

Dear friends of UNIAPAC,

We are delighted to share the UNIAPAC Activity Report 2016 which includes details of the events and activities that UNIAPAC International was involved in. Throughout 2016, UNIAPAC was active in partnership initiatives in close cooperation with UNIAPAC National Associations and International organizations such as, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the International Labour Organization, UNESCO, Catholic universities, and other partners of the private sector and civil society. Our main goal is to continue to provide greater support for our National Associations, to ensure the visibility of UNIAPAC through the promotion of a world economy that respects a person's dignity and the Common Good and to be a source of change in society. Many reflections were opened in our Conference Rome in November. It is up to us to take action in 2017!

Rodrigo Whitelaw, Uniapac International

## JANUARY - MARCH 2016

### 01 Public presentation of the UNIAPAC Foundation 5 Years Activity Report: document to be used for of the fundraising campaign. This document is available in English, French and Spanish

The UNIAPAC Foundation was founded in 2010. It aims to be a lever for funding, a vector of development, and a sounding board for the Uniapac International network as it constructs an economy at the service of human beings. The Mission of the Foundation is to work in favour of Uniapac National Associations from several angles. The first is intellectual: as a laboratory of innovative ideas, generating concrete responses to contemporary economic challenges. The second is strategic: funding the development of the Uniapac International network and speaking out on its behalf among international organisations and partner foundations. The third is pragmatic: fostering training and transformation for business leaders who wish to help construct a fairer and more responsible society. The launching of the document took place in the *Musée d'Art et d'Histoire du Judaïsme* in Paris on 20 February 2016 with the participation of 20 high level selected business leaders with the objective to have their support for the projects of Uniapac International.

➔ [To see the Activity Report](#)

### 02 Uniapac Think Tank meeting, March 2016, Paris on "Risks at the source of Life"

Uniapac invited the participants to reflect on this issue, to eventually rehabilitate the notion of risk as the basis of life within a society which refuses it and seeks, with its now almost unlimited technical means, to eliminate it. The work of the Think Tank will be nourished by the experiences of entrepreneurs mostly issued from UNIAPAC Associations and put into perspective with different high level contributors. The Think Tank meeting was divided into the following 3 panels: **PANEL I** : "High drama in the anthropology of risk" by **Dr Jonathan Skinner** Reader in Social Anthropology Department of Life Sciences, University of Roehampton, UK. **PANEL II** : "Systemic versus interpersonal risk: the alternative

of Catholic Social Thought and the 'civil economy' tradition," by **Dr Adrian Pabst**, Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Kent, UK, followed by an open discussion moderated by **Professor Michael Naughton**, director of the Center for Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas. The conclusions and final remarks presented by **Brian Griffiths**, Chairman of the Trustees of "the Centre for Enterprise, Markets and Ethics" (CEME), UK. **PANEL III** : "The notion of risk from a theological perspective" introduced by **Mgr. Osvaldo Neves de Almeida**, section for relations with States, Secretariat of State of the Holy See and presented by **Father Baudoin Roger**, co-director of the Department Men and Societies of the Collège des Bernardins, France. The Open discussion moderated by **Stefano Zamagni**, Professor of Economy, Bologna University and the synthesis and conclusions presented by **José Maria Simone**, President Uniapac International.

➔ [To see the Booklet of the 2017 Uniapac Think Tank Meeting](#)

### 03 UNESCO CCIC Uniapac Activities

#### ■ Water Access for all in Africa

**NGO's Project to train local Hydrologists.** The project launched in 2016 is currently in progress with 15 trainees identified for Madagascar, Ivory-Coast and Burkina-Faso to be trained in the University center 2IE in Ouagadougou (BF). The financing is looked for through the UNESCO participation program 2016-2017.

#### ■ Netexplo Forum 2016 on February in Paris

Netexplo Forum 2016 was an opportunity to discover new and emerging trends in the use of digital technology, as well as to meet the creators of these innovations. Three themes stand out. The first revolves around the body and biology, the second relates to robotics and artificial intelligence, and the third concerns interpersonal and economic exchanges. These three themes cover 70 % of the innovations in the Netexplo 100 this year.

➔ [More information on Netexplo : https://www.netexplo.org/fr/publication/netexplo-trend-report-2016](#)

**■ Preparation of the CCIC 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Think Tank on “Man and Creation”**

The CCIC (*Comité Catholique International de Coopération avec l’Unesco*) is officially representing catholic NGOs, including UNIAPAC, to UNESCO and will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary by a Forum on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at Unesco Paris. This Forum entitled “*What world do we wish to build together?*” will take place at UNESCO Paris, on March 23, 2017. It will present the proposals of each workshop and will be enhanced by diverse key personalities and leaders.

**■ Mobile Learning Week 2016 on March in Paris**

For UNESCO mobile technologies refer to a combination of hardware, operating systems, networking and software including content, learning platforms, and applications. Mobile technology devices range from basic mobile

phones to tablet PCs, and include PDAs, MP3 players, memory sticks, e-readers, and smartphones. For the purposes of its current engagement, UNESCO proposes to confine the conversation around mobile technologies to the mobile phone. UNESCO recognizes, however, that the mobile phone itself is evolving rapidly and it intends to take cognizance of how this evolution will develop over the coming decade. UNESCO also acknowledges that the integration of mobile phones into education carries a potential to disrupt traditional paradigms. For these reasons, UNESCO is interested in their potential to support learning, teaching and education transformation. Many pilot projects have explored how mobile phones can improve education. Uniapac was represented by Marc Toillier, representative Uniapac to UNESCO.

**APRIL - JUNE 2016**

**04 Uniapac participation to the International Seminar “The future of work, sustainable development goals and the jubilee of mercy” held in Rome between 2 and 5 of May 2016, in May 2016, organized by International Labor Organization, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and Caritas Internationalis**

On 8 December 2015, in Vatican City, Pope Francis opened a Special Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. During this year, a series of events are being organized in a way that focuses on particular groups of people, but especially on those who are marginalized, poor, or otherwise suffer injustice. The above-mentioned event is being proposed with the support and sponsorship of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. It envisions a celebration dedicated to all the actors of the world of work, be it in the formal or in the informal sector, associated with enterprises, homes, or small and independent businesses. The event will promote “decent work for all” as is urged in Pope Francis’ Encyclical *Laudato Si’* and in the Sustainable Development Goals.

The delegation of Uniapac was composed by 14 persons from Morocco, Ivory Coast, Italy, Mexico, Chile, France, Democratic Republic of Congo and the United States, including business leaders, researchers, social entrepreneurs, bankers and



representatives of Uniapac national associations. The Thematic lines of the seminar were: the transformation in the world place, technological changes, acceleration of time, Christian values in the work place, Migrations issues, Human rights in Business, Youth and access to employment, – Corporate social responsibility, the role of social and solidarity economy, alternative forms of capitalism, Making business sustainable.



[To see the statement of the seminar](#)

**05 105<sup>th</sup> Session of International Labor Conference on “Global values chains and the future of work”, Geneva, June 2016**

UNIAPAC, supports the dialogue between business leaders and the strength of its presence in 36 countries and its network of associations, aims to promote Christian social thinking in the business world, to develop an economy serving people and the common good. UNIAPAC continues to contribute to the ILO Decent Work Agenda and the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. UNIAPAC was represented by Rodrigo Whitelaw in the 105<sup>th</sup> session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva on June 2016. In the framework



of this Conference, Uniapac participated in: **the Consultation “Decent work along the global value chains: a call for responsibility and an opportunity for solidarity,”** organized by



the the International Catholic Center of Geneva and which took place on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the World Council of Churches. **Catholic Inspired Organization’s Working Group Meeting on the following topics: From Migrant Work to Home-Based work – Decent Work along the Global Value Chain and Chances for transnational empowerment and solidarity for workers in the informal economy.**

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### UNESCO CCIC UNIAPAC round-table on “Mankind and Creation” in May 2016

Led by Marc Toillier, delegate of UNIAPAC to UNESCO and with the participation of Cécile Renouard, professor of Social Ethics and Social Responsibility for Enterprises at ESSEC Business School, and author of “*Les Entreprises au Défi du Climat*” (Ed. L’Atelier). She is promoting proposals how Ethics should intervene more substantially in large companies’ operations and projects worldwide.

## JULY - SEPTEMBER 2016

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### Convergences World Forum 5 & 6 Sept. 2016, Palais Brongniart - 7 Sept. 2016, Hôtel de Ville de Paris

The Convergences World Forum has become a key event for all the professionals who seek innovative solutions to fight poverty in the world. The Forum offers experts and decision-makers a space for learning, networking and high level sharing to build answers together to the social and environmental challenges both in northern and southern countries. Every year, the Convergences World Forum is the culmination of the work of the Convergences platform for thought and gathers more than 7000 attendees in Paris. The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Convergences World Forum **inventing tomorrow’s sustainable cities and territories**. Uniapac International was represented by Rodrigo Whitelaw in the Forum.

understanding and practice of contemporary economics and finance. Both institutions wish to strengthen their relationship, and by this agreement want to set up links on the university level, on the organization of conferences and seminars. FIUC will set up a working working « Economy, Finance, ethics » with Business Schools of catholic universities such as Ramon Llull, Lyon, Milan and Loyola (US), Catholic Business School of Porto, Louvain and Saint Joseph of Beirut and wants to integrate some Business Leaders of UNIAPAC.

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### International Bioethics Committee on September 2016 in Paris

The International Bioethics Committee (IBC) is a body of 36 independent experts that follows progress in the life sciences and its applications in order to ensure respect for human dignity and freedom. At its 23<sup>rd</sup> session on September, the IBC continued its work program for 2016-2017 and to address the topic of big data in health care and health research, including but not limited to the issues of autonomy, consent, data protection, governance, etc. It was also addressed water ethics and robotics ethics. Uniapac was represented in this Committee by Marc Toillier.

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### UNIAPAC and the International Federation of Catholic Universities signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 20 September 2016.

These two organizations have common areas of interest and common educational objectives, notably in the area of the social doctrine of the Church, ethical issues in the

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### Admical Mecenat Forum, Corporate philanthropy trends, 3 October 2016, Paris France

Admical is a network of members and key organisations composed mostly of companies and foundations having philanthropic actions as well as charities. Admical has been created in 1979 and had a pioneer mission to promote corporate philanthropy in France by working on a legal framework which would favor and secure giving outside business operations. Rodrigo Whitelaw represented Uniapac International in the Admical Mecenat Forum.

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### Strengthening partnership MCC - UNIAPAC. Coordination meeting on September 2016

The *Mouvement des Cadres Chrétiens* in France and UNIAPAC are both present at the ILO (International Labor Organization), within the framework of the United Nations 2030 objectives on Sustainable Development. As such, both movements are actively engaged in the ILO’s work for the global promotion of “Decent Work”. MCC and UNIAPAC have a strong presence in Africa. Sharing of MCC and UNIAPAC networks in Africa and coordination of developments in new African countries to be explored, programs of

training of Entrepreneurs in business ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility. Rodrigo Whitelaw participates in the MCC Congress “*Accélérer jusqu’où? l’homme au cœur du mouvement*” held in Paris on 12 and 13 November 2017.

## 12 Preparation of the launching of the new Business Association in Madagascar. November 2016

The delegates of Uniapac Africa, André Baudoux and Philippe Mine traveled to Madagascar in a prospection mission for the creation of a new Uniapac movement in this country.

## 13 Uniapac International Conference “Business Leader as Agent of Economic and Social Inclusion” November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, New Synod Hall., the Vatican City

The conference is on the topic of Inclusive Economy, one the very important themes in Social Teaching of Pope Francis in particular in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and His Encyclical *Laudato Si* “:...today we also have to say ‘*thou shalt not*’ to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills” (E. G. n. 53) “*I will point to... the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress ... the need for forthright and honest debate*” (*Laudato Si*, 16) “*Business is a noble vocation, directed to producing wealth and improving our world*” (*Laudato Si*, n. 129).

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, 605 **Business Leaders And Decision Makers** gathered in the Vatican City to commit for a more inclusive economy. They came from **49 countries** for a joint international conference organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Christian Union of the Business Executives (UNIAPAC). The objective of the Conference was to design solutions to foster a more inclusive economy. The three outcomes of the conference were:

- 1 Foreseeing and impacting the transformation of work.
- 2 Promoting innovative inclusive business models all around the world and sharing the best practices.
- 3 Preparing the future generations of business leaders to the great challenges of the XXI<sup>st</sup> Century.

The UNIAPAC network is pleased to send you a proposal as a follow-up to objectives #2 and #3: we will be organizing a global competition for inclusive business models: the Inclusive Entrepreneur Awards. This competition aims



at recognizing outstanding projects that combine both a sustainable economic model and a positive social or environmental impact, therefore respecting the human dignity and promoting the common good. We believe that business, through its capacity to innovate, its ability to harness energy and mobilize minds, through its dynamism and agility, can be **the** solution to most of humanity’s issues and uncertainties.

During the past conference in the Vatican, some Uniapac national member associations requested to be closely involved in the international projects. For this competition, all national associations will have the opportunity to source the candidates and participate in the selection process:

- The competition will start at a national level, where projects will be elected by a national jury (est. January 2018).
- Then, 4 regional finals will be organized in LatAm, Africa, Asia and Europe (est. June 2018).
- Eventually, a worldwide final will be organized and global awards will be distributed during the UNIAPAC world congress in October 2018.

Today, we are designing the competition and would like to get your feedback and insights on this proposal.

## 14 UNESCO’s NGOs International Conference and Executive Liaison Committee Paris, November 2016

The International Conference of NGOs, an element of collective cooperation explicitly provided for by the new Directives and held every two years, is a key forum for meeting and dialogue among NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO. In particular, it is intended to “review the state of cooperation with UNESCO [...] and facilitate cooperation between organizations having common interests”.

The 2016 Conference focused on the theme “*The challenge of the digital revolution for NGOs*” and was organized around four subthemes: “*The digital revolution and its impact on the diversity of cultural expressions*”; “*The challenge of access to digital information*”; “*Does e-learning address challenges of education systems worldwide?*”; and, “*Science and the digital revolution: which ethical implications?*”. Uniapac was represented by Marc Toillier and Rodrigo Whitelaw.

If UNIAPAC member associations are interested in the Programs of UNESCO at national level, please contact the national UNESCO commission in your country and/or nearby field office in the following list for more information:

<http://en.unesco.org/countries/field-offices>