

Programme Committee of The Club of Rome

Key Proposals as of 8.10.2003

Mission of The Club of Rome

The Club of Rome is a global catalyst for change. It is a policy-oriented change agent and an active contributor to the development of humankind beyond just talking. The Club of Rome acts as a seismograph and an early warning system to identify future challenges for humanity before they appear from over the horizon. As such, The Club of Rome acts as an eye-opener. To increase the Club's effectiveness in pursuing the above mission, it is proposed that agreement be reached for a set of programme activities over the next years

1. Definition of Top Topic

The Programme Committee proposes to structure the future work and activities of The Club of Rome along four central topics. All current and future initiatives should adhere to this systematic approach:

- **Responsible cultural and social development** This topic draws its strength from the cultural diversity of the Club of Rome membership.
- **Responsible scientific and technologic development(!** including the psychological relationship of humanity towards existing and new technologies) This topic draws on the quality of the Club of Rome as a cross-sectoral group of eminent scientists, academics, and other experts that comprises a large number of specialisation.
- **Responsible economic and environmental development** This topic would also guarantee the link with the sustainability debate that is since the publication of the report "Limits to Growth" a hallmark of The Club of Rome.
- **Responsible human security and international law development** This topic is of special relevance in the current global environment and draws its strength from the capacity of The Club of Rome to influence global thinking.

The Club of Rome and its Executive Committee would make an effort to drive these topics ahead, concentrating on their advancement while not losing sight of alternative issues developing. There could be a 3-step approach to determine the future agenda:

1. What issues are dividing the world and where are the problems?
2. Are those topics adequately covered by an existing international organisation?
3. What could be the concrete role of The Club of Rome in advancing the thinking and understanding in this area?

Deriving from the above analysis, some prescriptive thought, not pretending to offer solutions to the various global problems, but exploring 'ways of facilitating solutions' to be found in the future by the international community, both in its public and private sectoral form. Thus, some focus on institutional reform required over the next decade for improved governance, especially at the regional and global levels.

2. The Reports to The Club of Rome

The Club of Rome reports and statements would be designed to respond exclusively to the above thematic approach, and aimed to be delivered by the Club's President to the international community at the highest levels through the UNSG, heads of state and governments, corporate and civil society leaders, and the media.

3. The Format of Future Annual Assemblies

The content of the future Annual Assemblies would adhere to the Top Topics structure while allowing for the integration of regional special topics that would enrich the debates taking advantage of the rotating structure of Annual Assemblies from country to country.

Potential Structural Set-up

Wednesday

Evening Welcome Cocktail and joint Dinner, for members only

Thursday

Joint Breakfast
Early morning General Assembly of the members
Late morning First plenary session
Joint Lunch
Early afternoon First breakout sessions
Late afternoon Second plenary session
Evening Official reception, opening of the assembly to outside guests

Friday

Joint Breakfast
Morning Third plenary session
Joint Lunch
Early afternoon Second breakout sessions
Late afternoon Fourth plenary session
Evening Official reception

Saturday

Morning /Afternoon Joint social programme with excursion.