profiled in an article on President Clinton in Fortune Magazine’s “The Power of Philanthropy”. Upon returning to the U.S., Beth joined the Clinton Foundation management team leading new strategic initiatives including the Clinton Global Initiative’s $100m call-to-action for Haiti. Following her time with the Foundation, Beth served as a strategic advisor to a diverse range of public and private sector clients including Merck & Co., Qiagen, Paramount Pictures, Keep a Child Alive, HRH Prince Feisal of Jordan’s Generations for Peace, and the USC School of Film & Television. Beth holds a B.A. in International Studies from Miami University and an MBA in Finance from NYU.

Mr. Nicholas Colloff  
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Nicholas Colloff is the executive director of Argidius Foundation, which works to improve the lives of people experiencing poverty by promoting the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) to increase income generation. Nicholas began his career in venture philanthropy with the Andrews Charitable Trust, and during his time there he assisted in the establishment of Opportunity International UK as part of a leading global financial inclusion network. He has worked with Catch Up, a lead literacy and numeracy intervention in the UK, and he also founded Basic Needs, whose focus is on developing innovative approaches to community mental health care in developing countries.
Before joining Argidius in 2013, Nicholas was director of innovation and strategy at Oxfam GB, where he was responsible for both developing new areas of work (urban poverty, impact investing, micro-insurance) and organizational change. Prior to this, he served as Oxfam GB’s country director in Russia, where he launched Youth Business Russia, and helped World Wildlife Fund Russia integrate community development with its approaches to nature conservation. Nicholas was educated by the Jesuits in theology and philosophy at Heythrop College in the University of London.

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Mr. Glenn Creamer
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Glenn Creamer is a co-founder and Senior Managing Director of Providence Equity Partners, a private equity investment firm specializing in media, communications, education and information investments worldwide. Mr. Creamer received a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School and a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University. Mr. Creamer is currently on the board of CDW Corporation (NASDAQ: CDW) and has been a director of numerous Providence Equity portfolio companies. He also serves on the boards of many charitable organizations, including Catholic Relief Services, where he served for six years as Treasurer, ending in 2015, and the Catholic Relief Services Foundation, where he currently serves as vice chair. Mr. Creamer is also a co-chair of Catholic Relief Services’ Impact Investment Committee.

Mrs. Agnes Dasewicz
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Agnes Dasewicz serves as director of the Office of Private Capital and Microenterprise (PCM) within the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Drawing on USAID’s presence and resources in developing countries, PCM works with investors and other U.S. government agencies to catalyze greater investment in support of key development objectives. As part of this work, Agnes developed and led the implementation of the private sector outreach strategy under Power Africa, securing over $20 billion of investment commitments from U.S. and African financiers and corporations toward energy transactions on the continent. Agnes has 20 years of experience in the field of investing in developing and transitioning economies, including in infrastructure, SMEs and social enterprises.

Agnes started her work in finance in the 1990s, when she was part of the founding team of the Small Enterprise Assistance Fund (SEAF), now one of the leading global SME investment funds. Subsequently she worked as an investment officer for one of the first private equity funds in Eastern Europe, AIG’s New Europe Fund, and as a manager at the International Finance Corporation (IFC). Prior to joining USAID, Agnes was the co-founder of the Grassroots Business Fund (GBF), a $60 million impact-investing fund that provides sustainable economic opportunities to millions of people at the base of the economic pyramid. She holds an MBA from the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University, and a BA in international affairs from George Washington University.

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The Honorable John Delaney  
**Congressman, U.S. House of Representatives**

Congressman John K. Delaney (MD-6) is the only former CEO of a publicly traded company in the House of Representatives. First elected in 2012, Delaney serves on the Financial Services and Joint Economic Committee, and represents Maryland’s Sixth District, which includes Washington-area suburbs and western Maryland. Prior to holding public office, Congressman Delaney founded and led two NYSE-listed companies before the age of 40, and is a past winner of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award. In 2010, Delaney’s company, CapitalSource, received the Bank Enterprise Award from the Treasury Department for lending to disadvantaged communities.

John and his wife April McClain-Delaney have made community service a priority, especially in the field of education, the provision of core services and issues affecting children. They are generous supporters of the public interest law initiatives at Georgetown University Law Center, where they endowed the Delaney Family Professorship in Public Interest Law. John is a member of the board of directors of Georgetown University and the National Symphony Orchestra, was the past chairman of the board at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Day School, and was a past member of the board of directors for the International Center for Research on Women. John is a graduate of Columbia University and Georgetown University Law Center.

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Dr. Patricia Dinneen,  
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Patricia M. Dinneen (Pat) is currently a Senior Advisor at the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA) and Chair of EMPEA’s Impact Investing Council. Before joining EMPEA in early 2014, she spent 9+ years as Managing Director at Siguler Guff & Company, a global private equity investment firm with over $10 billion in assets under management. While at Siguler Guff, Dr. Dinneen built and managed the BRIC private equity business, focusing on Brazil, Russia, India, China and select frontier markets. She previously held positions at Cambridge Associates, British Telecommunications, Hughes Communications, RAND Corporation and the U. S. White House. Dr. Dinneen holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania (B.A.), London School of Economics (M.Sc.) and MIT (Ph.D.). She is involved in multiple philanthropic, entrepreneurial and impact investing initiatives, including consulting and pro-bono work for faith-based organizations, primarily Catholic Relief Services where she serves as Board Member and Co-Chair of the Impact Investing Advisory Committee and is a mentor in the Global Innovation Through Science and Technology (GIST) Program sponsored by the US State Department.

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Dr. Ellen Dorsey  
**Executive Director, Wallace Global Fund**

Ellen Dorsey is Executive Director of the Wallace Global Fund, a private foundation focused on social change in the fields of environment, democracy, human rights and corporate accountability. Under her leadership, the Fund is recognized for creative philanthropic strategies and mission-related investing, including aligning investments and grants to address the climate crises and accelerate the clean energy transition.

Dr. Dorsey came to Wallace Global Fund from academic, philanthropic and non-profit leadership positions, including serving as Executive Director at the Rachel Carson Institute, Director of the Human Rights and Environment program at Amnesty International, and senior environmental program officer in the Heinz Endowment.
She has served on the board of numerous non-profit organizations including Greenpeace USA, the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the United States Human Rights Network, and chair of the board of Amnesty International USA.

Dorsey holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Pittsburgh. She was a Fulbright Research Fellow in South Africa during that country’s historic transformation. She has written extensively on effective strategies of non-governmental organizations and social movements. Dorsey is co-author, with Paul J. Nelson, of New Rights Advocacy: Changing Strategies of Development and Human Rights NGOs, Georgetown University Press.

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**Mr. Kevin Farrell**  
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Kevin Farrell is a principal with Farrell Mudd Development, a commercial real estate investment company in St. Louis, Missouri. He is married to Carolyn Graham Farrell. They have four grown children.

Kevin has been involved in a number of other ventures over his career. In the 1980s he was president of White Company, a real estate development and management company. In addition, Kevin founded St. Louis Steel Products in 1990, which was sold to a division of Tyco in 2001. He was also one of three incorporators of Allegiant Bancorp in 1989, serving continuously on its Executive Committee and as its corporate secretary from its public listing until its sale in 2004.

Kevin is in his second term on the Catholic Relief Services Board of Directors, currently serving as Treasurer. For thirty-five years he has been active with United Way of Greater St. Louis, where he is a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

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**Dr. Shaun Ferris**  
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Over the past 22 years, Dr. Shaun Ferris has spent 16 years with the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research and the past 8 years with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). During this time, Shaun has also worked with several major agencies on short and longer term projects including USAID, the World Bank, USDA, FAO, UNCTAD, DFID, IFAD and various country programs and projects.

In his current position, Shaun focuses on supporting smallholder farmers along the pathway to prosperity as part of CRS’ Signature Program Area of Agriculture. His work at CRS also focuses on building the agro-enterprise capacity of field staff, finding ways of generating value at the farm level through new combinations of skills acquisition, technology and market opportunity identification, and finding ways to improve information use and trading relationships. Shaun is currently working with a cross-agency team on generating agro-enterprise content for cloud-based distance learning systems and creating farmer-facing business tools using ICT solutions. Shaun holds a Bachelor’s in Horticultural Science from Reading University, a Master’s in Tropical Agriculture from Nottingham University and a PhD in Plant Physiology from Cranfield University.
Rev. Séamus Finn, OMI
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Séamus serves as chair of the board of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), and was instrumental in the formation of the International Interfaith Investment Group. He is actively involved in engaging corporations in the financial and extractives sectors, and also serves on the boards of a number of organizations that are focused on domestic and global justice priorities in the public policy arena.

Séamus has given numerous presentations in different venues on faith consistent investing. He has been interviewed in print and on radio, and has appeared on a number of television networks, including Bloomberg, CNN, CNBC, CBS, PBS, Al Jazeera America and RTE. Séamus was a guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, and currently blogs on religion and corporate social responsibility for the Huffingtonpost.com.

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Jean-Baptiste de Franssu has been the president of the Board of Superintendents of Istituto per le Opere di Religione (IOR) since July 2014. Prior to the end of October 2011 he was chief executive officer of Invesco Europe.

In June 2009 Jean-Baptiste was elected president of the European Fund and Asset Management Association. His mandate ended in June 2011. In 2009 he was named European Personality of the Year by Funds Europe magazine. He has, over the years, contributed to many publications, industry working groups and seminars on issues relating to regulation and supervision of asset management activities.

Jean-Baptiste serves as chairman of INCIPIT, an M&A advisory and consulting firm, and as non-executive director of ACOFI SCA, Banque Degroof-Petercam S.A., Groupe La Française S.A. and TAGES LLP. In March 2014 he was appointed by Pope Francis to the Vatican Council for the Economy; he resigned from this council in September 2014 after his nomination as president of the Istituto per le Opere di Religione.

Jean-Baptiste is a graduate of the ESC Group Business School in Reims, France, and holds a B.A. in European business administration from Middlesex University in the UK. He also holds a postgraduate degree in actuarial studies from Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris.
Mr. Salvatore Giambanco  
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Sal Giambanco leads the human capital and operations functions of Omidyar Network. In this role, he works to develop and scale the talent at Omidyar Network and its portfolio organizations. Sal brings a wealth of executive experience in human resources management to his role as a partner at Omidyar Network.

From 2000 to 2009 Sal served as vice president of human resources and administration for PayPal and eBay Inc. Prior to joining PayPal, Sal worked for KPMG as the national recruiting manager for the information, communications, high-tech and entertainment consulting practices, while also leading KPMG’s collegiate and MBA recruiting programs. Previously, Sal directed human resources at Tech One, Inc., and held positions at Ernst & Young and ESS Technology, Inc. Sal began his career working in the public sector in a variety of roles, primarily in education and hospital ministries.

Sal holds an MA in philosophy from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, and a BA in economics and political science from Columbia University. Sal is currently a lecturer for the University of San Francisco School of Management Silicon Valley Immersion Program, and also serves on the board for the Global Innovation Fund.

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Julie Hammerman founded JLens in 2012 as an investor network to explore the growing field of responsible, impact investing through a Jewish lens. JLens provides values-based investing guidance to Jewish institutional investors, and oversees shareholder advocacy with U.S. companies for the first Jewish values-based fund, The JLens Advocacy Strategy. JLens is a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, and a member of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility.

Prior to founding JLens, Julie was the impact investing strategist for a multi-family office, worked in investment banking at J.P. Morgan, and started a for-profit social enterprise. Julie is a graduate of Harvard Business School, Tufts University and the Wexner Jewish Heritage Program. Julie is based in San Francisco, California.

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Gisele Henriques is currently the livelihoods adviser for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD), supporting programs in resilient livelihoods, including enterprise development, collective organizing, local economic development, food security/sovereignty and climate change adaptation.

A specialist with more than 15 years’ experience, Gisele has supported resilient local economic development and sustainable agriculture projects with local NGOs, social movements and communities in Brazil, The Gambia, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Mexico, Philippines, Mozambique, Indonesia, Timor-Leste and elsewhere.

Gisele previously served as the Food, Agriculture and Sustainable Trade policy officer for CIDSE, lobbying the EU and UN/FAO on behalf of smallholder food producers.

Gisele holds a master’s in public policy from the Goldman School, UC Berkeley, with a focus on international agricultural policy, as well as an MA in international studies with a focus on African smallholder farmers.
Mr. Paul Hicks  
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Paul Hicks is the Water Resources Coordinator for Catholic Relief Services in Latin America, with nearly 20 years’ experience in water resources management and agricultural development. Paul has a Master’s degree in International Agricultural Development from the University of California, Davis. He has spent the last 15 years with CRS living in Albania, the Philippines, Afghanistan, and Central America. Since early 2009, Paul has lived and worked in El Salvador leading CRS’ regional water programs. Working with CRS’ water and agricultural development teams in Central America, Paul and his colleagues developed the strategy to integrate water resources management and agricultural development in the coffeelands of Central America.

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Dr. Roger Huang  
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Roger D. Huang is the Martin J. Gillen Dean for the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame and the Kenneth R. Meyer Professor of Global Investment Management. He holds a B.S. in industrial management from Purdue, as well as master’s and doctorate degrees in finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Roger teaches global finance in the Executive MBA program and multinational financial management in the MBA program. His areas of research expertise are international financial management and financial market microstructure.

Roger joined the Notre Dame faculty in 2000 after previously teaching and conducting research at Vanderbilt University, the University of Florida, MIT and Purdue University. He was voted the best teacher in the Executive MBA program four times, as well as the best teacher in the MBA program; he has also received the Teaching Excellence Award on three occasions.

Roger has written extensively on the subjects of world financial markets and trading. He previously served on the board of Bon Secours Health System, as well as on the Nasdaq Review Council, and has received numerous fellowships and grants.

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Prior to joining Ascension Investment Management, Miss Hunt served as Chief Investment Officer at the West Virginia University Foundation, Morgantown, WV, where she was responsible for managing $750 million in investment assets on behalf of the Foundation, WVU and WVU Hospitals. Prior to joining the WVU Foundation in 2003, she was Managing Director, Global Private Placements, at ABN AMRO and NatWest Markets, and held a number of senior investment banking positions at S.G. Warburg, Prudential Securities, and Smith Barney. She began her career on Wall Street in 1978, and has spent over 20 years focusing on private markets.

Miss Hunt holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, and received her MBA (Finance) degree from Pace University, New York, NY. Miss Hunt spent a number of years living in Brussels, Belgium, and Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, and attended schools in the United Kingdom and Spain.
Dr. Agnes Kalibata  
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Agnes Kalibata leads AGRA’s efforts, along with the participation of public and private partners, toward achieving food security in Africa through rapid, sustainable agricultural growth and improved productivity by empowering millions of smallholder farmers. She is a former Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources in Rwanda, and is widely considered to be one of the most successful agriculture ministers in sub-Saharan Africa.

Agnes has held several other leadership positions, including permanent secretary of Ministry of Agriculture and deputy vice-chancellor of the University of Rwanda. Agnes has also worked for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Uganda, and other agricultural development organizations. She currently sits on various boards, including the International Fertilizer Development Corporation (IFDC), the Sustainable Trade Initiative, the Africa Risk Capacity and the Global Agenda Council of the WEF. She is a distinguished agricultural scientist, policymaker and thought leader, and holds a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

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Randall Kempner is executive director of the Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), a global network of organizations that propel entrepreneurship in emerging markets. The network’s members provide critical financing and business support services to small and growing businesses (SGBs) that create positive economic, environmental and social impacts in developing countries. ANDE’s more than 230 members have operations in more than 150 emerging market countries.

As executive director of ANDE, Randall oversees the implementation of ANDE’s extensive program, research and advocacy agenda, including training programs for investing in emerging-market entrepreneurs, promoting investment opportunities in emerging-market SGBs and tracking the impact of public and private sector efforts to build entrepreneurship in developing countries.

Randall has 20 years of experience in the field of local and international economic development. Most recently, he served as vice president of regional innovation at the U.S. Council on Competitiveness. Prior to joining the Council, Randall was co-founder of OTF Group, an international consulting firm that advised regions and nations on how to create competitive advantage. Fluent in English and Spanish, he is a frequent speaker on entrepreneurship-based economic development strategies and an author whose work has appeared in Forbes, Harvard Business Review, MIT Innovations Journal and Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Charly co-founded KL Felicitas Foundation and Social-Impact International, which help social entrepreneurs worldwide to accelerate and increase their impact. KL Felicitas Foundation recently demonstrated that impact investors can construct a 100 percent impact portfolio and achieve competitive financial
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Charly serves on the advisory board of the Global Hub Company, and as board director and chairman of the Investment Committee of ImpactAssets. Charly has more than twenty years of experience as a senior technology executive in Silicon Valley. Dr. Kleissner earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Technology, Vienna.

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Convergence’s funders include the Government of Canada and Citi Foundation. The concept behind Convergence was developed under the World Economic Forum and OECD Development Assistant Committee’s ReDesigning Development Finance initiative.

Joan brings to Convergence 20 years of experience in emerging markets investing. Prior to joining Convergence, she led the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation’s efforts to partner with philanthropic and private investors to increase capital flows to OPIC’s target markets. While at OPIC, she also directed a pilot program to finance smaller, high impact and innovative funds, many of which drew on blended finance structures. Before
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In 2015 Miller and Heron were named Investor of the Year by Institutional Investor Magazine in the category "small foundations." In 2014 Miller and Heron received the Prince’s Prize for Innovative Philanthropy from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and the Tocqueville Foundation/Institut de France, and the “Shining Star Award” from New York City Performance Space122. She was awarded a Bellagio Residency in 2010 by The Rockefeller Foundation, and was named to The NonProfit Times “Power and Influence Top 50” for the five years from 2006 through 2010.

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Over the course of Calvert Foundation’s 25-year history, more than a billion dollars has been raised and invested for social good through private individuals investing in the Foundation’s Community Investment Note. For nearly a decade, Jenn has shaped the strategic direction of Calvert Foundation to take the lead on emerging trends, including investing with a gender lens and making impact investing more accessible to retail investors.

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Intellecap provides thought leadership to the idea of using Business as an approach for development and works with Corporate, Enterprises, Investors and Governments to build economic engagement with the low income population. The group subsidiaries include Arohan, a Microfinance company, Intellegrow, a Venture Debt Company, Intellecash, a Microfinance incubation company. Intellecap’s other pioneering initiatives include Intellecap Impact Investment Network (I³N), India’s first Impact Angel Network, and SANKALP Forum, one of the foremost Global platforms for Inclusive engagement. Intellecap operates across Asia and Africa with offices in India, East Africa and Indonesia.

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