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The Conference, organized by the Foundation for World Wide Cooperation chaired by Romano Prodi, is under the auspices of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, the Association of the Mediterranean Academies. The Conference will benefit from the extraordinary attendance of experts from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

By simply 'blossoming' spontaneously out of any form of development planning, many 'new technologies' help basic needs.

Technologies often 'jumpstart' fast processes of modernization and contribute to leapfrogging solutions to poverty.

Infrastructure and technology have a direct positive impact on social inclusion given their grass root nature and the high level of connectivity they embed in societies.

Monday May 11

09.00-18.00 **Oratorio del Gonfalone**
Via del Gonfalone, 32/a

All participants sitting around the same table

09.00 **Registration**

09.30 **Opening remarks: The Vision**

Chair: *Romano Prodi*

Paolo Gentiloni - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Jason Pontin - President and Publisher of MIT Technology Review

Cristina Russo - Director International R&D Cooperation, European Commission

Keynote speech:

Jin-Yong Cai - Executive Vice President and CEO International Finance Corporation
(IFC), World Bank

11.00-11.15 Coffee Break

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11.15   **SESSION 1**
Health and Food

Chair: *Rob Vos* - FAO, Director Social Protection Division

Co-Chair: *Andrea Cuomo* - President, 3SUN

Introductory Speech: *Rob Vos* - FAO, Director Social Protection Division

Contributions by:

Alice Fanti - CEFA Onlus

Jennifer Elisseeff - Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

Albert Farrugia - Kedrion

Arrigo Pallotti - Professor of African Studies, University of Bologna

José Costa Pereira - European External Action Service, European Commission

Michael Plummer - Eni Professor of International Economics, Paul H. Nitze School, Johns Hopkins University, Bologna Center

Massimo Ricottili - Professor of Economics, University of Bologna

Open discussion of all participants

Summary and conclusion

Wu Guobao - Division of poverty and Development Finance at the Rural Development Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Science

12.15   **SESSION 2**
Energy

Chair: ***Ernesto Ciorra*** - Head of Innovation and Sustainability Direction ENEL

Co-Chair: ***Vijay Modi*** - The Earth Institute, Columbia University

Introductory Speech: ***Vijay Modi*** - The Earth Institute, Columbia University

Contributions by:

Andrea Cuomo - President, 3SUN

Giambattista De Ghetto - Senior Vice President ENI ,Technical Assurance,
Development Operations & Technology

Faris Hasan - Director General, Opec Fund for International Development (OFID)

Anne Houtman - Principle Adviser to DG Energy, European Commission

Ahmed Hamdy - Director General, African Union Scientific, Technical, and Research

Jean George Malcor – CEO CGG

Ernesto Marcias - President Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE)

Ewa Wojkowska - Co-Founder and COO KOPERNIK

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Ernesto Ciorra - Head of Innovation and Sustainability Direction ENEL

13.30   **Lunch**

14.50   Afternoon Introductory Speech:

Cardinal *Peter Turkson* - President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

Jeffrey Sachs - Director Earth Institute, Columbia University

Connectivity as a Universal Human Right

Nicholas Negroponte - Co-founder MediaLab, MIT

15.40   **SESSION 3**
Connectivity (Communication and Learning)

Chair: *Mo Ibrahim* - President Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Co-Chair: *Nicholas Negroponte* - Co-founder MediaLab, MIT

Introductory Speech: *Mo Ibrahim* - President Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Contributions by:

Vittorio Colao - CEO Vodafone (video message)

Mamadou Kaba Traoré - President of AUST (African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, Nigeria), Professor in Computer Science

Bruce Krogh - Director of Carnegie Mellon University Rwanda

Ludger Kühnhardt - Director, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI), Bonn

Angelo Petrosillo – CEO Blackshape, CCO Sitael

Shamas-ur-Rehman Toor, Ph.D - Islamic Development Bank

Stefano Stangoni - Head of Global Banking & Transaction, Intesa Sanpaolo

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Didier Lombard - Former CEO France Telecom

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16.45   **Round Table of Industry and Finance Leaders**

Chair: *Jason Pontin* - President and Publisher of MIT Technology Review

Partecipants:

Mo Ibrahim - President Mo Ibrahim Foundation

Jean George Malcor – CEO CGG

Giovanna Melandri - President Human Foundation, Social Impact Investment

Taskforce G8

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17.45   **Final Remarks:**

Ertharin Cousin - Executive Director of the United Nations World Food

Programme

Conclusion and Press Conference

Romano Prodi