

UNIAPAC World Congress 2024 – Resolutions

We are here as pilgrims coming from Rome, our last World Congress in 2022, looking towards the Jubilee Year in 2025 which we will also celebrate in Rome in May. In 2022, Pope Francis and Cardinal Czerny challenged us to look for inspiration leading to action, being creative and act with courage, like God our Father and patron saint, to live the business responsibility as a noble vocation. Business has to make the world a better place. Are we Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti leaders?

Uniapac's pillars for action are **INSPIRE, REPRESENT, ENCOUNTER, CONVERSION** with people coming together with enthusiasm and sharing with open minds. It is good for the Congress to take place in Asia, which allows us to change perspectives, for us to gain new insights: as UNIAPAC we want to be more rooted in Asian culture and people. In some way conversion, creativity and the poor have been present at the Congress. The concepts of harmony, balance and care were present.

Tackling inequalities for the Common Good is a mandatory challenge. It requires dignity, virtue and exploring pathways, building bridges and shifting spaces through spirituality-based business models. Doing meaningful things is the best way for facing inequalities. We need to live by example, or else others won't follow. Inequalities do lead to a lack of participation and potential abuse of dominance, which are dangerous for fair play and inclusion. Confronted with vast and increasing inequalities in today's world, we need to invest the idea of care for:

- our common home, our creation, the poor and vulnerable, not doing something for them but with them;
- the realities and planetary boundaries that are not unlimited;
- the challenge of ethical investment.

There is hope. Positive changes are possible. Collecting and sharing evidence supports our courage and helps us to overcome fear.

Global Business for the Common Good means doing well by doing good is part of the solution for doing good business in line with our vocation and addressing inequalities. The disruption of the labour markets is a sign that change is unavoidable. Strengthening education and training is essential for sustaining the future for society and for business.

The Economy of Francesco supports the growth of a new soul in the economy and financial markets. Pope Francis challenges youth leaders, "*don't be administrators of fears but entrepreneurs of dreams*"! Develop a social business model for a more humane economy! In our thinking we need to replace words like "maximisation" to change mindset.

Supporting this vision, the **UNIAPAC protocol** for business leaders and organisations is a strategic tool for this journey, having integrated the common good economy principles. With

its help, we want to build relationships with entrepreneurs worldwide, creating shared value with the Economy of Francesco of young people and UNIAPAC.

We want to **face uncertainty** and discussed AI at its related challenges with the aim to shape our responsibility around ethics, for AI centred on human dignity and guided by faith. Fears, concerns and challenges around AI need to be framed. AI, like any other tool is neither good nor bad by itself. Its ethical values depend on how we use it and who benefits by it. With God's graces we need a framework that ensures that AI works for everyone and not just for profit and efficiency but for the common good and human flourishing and that's our will.

We are committed to practicing Christian social thinking in businesses and to making a difference. **Faith and action have to meet**, as a sign of the times. There is hope, meaning big changes are possible. This way we move away from scepticism. We should deepen our roots with our respective peripheries and make a difference all together.

We commit to promoting the UNIAPAC Protocol.

We want to sustain inter-generational dialogue and leadership together with the young entrepreneurs under the roof of the Economy of Francesco.

We will play our role to prevent AI from being abused.

We conclude that we need to increase our commitment to train on global challenges and its responses.

All of this will require active representation towards different institutions and partnerships.

We conclude: In our remit of influence, harmony is business, people and nature in balance. We need to continue sharing inspirational stories supporting our developing of action around fostering prosperity and reducing inequalities in a concrete way. This will also reinforce our contribution to the next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs.

The Encyclica He Loved Us, *Dilexit nos*, published recently, can help us see *"that the teaching of the social Encyclicals Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti is not unrelated to our encounter with the love of Jesus Christ. For it is by drinking of that same love that we become capable of forging bonds of fraternity, of recognizing the dignity of each human being, and of working together to care for our common home (217).*

We have received an additional calling, showing us that the purpose of the common good and contribution to the integral development of humanity is intimately linked to love as we know it from traditional charity.

The world needs UNIAPAC for integral development of the human person, prosperity and the sustainability of our planet. We have critical mass as a network of transformative leaders for new hope, social justice, love and peace.

