

Dear members and representatives of our national associations

We want to welcome you all to 2024, with gratitude for all your efforts in the past year, and our best wishes for the coming year.

2024 will be a historic year on many fronts. It is anticipated to break many climate records including surpassing last year in terms of average global temperatures and increasing carbon concentration in the atmosphere. We are likely to see more billion-dollar insurance payout events than any past year. Four billion people in 40 countries will go to the polls to elect their leaders. Results of these elections will shape the political will for climate action. The Ukraine and Gaza wars continue unabated threatening to engulf entire regions in Europe and the Middle East and we know that we have never had so many conflicts and the potential for more on all of our doorsteps since the Second World War.

At The Club of Rome Secretariat we are starting the year with a strong team and significant activities. Later this month, the Executive Committee will be meeting to do a stock take and establish priorities for the year ahead. The Executive Committee will then continue to meet on a quarterly basis and we are already thinking about plans for our 2024 AGM later this year.

January has already ushered in a number of successful events and activities. In Davos, at the time of the World Economic Forum, several members presented at different events, four of which were organised by The Club of Rome with partners, including one together with the St Gallen Symposium on the New Generational Contract. In addition, a number of interventions were made on Earth4All, addressing growing inequality (including the publication of an OpEd in the Financial Times) and the need for new international cooperation. Toward the end of the month, we launched the Systems Transformation Hub in Brussels. 130 leaders attended the event in the European Parliament with an additional 200 watching online. The Hub has already been hailed as the new place to be for transformative EU policy change and stakeholder engagement.

On the horizon, we are working to enable the most ambitious goals for the UN International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024-2033, as a web of transdisciplinary science and policy actions, and we are actively involved in supporting the UN Summit of the Future through our Earth4All scenarios and new regional system dynamic modelling and the development of a simulator to use with different audiences from schools to policy makers. There are many more initiatives in motion in each of our five impact hubs—details of which will be shared in the upcoming meetings on each of the hubs. For more details on how to join see [here](#). We are pleased to see the interest shown by members in participating in our new series of Fireside Chats, and next month we will host a meeting to discuss communications.

We are aware that many members are eager for deeper involvement and these meetings are just the first step in working towards more direct member engagement in our activities. Paul has been trying to speak to as many members as possible since his appointment, and

we are always open to hearing your suggestions and feedback. In the coming weeks we will also be distributing a membership survey to get more insights from you that can be used to enhance our collaborations and processes.

We are poised at a moment of great transformations. This is the time to lean into the winds of change to bring about wellbeing for all on a healthy planet. With your help and involvement, we plan to do just that.

May this be a transformational year for you and for our mission of change!

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