

# Shifting from *The Limits to Growth* to Global Equity for a Healthy Planet: How do we ensure transformational governance?

## The Club of Rome Annual Conference 2022

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2022 marks the 50th Anniversary of [\*The Limits to Growth\*](#), the most important and influential publication to The Club of Rome to date. The report was able to foster understanding of the varied but interdependent components — economic, political, natural, and social — that make up the global system in which we all live; to bring that new understanding to the attention of policymakers and the public worldwide; and promote new policy initiatives and action.

Fifty years later, there is no doubt that humanity is overshooting the carrying capacity of the planet while not distributing the fruits of economic activity in a fair and just way.

It is clear that governance of the commons — our shared planet, is the key to a sustainable future. And this will be the focus of our Annual Conference, to be held in hybrid format — both online and in-person in Costa Rica.

### Why Costa Rica?

Costa Rica is a powerhouse in the protection of nature and environment — the country is recognised as a regional and global leader on environmental stewardship, ambitious climate action, and innovative approaches to biodiversity conservation. The country also has a long history of achievements that go beyond nature and environment.

- Its ground-breaking policies have made it the only tropical country in the world to have reversed deforestation.
- More than 98% of its energy is sourced from renewables, and it commits to becoming a

decarbonized economy with net zero emissions by 2050.

- It has proved it is possible to have a high quality of life without a large economy as measured by GDP, by instead valuing happiness and wellbeing.
- It is ranked amongst the best performers on the Social Progress Index taking into consideration both the social and environmental needs of its citizens.

In many aspects, Costa Rica is a success story, and an exemplar of the Club of Rome theme for 2022 - Global Equity for a Healthy Planet.

# The program

4 December 2022

(all times Central Standard Time)

## 0900 -1015 From *The Limits to Growth* to Global Equity for a Healthy Planet

50 years after *The Limits to Growth*, it is more than time to learn what we already know. Taking care of the planet requires providing for one another. This opening session will set the scene as to why equity within and among nations is the path forward for a sustainable future.

**WELCOME:** By the Co-presidents of The Club of Rome **Mamphela Ramphele** and **Sandrine Dixson-Declève**

**SPEAKERS:** **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director General, UNESCO, Mexico

**Rector Francisco Rojas**, Rector of the University for Peace, Costa Rica

**Mirian Vilela**, Executive Director, The Earth Charter, Brazil

**Mirian Cisneros**, Woman of the Kichwa Sarayaku people, Member of Parlamento Andino, Ecuador

**Princess Esmeralda** of Belgium

**Manuel Tovar**, Minister of Foreign Commerce, Costa Rica

## 1030-1210 Governance under multiple emergencies: The need for systems transformation

Governance is failing on many levels to protect the commons and ensure an equitable path forward for all, on a livable Earth. The obstacles are systemic, and so is the change needed to emerge from our emergencies.

**SPEAKERS:** **Sandra Xinico Batz**, Indigenous activist and anthropologist, Guatemala

**Sandra Guzmán Luna**, Founder of the Climate Finance Group for Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico

**José Luis Palacios**, Professor at Escuela Nacional Politécnica de Ecuador

**Gonzalo Muñoz**, former UN High Level Climate Action Champion, Chile

**Salvador Moncada**, Professor at University College London, Honduras and UK

**LEADS:** **Sandrine Dixson-Declève**, Co-president of The Club of Rome, Belgium

**Matías Lara**, co-lead, The 50 Percent, Argentina

## 1330-1510 Learning what we already know: Lessons from ancient wisdom still alive

It is time to weave together all threads of today's knowledge and wisdom, from both indigenous and modern origins. By becoming human again, people everywhere are liberating themselves and embodying a reconciliation of our capacities and attunement to life.

**SPEAKERS:** **María Clara Parente**, Journalist and film-maker, Brazil

**Scherto Gill**, Director of the Global Humanity for Peace Institute, UK

**Dali Nolasco Cruz**, Founder of the Network of Indigenous Women's Organizations Tlaola, Mopampa, Timo'Patla and Yoltika, Mexico

**Leidy Casimiro**, Leader of the agroecological project Slow Food, Cuba

**Stephen Brooks**, Founder of Punta Mona agroecological farm, Costa Rica

**LEADS:** **Mamphela Ramphele**, Co-president of The Club of Rome, South Africa

**Lourdes Dahiana Albornoz**, The 50 Percent, Argentina

## 1530-1710 Breakout sessions led by members of The Club of Rome

### Breakout session 1: Human Development as equitable wellbeing

**LEADS:** **Ted Manning**, Member of The Club of Rome and President of Tourisk Incl, Canada

**Anitra Thorhaug**, Member of The Club of Rome, Marine biologist, plant ecophysiologicalist and chemical oceanographer, USA

**Ana Jones**, Urban Scientist, Colombia

### ZOOM LINK FOR BREAKOUT SESSION 1

### Breakout session 2: Culture to reconnect with our nature (In person only)

**LEADS:** **Ndidi Nnoli Edozien**, Member of The Club of Rome and Co-founder, Growing Business Foundation, Nigeria

**Anna de Nardin**, Architect and Artist, Possible Futures, Brazil

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### 0910-1050 What is emerging: Seeds of good governance at multiple levels

Transformations are happening, often silently, in many places. What can we learn from what is already being tried? How can we allow the conditions for everyone to contribute and create a governance at peace with ourselves and the Earth?

**SPEAKERS:** **Josette Altmann Borbón**, Secretary General of the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, (FLASCO), Costa Rica

**Carolina Alvarado**, President of Slow Food, Chile

**Cintia Jaime**, Founder and Executive Director, ES VICIS Foundation, Argentina and Switzerland

**Isabel Cavalier Adarve**, Co-founder, Transforma, Colombia

**Ricardo Young**, Board Member of The Earth Charter and Managing Partner of Cultura, Transição e Integridade, Brazil

**LEADS:** **Julia Kim**, Program Director of the Gross National Happiness Centre Bhutan, Canada

**Nolita Mvunelo**, Co-lead of The 50 Percent, South Africa

### 1100-1240 Learnings from Latin America to the world

Latin America is a place of incredible richness, both in terms of nature and culture. It is home to many sources of ancient wisdom still alive and is at the same time a space open to imagination and possibilities. What can we learn from this?

**SPEAKERS:** **Marianela Curi Chacón**, Executive Director of Fundación Futuro Latino Americano, Bolivia

**Ximena Loria**, Director of Climate Diplomacy, The Climate Reality Project, Costa Rica

**Miguel Saravia**, Director of the Regional Hub of South America, Wyss Academy for Nature, Peru

**Martha Ligia Castellanos**, Professor at the University of La Guajira, Colombia

**Gonzalo del Castillo**, Executive Director of The Argentine Chapter of The Club

of Rome, Argentina

LEADS: **Carlos Alvarez Pereira**, Vice-president of The Club of Rome, Spain  
**Susana Chacón**, Secretary General of the Mexican Association of The Club of Rome, Mexico

### 1400-1540 Breakout sessions led by members of The Club of Rome

**Breakout session 3: Changing the roles of finance & business (In person only)**

LEADS: **Peter Blom**, Member of The Club of Rome and former CEO Triodos, Netherlands  
**John Ickis**, Former Dean of INCAE Business School, Costa Rica

**Breakout session 4: Changing the roles of science and innovation (In person only)**

LEADS: **Carlos Alvarez- Pereira**, Vice-president of The Club of Rome, Spain  
**Elena Stashenko**, Professor and Director, CENIVAM, Colombia

### 1600-1800 Weaving Together - Declaring the State of Emergence

Human nature and the interdependencies between us and with all living beings are not a problem. Rather, these unique connections create the conditions for the emergence of new responses for equitable wellbeing within a healthy planet. Let us weave together to emerge from emergency.

LEADS: Co-presidents of The Club of Rome, **Mamphela Ramphela** and **Sandrine Dixson-Declève**

INTERVENTIONS:

**Pedro Ivo Batista**, Founder Associação Alternativa Terrazul, Brazil

**Ángel Alonso**, Vice-Dean, IE School of Global & Public Affairs, Spain

**Vanda Witoto**, Amazonian indigenous leader and politician, Brazil

**Marcia Covarrubias**, Director, Foro Permanente de Política Exterior, Chile

### 18:00 Closing by Co-presidents of The Club of Rome, Mamphela Ramphela and Sandrine Dixson-Declève