



THE ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO, FROM 19 TO 21 NOVEMBER ONLINE FOR A NEW PEOPLE-ORIENTED ECONOMY

Pope Francis' video message to young people connected from all over the world

The Economy of Francesco, an international event featuring young economists and entrepreneurs from all over the world, will kick off on **Thursday 19 November** and will be live streamed on the francescoeconomy.org portal. It has been confirmed that, to conclude this three-day event, **Pope Francis** will virtually participate with a video message to the young participants connected online with the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi. For the occasion, on **21 November at 11 pm** (Italian time), the monument to **Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro** will be lit up with the symbolic colours of The Economy of Francesco: green, brown and yellow.

The event will begin at 2 pm with *Listen to the cry of the poorest to transform the earth*, a video by the International Movement ATD Fourth World, the message of the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, **Cardinal Peter Turkson**, and a welcome address from the Organising Committee. The conferences will be opened by the economist **Jeffrey Sachs** with "Perfecting Joy: three proposals to let life flourish".

'Thanks to Saint Francis and Pope Francis, the world's largest movement of young economists has been founded. This is the kind of news that society and the Church need today,' said **Luigino Bruni**, Scientific Director of The Economy of Francesco.

The online version of the event will allow all the young people registered (2,000 from 120 countries) to participate under the same conditions and to share the experiences they have gained over the last few months as well as their work, proposals and thoughts. It will be an innovative, inclusive and global digital event. There will be 4 hours of live streaming per day and a 24-hour marathon, on 20 November, with the contribution of young people connecting from 20 different countries. Assisi will be hosting the directors of the event, with live reports from historic places that played a key role in Saint Francis' life: Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, Church of San Damiano, Sanctuary of Rivotorto, Basilica of Saint Clare, Sanctuary of the Spoliation and Palazzo Monte Frumentario.

The initiative was developed in response to the invitation that the Holy Father made on 1 May 2019, on the occasion of Saint Joseph's Day, to economists, students, businessmen and businesswomen under the age of 35. Pope Francis intends to initiate a process of global change involving young people and a team of qualified experts in order to build a more just, fraternal, inclusive and sustainable economy today and in the future, without leaving anyone behind. The next event, which will be a physical event, will be held, once again, in the city of Saint Francis in the autumn of 2021, when it will be possible for everyone to participate safely.

It will be organised by an Organising Committee made up of: Diocese of Assisi, Serafico Institute, Municipality of Assisi, Economy of Communion, and with the support, on behalf of the Holy See, of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, which sponsors the initiative and the Franciscan Families.

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ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO | HOW TO PARTICIPATE

To participate in the event, go to francescoeconomy.org/ and click on the dedicated live streaming page. The 12 thematic villages, which have been turned into online work sessions that these young people have been working on over the last few months, are: *Work and Care; Management and Gift; Finance and Humanity; Agriculture and Justice; Energy and Poverty; Vocation and Profit; Policies and Happiness; CO2 of Inequalities; Business and Peace; Women for Economy; Businesses in transition; Life and Lifestyle*. The conferences will feature world-renowned speakers, including **Nobel Prize winner Muhammad Yunus** and, among others, economists and experts such as **Kate Raworth, Jeffrey Sachs, Vandana Shiva, Stefano Zamagni, Mauro Magatti, Juan Camilo Cardenas, Jennifer Nedelsky, Sr. Cécile Renouard** as well as many experienced and skilled entrepreneurs. Speakers will also listen to what the young participants have to say, also through individual interviews and in interactive sessions open to a limited number of participants.

ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO | SOME EVENTS

On 19 November, from 3:40 pm to 4:30 pm, “Perfecting Joy: three proposals to let life flourish” with Jeffrey Sachs, Ilaria Schnyder von Wartensee and Stefano Bartolini; “Peace economics and industrial reconversion: a recovery plan for the world”, with Raul Caruso, Juan Camilo Cárdenas and Susy Snyder. From 4:30 pm to 5:20 pm, “Experiences in ecological and social transition communities”, with Sr. Cécile Renouard.

On 20 November, from 2:10 pm to 3 pm, “Generativity, Relational Goods and Civil Economy” with Mauro Magatti, Consuelo Corradi and Leonardo Becchetti; from 4:40 pm to 5:30 pm “An economy of abundance: how to foster bottom-up development?”, with Vandana Shiva and Pauline Effa. At the same time, “Work & Care: New pillars of work”, with Jennifer Nedelsky, Paolo Foglizzo and Francesco Baroni.

On 21 November, from 3 pm to 3:50 pm, “We are all developing countries”, with Kate Raworth and John Perkins.

The full programme is available on francescoeconomy.org.

ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO | THE NUMBERS

More than 3,300 registrations have been received for The Economy of Francesco, with over 2,000 participants from 120 countries, mainly from Italy, Brazil, USA, Argentina, Spain, Portugal, France, Mexico, Germany and the UK. More than 120 countries connected to the event.

27 online preparatory conferences from May to October streamed on Facebook and YouTube:

Countries connected – More than 40 including Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Ivory Coast, Korea, Portugal, Cameroon, Poland, Colombia, Nigeria, Brazil, Spain, Switzerland, India, Chile, Belgium, Ireland, South Africa, Botswana, Cuba, Mexico, the Philippines, Uganda and Pakistan.

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Views – 45,569

Users connected – 23,334

Hours viewed – 7,713

Participants in The Economy of Francesco from 19 to 21 November:

Average age/gender/level of education – A total of 2,000 people under the age of 35 from all over the world, 56% men and 44% women, will participate in the digital event. They are economists, entrepreneurs, students, changemakers and social workers driven by the common goal of building a more just, sustainable world

The conferences – Young economists and entrepreneurs registered to the event will have the chance to interact with international speakers. The conferences will be accessible to everyone from the official website

Experiences – 5 experiences shared by young people connected from Mexico, Lebanon, Brazil, Uganda and Italy

Countries connected – 120

Live streaming – The entire event will be live streamed. A total of 4 hours a day and a 24-hour marathon, on 20 November, with the contribution of young people connecting from 20 different countries

The locations – The main location will be the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi, with live reports from 5 other important places in the Saint's life: Sanctuary of Rivotorto, Church of San Damiano, Basilica of Saint Clare, Sanctuary of the Spoliation and Palazzo Monte Frumentario

The connected squares – Participants from different countries have created HUBS, which are facilities where people can watch the event together, if Covid-19 regulations allow it. In this way, other young people and entire communities can also be involved and share an insightful experience even after watching the event online. To date, HUBS have been accredited in more than 25 countries, 13 in Italy alone: <https://francescoeconomy.org/it/eof-hubs/>.

PRESS ACCREDITATION

Journalists applying for accreditation must submit their request to the Press Office of the Sacred Convent of Assisi by sending an e-mail to accrediti@sanfrancesco.org, at the latest by Wednesday, 18 November at 5:30 pm, specifying their personal details (name, surname, place and date of birth), position and phone numbers, attaching a letter from the editor-in-chief of the newspaper they work for. Journalists and media operators already accredited with the Holy See Press Office will simply need to send their personal details and phone numbers, attaching a copy of their valid ordinary accreditation card (it will not be necessary to send a letter of request from the newspaper's editor-in-chief).

In accordance with the Covid-19 regulations in force, the press cannot be admitted to the event. Therefore, all sessions can be watched live on the official channels of The Economy of Francesco www.francescoeconomy.org.

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By requesting accreditation, journalists will be able to receive multimedia materials and texts related to the international event. Accredited journalists can request to interview the speakers or the young people participating by sending an e-mail to accrediti@sanfrancesco.org.

In any case, journalists can request to participate in the sessions in person by sending an e-mail to the head of the Information Office, Father Enzo Fortunato, and to the head of the Press Office, Roberto Pacilio, at salastampa@sanfrancesco.org. In any case, the Communications Office will decide whether or not they can attend, in accordance with Covid-19 regulations.

Multimedia materials, the programme, information and the full speeches are available at the following link:

<https://goo.gl/kkt14Q>

This was announced by **Father Enzo Fortunato**, head of the Information Office.