



First Faith and Impact Forum in Rome

Jubilee Year 2025: A Call To Action

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Background

From May 21–23, 2025, the Eternal City welcomed faith-based leaders, social innovators, and impact investors to the inaugural SRG Faith and Impact Forum, held at Auditorium Antonianum in Rome.

With the theme *“Faith and Impact: Building a Sustainable Future Together,”* the Forum served as a **catalyst** for cross-sectoral dialogue on how faith communities can leverage their values, networks, and resources to drive systems-level social transformation.

The 4IP Group was honored to co-organize the forum alongside Spring Rain Global,¹ and to play a pivotal thought leadership role through three strategic interventions by its Managing Partner, Dr. Christian Kingombe.

Unlocking Capital: A Plenary on Innovative Financing Models

On Day 2 of the Forum, Dr. Christian Kingombe contributed a compelling presentation during the plenary session *“Unlocking Capital: Innovative Financing Models for Social Impact,”* moderated by Dr. Glenda Antonio. His talk titled *“From Charity to Impact: The Rise of Faith-Based Capital Mobilization”* outlined how faith-driven institutions can transform their philanthropic legacy into catalytic investment capital.

Dr. Kingombe introduced the concept of **Faith-Based Impact Investing (FBII)** and presented **the 3i Sustainability Platform**,² a digital ecosystem developed by 4IP Group to connect faith-aligned enterprises with capital, mentorship, and incubation partners.

He emphasized:

- The evolution from traditional charity models to structured impact investing grounded in moral values.
- The design of financing vehicles like the Invisible Heart Ventures Fund, a steward-owned, evergreen fund grounded in Catholic Social Teaching.
- A live case study on faith-aligned innovation projects from Africa and the Global South.

He closed the plenary with **a call to action for faith institutions** to mobilize their untapped capital, professionalize their engagement with enterprise development, and join global alliances like the Catholic Impact Investing Collaborative.

Workshop: Aligning Values with Financial Goals

In Breakout Session 1 (Room 1), Dr. Kingombe joined the panel **“Impact Investing: Aligning Values with Financial Goals”** moderated by Club of Rome’s Christopher Mbanefo. Here, he introduced the audience to the **“Faith-Based Investment Spectrum,”** mapping the journey from negative screening and ESG investing to deeply mission-aligned impact-first capital deployment.

¹ [Home - Spring Rain Global - https://springrainglobal.org/](https://springrainglobal.org/)

² [3i Sustainability https://tribe.3isustainability.com/posts/ip-group-faith-based-impact-investing](https://tribe.3isustainability.com/posts/ip-group-faith-based-impact-investing)



His workshop outlined:

- Five Building Blocks of Faith-Based Impact Investing, including alignment, governance, measurement, partnership, and liquidity.
- The Invisible Heart Ventures Fund II as a blueprint for faith-driven regenerative capital models.
- Key barriers—including capacity gaps and institutional inertia—and bridges, such as digital tools and blended finance.

Dr. Kingombe concluded with **five actionable steps faith communities** can take immediately: formalize investment policies, map mission-aligned assets, engage with the 3i platform, co-invest through faith-aligned funds, and adopt the 7-Pillar Capacitation Model developed by Spring Rain Global.

The Invisible Heart Movement: A Faithful Impact Ecosystem

Across both interventions, Dr. Kingombe consistently **positioned faith institutions** as essential actors in global development finance. He invited forum participants to join what he termed **“The Invisible Heart Movement”**—a growing alliance of values-driven investors, entrepreneurs, and enablers committed to unlocking the social and spiritual potential of capital.

“Now is the time,” he stated, “for faith communities not just to speak about values, but to operationalize those values through purposeful finance and faithful stewardship.”

About 4IP Group

4IP Group is a Geneva-based advisory firm specializing in values-aligned capital mobilization, impact investing education, and regenerative finance solutions. Its offerings can be found on the the 3i Sustainability Platform.

4IP Group is also an aspiring impact fund manager through The Invisible Heart Ventures Fund No.2 which intends to bridge the worlds of faith, finance, and innovation to catalyze equitable development.

To learn more, visit www.4ipgroup.com or engage with us on the 3i Platform.³

³ 4IP Group - <https://tribe.3isustainability.com/spaces/18127967/content>



Annex :

1st SRG Faith and Impact Forum

"Faith, Innovation, and Impact: Building a Sustainable Future Together"

May 21 – 23, 2025

Antonianum . Rome

Italy

AGENDA

Time	DESCRIPTION
8:00 – 8:30 30 mins	Registration
8:30 – 8:45 15 mins	Opening Song Prayer National Anthems
8:45 – 8:55 10 mins	Keynote Address: 1 st SRG Faith and Impact Forum with the Theme Faith, Innovation, and Impact: Building a Sustainable Future Together Welcome: Fr. Victor Gonzaga, OSA, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Rome, Italy Inspirational Message: Dr. Glenda Antonio, Founder, President and CEO, Spring Rain Global, Philippines



Day 1 Title: "Faith and Impact: Empowering Sustainable Collaboration"	
9:00 – 1015 (75 mins)	Plenary Session 1 – Panel Faith as a Catalyst for Systemic Change Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sveta Benarjee Swiss Impact Investing Network, Switzerland- Dr. Glenda Antonio, Founder, President and CEO, Spring Rain Global, Philippines- Mr. Kurt Peleman Director Special Projects, AVPN, Belgium- Andreas Dudas, President of BE SHIRO Foundation, Switzerland- Dr. Dominique Delporte, G100 Humanity Technology Innovation, France Panel Moderator: Christine Housel, Multilateral Group, Switzerland
10:15 – 10:30 (15 mins)	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:45 (75 mins)	Plenary Session 2 – Panel Collaborative Philanthropy: Approach to Community Resilience Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fr. Victor Gonzaga, OSA - Chairman of Spring Rain Global, Rome Italy- Ms. Corito Bautista, CEO, Defending Family Values, Philippines- Ms Laura Lucci, Head of Private Sector Partnerships, UNHCR Italy- Ms. Mae Paner, Kawa Pilipinas, Philippines- Ms. Stephanie Lucero, Spring Rain Global, USA- Msgr. Joseph Erestain - Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines Panel Moderator: Ms Dini Septiani, AVPN SouthEast Asia Regional Director, Indonesia
1145 – 13:15	Lunch Break



13.30 – 15:00 (90 mins)	<p><u>Breakout Session 1 - Room1</u></p> <p>Cultivating Generosity: Interfaith Approaches to Sustainable Giving</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Christine Housel, Multilateral Group, Switzerland- Fr Alwen Jimenez, Diocese of San Carlos, Philippines- Christopher Mbanefo, Member of the Executive Committee of Club of Rome, Switzerland <p>Panel Moderator: Fr Czar Emmanuel Alvarez, OSA, Philippines</p>
	<p><u>Break Out Session 1 - Room 2</u></p> <p>Measuring Impact: Tools for Faith-Based Initiatives</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fr Gerald Borja, CM, SRG Foundation, Philippines- Rev. Emmanuel Ansah, Kingdom Equip Network, Ghana- Nadia Balgobin, ETHIC Minds Institute, Switzerland <p>Panel Moderator: Dr. Lillian Koh, CEO, Fintech Academy, Singapore</p>
15:00 -15:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:15 –16:45 (90 mins)	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 - Room 1</u></p> <p>Innovative Funding for Faith-Based Initiatives</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fr. Lord Winner, CMF, Rome, Italy- Audrey Mwala, Founder Sycamore International Ltd, Malawi (online)- Ms. Rachel Ooi, Singapore <p>Panel Moderator: Mr. Christian Regnicoli, Switzerland</p>
	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 - Room 2</u></p> <p>Stories of Impact: Faith in Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laura Lucci, UNHCR, Rome Italy- Ms. Corito Bautista, Faith Based Tourism, Philippines- Bishop Allan Dialogo, Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines <p>Panel Moderator: Msgr. Joseph Erestain, Philippines</p>
16:45 – 18:00	<p>Networking and Collaboration Break</p>
18:00 – 19:30	<p>Film Showing: The Golden Ticket Journey</p>



Day 2: Innovative Financing for Social Change	
9:00 – 10:15 15 mins	<p>Philanthropy at the Grassroots “Harnessing Collective Power for Social Change”</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bishop Gerry Alminaza, Diocese of San Carlos, Philippines- Fr. Orven Gonzaga, CP President, SRG PDO Ecosystem, Philippines- Fr. Gerald Borja, CM, CEO, SRG Foundation, Philippines- Bishop Allan Dialogo, Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines <p>Panel Moderator: Mr. Vincent Lim, SRG Singapore</p>
10:15 – 10:30 15 mins	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30 – 11:45	<p>Plenary Session 2</p> <p>Unlocking Capital: Innovative Financing Models for Social Impact</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Rachel, OOI, Singapore- Mr. Christian Kingombe, CEO, Managing Partner 4IP Group Geneva, Switzerland- Mr. Andrea Curreri, Rome, Italy- Fr. Lord Winner, CMF, Rome Italy <p>Panel Moderator: Dr. Glenda Antonio, CEO, Spring Rain Global, Philippines</p>
11:45 – 13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Breakout Session 1 - Room 1</p> <p>Impact Investing: Aligning Values with Financial Goals</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Christian Kingombe, 4IP Consulting, Switzerland- Mr. Vincent Lim, SRG Singapore <p>Panel Moderator: Christopher Mbanefo, Member Executive Committee Club of Rome, CEO OXI-ZEN, Switzerland</p>



13.30 – 15:00 (90 mins)	<p><u>Break Out Session 1 - Room 2</u></p> <p>Sustainable Funding Models for Diverse Initiatives</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fr Lord Winner, CMF, Rome Italy- Mary Jean Bürer, Sustainability Expert, Switzerland- Dr Eno Agbor, CEO, LOPPEX, UK (online) <p>Panel Moderator: Mr. Andrea Cureri, Rome Italy</p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:15 – 16:45	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 - Room 1</u></p> <p>Blended Finance: Designing Collaborative Models for Inclusive Impact</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Eloi Offue, Oufsson International Advisory, London UK- Christian Regnicoli, CAIA Zurich Switzerland- Ms. Nadia Balgobin, Ethic Minds Institute, Switzerland <p>Panel Moderator: Ms. Ann Marie Baring, SRG Philippines</p>
15:15 – 16:45	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 - Room 2</u></p> <p>Faith, Spirituality and Social Enterprises: Driving Change Through Purpose"</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Andreas Dudas, President of BE SHIRO Foundation, Switzerland- Antoinette Hearing, Coach and member of Circle of Impact, Switzerland- Msgr . Joseph Erestain, Vicar General, Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines. <p>Panel Moderator: Fr Czchar Alvarez, OSA, Philippines</p>
16:45 – 18:00	<p>Networking and Collaboration</p>



Day 3 - Capacity Building and Collaborative Solutions

9:00 – 10:15	<p><u>Plenary Session 1</u></p> <p>SRG Philanthropy Model of Excellence: A Framework for Sustainable Development</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Glenda Antonio, Author - SRG 7 Pillar Capacitation Model, Philippines- Ms Stephanie Lucero, SRG US- Mr. Vincent Lim, SRG Singapore- Ms Nadia Balgobin, ETHIC MINDS Institute, Switzerland <p>Panel Moderator: Dr Lillian Koh</p>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
10:30 – 11:45	<p><u>Plenary Session 2</u></p> <p>"Synergizing Efforts: Cultivating Partnerships for Transformative Impact"</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Adrian Phang, Singapore- Mr. Basil Kannangara, CEO, Being Bridges, Singapore
11:45 – 13:30	<p>Lunch Break</p>
13.30 – 15:00	<p><u>Breakout Session 1 - Room1</u></p> <p>Empowering Communities through Capacity Building": Implementing the 7 Pillars: Strategies for Inclusive Success"- SRG 7 pillar Bootcamp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Glenda Antonio, Author - SRG 7 Pillar Capacitation Model, Philippines- Ms Nadia Balgobin, ETHIC MINDS Institute, Switzerland



13.30 – 15:00	<p><u>Break Out Session 1- Room 2</u></p> <p>Measuring Impact: Tools for Capacity Building Initiatives: Leveraging Technology</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Lillian Koh, CEO, Fintech Academy, Singapore- Wil Mellor-Blair, Serial Entrepreneur, Performance Intelligence, UK (TBC) <p>Panel Moderator: Christopher Mbanefo, Member Executive Committee Club of Rome, CEO OXI-ZEN</p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p>Coffee Break</p>
15:15- 16:45	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 - Room1</u></p> <p>Collaborative Solutions for Social Impact</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms Antonia Hopkinson, CEO, Hootzpa.com, UK- Ms. Kirsche Walker, Consultant, UK- Christopher Mbanefo, Member Executive Committee Club of Rome CEO OXI-ZEN, Switzerland <p>Panel Moderator: Ann Marie Baring, SRG Philippines</p>
15:15- 16:45	<p><u>Breakout Session 2 – Room 2</u></p> <p>Creating Sustainable Funding Models for Capacity Building</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fr Lord Winner, CMF – Grant Funding on Capacitation, Rome Italy- Fr. Gerald Borja, CM, CEO SRG Foundation Inc, Philippines <p>Panel Moderator: Mr. Vincent Lim, SRG Singapore</p>



16:45 –
15:30 pm

Closing Plenary

Moving Forward Together: Cultivating Faith-Driven Impact for a Sustainable Future

Speakers

- **Dr. Glenda Miro Antonio, Founder, President and CEO, Spring Rain Global, Philippines**
- **Advisory Board Members**