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MISSION **REPORT** 2024



Hiroshima, Japan - July 10th, 2024. Participants to the event "AI Ethics for Peace: World Religions commit to the Rome Call" gathered for a group photo.

The New Signatories

Rev. Munemichi Kurozumi	Chief Patriarch of Kurozumikyo Shinto	Kurozumi kyo
Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia	Spiritual Leader and Chairman of Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha	Sikh
Most Rev. Mitsuo Miyake	Chief Senior Minister of the Konko Church of Izuo	Konkokyo
Rev. Choe Jong Su	President of Sungkyunkwan, President of Korean Conference of Religions for Peace	Confucianism
Rev. Kosho Niwano	President-designate of Rissho Kosei-kai, Co-moderator of Religions for Peace International	Rissho Kosei-kai
Dr. Chinmay Pandya	Pro Vice Chancellor of Dev Sanskriti University	Hindu
Rev. Shigeki Takehiro	Chairman of Zenrinkyo	Zenrinkyo
Dr. David Rutstein	Secretary General of Bahá'í International Community	Bahá'í

2024 MAIN EVENT

July 9th – 10th, Hiroshima, Japan

Joint signature of the Rome Call for AI Ethics by 11 World Religions

The main event in 2024 was the interreligious signing of the Rome Call in Hiroshima, Japan, by eleven World Religions. **AI Ethics for Peace**, an historic multi-religious event held on July 9th and 10th, brought together sixteen new signatories, thirteen nations in attendance, and more than 150 participants.

The event was greeted by Pope Francis with a dedicated tweet and a message, which read, "Recognizing the contribution of the cultural riches of peoples and religions in the regulation of artificial intelligence is key to the success of your commitment to the wise management of technological innovation."

On July 10th, religious leaders representing various faiths of the Eastern world (such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá'í and many other), accompanied by leaders of the Abrahamic religions (Christians, Jews and Muslims), signed the Rome Call for AI Ethics in the evocative venue of Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, in the presence of top representatives of the Japanese Government and of big tech Microsoft, IBM, and Cisco.

In the same day, the organizing partners (Pontifical Academy for Life, Religions for Peace Japan, Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace of the United Arab Emirates, Commission for Interreligious Relations of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel) presented a document named **Hiroshima Appeal**, in which, in addition to reiterating the need to use AI only for the good of humanity and the planet, they urged the international community to use peaceful ways to resolve any conflict in order to achieve an immediate cessation of all armed conflicts.

Dr. David Rutstein	Secretary General of Bahá'í International Community	Bahá'í
Rev. Tsunehito Tanaka	President of Shinsei-Kai	Shinsei-kai
Mr. Phallop Thaiarry	President of World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB)	Buddhism
Most Ven. Gijun Sugitani	Chief Priest of the Myoho-in Temple, Tendai Buddhism, President of Religions for Peace Japan	Religions for Peace Japan
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman	President of Yeshiva University	Yeshiva University
Prof. Kathy Matsui	Professor of Seisen University	Board of RfP Japan
Prof. Amany Lubis	Rector, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University	Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University
Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake	Chair of the Board, International Shinto Studies Association	Board of RfP Japan
Msg. Alexis Mitsuru Shirahama	Bishop of Hiroshima	Partner of RfP Japan

THE IDENTITY OF THE RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION AND ITS MISSION

Established on 12th April 2021 by Pope Francis, the RenAIssance Foundation is a non-profit organization and has as its institutional purpose the promotion of anthropological and ethical reflection about the effects of new technologies on human life.



Vision

In the Foundation's **vision** of the future, technology will be at the service of human beings, respecting the dignity of each individual without causing any harm to humanity, protecting the common home that hosts every form of life.

Mission

As part of its **mission**, RenAIssance Foundation promotes:

- the signature of the Rome Call as a lever for the adoption of algoethics by design;
- joint reflection and discussion by representatives of civil society and government, businesses, the technology community, academia, and religions to identify ethical principles to be applied in the development and adoption of AI;
- a sense of shared responsibility among all stakeholders who are signatories to the Rome Call;
- scientific reflection through the work of its own Study Centre.



Highlights



January 1st

Pope Francis dedicates the 57th World Day of Peace to “Artificial Intelligence and Peace”.



February 2nd

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India signs the Rome Call in Kerala, India.



February 27th

Prof. Paolo Benanti speaks at the AI Faith and Civil Society Commission's Meeting in Abu Dhabi, UAE.



March 13th

Prof. Paolo Benanti is Keynote Speaker at the event “AI and the Human Capital” held in Washington, DC.



April 16th

Prof. Paolo Benanti speaks about AI and democratic values at the G7 of the Practice of Law in Rome, Italy.



April 19th

Father Andrea Ciucci speaks about “AI and the world of work” at the European Future Talks 2024 in Dublin, Ireland.



April 24th

Chuck Robbins, Chair and CEO of Cisco, signs the Rome Call for AI Ethics at the Vatican.



April 30th

The Church of England signs the Rome Call for AI Ethics in Rome, Italy.



May 17th

Abp. Vincenzo Paglia and Father Andrea Ciucci present the Rome Call to several tech companies in Washington, DC (USA).



May 26th – 30th

Prof. Paolo Benanti, as a member of the UN High-level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence, co-presents the Report “Governing AI for Humanity”.



June 4th and 5th

Prof. Paolo Benanti presents the Rome Call at the Episcopal Commission for the Doctrine of the Faith.



June 5th and 12th

Father Andrea Ciucci presents the Rome Call at the Catholic University of Bilbao and at Blanquerna - Ramon Llull University in Barcelona, Spain.



June 14th

Pope Francis mentions the Rome Call and its principles at the G7 Session on Artificial Intelligence in Borgo Egnazia, Italy.

July 9th - 10th

Sixteen new signatories of eleven World Religions sign the Rome Call within "AI Ethics for Peace", an historic multi-religious event held in Hiroshima, Japan.

September 2nd - 6th

Prof. Paolo Benanti speaks at REAIM - Responsible AI in the Military domain Summit in Seoul, Korea, about the implications of AI on international Peace and society.

September 20th

Abp. Paglia presents the Rome Call at the 19th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, in Monterrey, Mexico.

September 25th

Abp. Paglia presents his book "The Algorithm of Life".

September 28th

Abp. Paglia gives the commencement speech at the Institut Catholique de la Méditerranée in Marseille, France.

October 15th

Prof. Paolo Benanti speaks at the G7 of Disability in Perugia, Italy, about how AI can help people with disabilities.

October 21st - 23rd

Prof. Paolo Benanti speaks at IEEE MetroXRINE 2024 in London, UK, about AI and its Ethical Implications.

October 29th

The seven Universities of Region Campania, Italy, sign the Rome Call in Naples, Italy.

November 12th

ConfProfessioni, the main organization representing self-employed entrepreneurs in Italy, signs the Rome Call in Rome, Italy.

November 23rd and 24th

Prof. Paolo Benanti participates to the forum "Cité de la réussite 2024" at Sorbonne University in Paris, France.

December 2nd

Lutech Group signs the Rome Call in Rome, Italy.

"The Rome Call for AI Ethics embodies the spirit needed for global AI governance"

Amandeep Singh Gill

UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology



Highlights (details)

📍 April 24th, 2024, Rome, Italy

Cisco signs the Rome Call for AI Ethics

"AI is fundamentally changing our world – presenting vast opportunities, but also new challenges. For nearly 40 years Cisco has built the networks that connect people and organizations across the globe, and today we are building the critical infrastructure and security solutions that will power the AI revolution," said Chuck Robbins, Chair and CEO, Cisco, at the signing ceremony, which followed an audience with the Holy Father Francis at the Vatican. "The Rome Call principles align with Cisco's core belief that technology must be built on a foundation of trust at the highest levels in order to power an inclusive future for all."

"We are very pleased that Cisco joined the Rome Call because it is a company that plays a crucial role as a technology partner for the adoption and implementation of artificial intelligence by offering expertise in infrastructure, security and protection of AI data and systems", said Abp. Vincenzo Paglia. "From now on, we will look at how this can further grow to combine the already present corporate commitment with the ethical principles of the Rome Call."



📍 June 14th, Borgo Egnazia, Italy

G7 Session on Artificial Intelligence

[...] an ethical decision is one that takes into account not only an action's outcomes but also the values at stake and the duties that derive from those values.

That is why I welcomed both the 2020 signing in Rome of the **Rome Call for AI Ethics**, and its support for that type of ethical moderation of algorithms and artificial intelligence programs that I call "algor-ethics". In a pluralistic and global context, where we see different sensitivities and multiple hierarchies in the scales of values, it might seem difficult to find a single hierarchy of values. Yet, in ethical analysis, we can also make use of other types of tools: if we struggle to define a single set of global values, we can, however, find shared principles with which to address and resolve dilemmas or conflicts regarding how to live.

This is why the **Rome Call** was born: with the term "algor-ethics", a series of principles are condensed into a global and pluralistic platform that is capable of finding support from cultures, religions, international organizations and major corporations, which are key players in this development.

[From the address of Pope Francis at the G7 session on Artificial Intelligence](#)



SUPPORTERS OF THE ROME CALL








If you want to support the Rome Call for AI Ethics you can

- sign it as an organization or as an individual (endorser) at romecall.org/join-us
- make a donation to the RenAIssance Foundation to help build a future with humans at its center at www.romecall.org/renaissance-foundation/

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