

The “Dolomite Manifesto” on the Global Governance of Climate Change

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Agenda for COP 28

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15:30 – 16:00: The 8 points of the “*Dolomite Manifesto*” and the Dolomite Conference on the Global Governance of Climate Change as an international problem-solving platform;

16:00 – 16:30: The students from the Master’s in Transformative Sustainability (Bocconi University and Politecnico of Milan) illustrate the solutions emerged from 4 Problem – Solving Groups at the conference: 1) Beyond ESG; 2) Climate Change and a Global Democracy; 3) Neutral Cities; 4) Energy Transition as a lever for Social Justice.

16:30 – 17:00: Focus on one proposal from the Dolomite Manifesto – “Loss and Damage”

“At a time when we should be accelerating action, there is backtracking. At a time when we should be filling gaps, those gaps are growing. We are hurtling towards disaster, eyes wide open – with far too many willing to bet it all on wishful thinking”.

The UN Secretary General, **Antonio Gutierrez** recently warned that we risk falling into dangerous acquiescence. Indeed, the battle for mitigating (or adapting to) climate change appears to have lost political steam. And yet, “we” (as part of the community of institutions, scientists, companies, media advocating the adoption of a new paradigm) also ought to quickly acknowledge that we have made some fundamental mistakes. The support of people to the agenda on climate change is not just optional: it is **the energy we need to transform our societies, our cities, our families, the way individuals and institutions behave**. We need to engage people and not just lecture them on what they should do. And the paradox is that people are already part of the battle; after all they are the first to feel the heat. Vision Think Tank and its partners have thus conveyed a four-day meeting (from 5 to 8 October 2023), the **Dolomite Conference on the Global Governance of Climate Change**, where more than 80 intellectuals, students, policymakers, entrepreneurs, managers, journalists, political and natural scientists tried to find a common ground, a common language. To launch “actions beyond the (too many) words spent on climate change”. And give a new hope to future generations.

The conference was articulated in multidisciplinary Plenary Sessions and with 4 different Problem-Solving Groups, aimed at developing concrete proposals to the issue of climate change. The conference has addressed the topic of climate change from different points of view, considering issues as the **reform of the Bretton Woods Institutions, climate change and migration, the future of renewable energy, the Middle East and the green transition, gender/age perceptions of climate change** - and much more. The Dolomite Manifesto, putting together 8 key proposals emerged from the Dolomite Conference, was elaborated to be presented at COP 28. Vision Think Tank will start its intervention with a brief presentation of the Manifesto and the Dolomite Conference, explaining the particular format it followed and how the initiative led to those 8 key proposals. Then, the students of the Bocconi-Politecnico of Milan Master’s in Transformative Sustainability will elaborate more on some key solutions emerged in the 4 Problem-Solving Groups at the conference; finally, there will be a specific focus on the creation of a Loss and Damage Fund.