



## **HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION**

## **TACKLING THE GLOBAL SHOCK WAVES OF THE UKRAINE CRISIS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24TH** 18.00-19.15

PALAZZO DE CAROLIS VIA LATA, 3 - ROME

Working language: English The event will be recorded

The war in Ukraine and its global shock waves led to an unprecedented situation: The conflict has driven millions of Ukrainian refugees to neighbouring countries. Food prices have increased and wheat futures are at record highs, as Russia and Ukraine are key players in global food production. The war and sanctions regime will further disrupt supply chains. The World Food Program projects that up to 500 million people will face hunger over the course of the year. Deepening food insecurity is likely to have wider political implications - one needs to only remember that high wheat prices in 2009 and 2010 were among the triggers of the Arab uprisings. The current crisis is complex and generates impacts far beyond Ukraine: It will touch refugees in many other parts of the world given the additional strain placed on capacities needed to respond to displacement. And its effects will exacerbate those of the climate crisis and the fallout from COVID-19. The far-reaching implications of the Ukraine crisis underline the need for multilateral approaches that can address compound challenges swiftly crossing borders in a hyper-connected world.

h. 17.30 Registration of participants

Welcome & PIER CARLO PADOAN, Chairman, UniCredit, and Vicepresident, Istituto Affari Internazionali Introduction (IAI) NATHALIE TOCCI, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) Speakers **ARANCHA GONZÁLEZ LAYA**, Dean of Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain CINDY MCCAIN, United States Permanent Representative to the UN Agencies in Rome **ARIF HUSAIN**, Chief Economist and Director of the Research, Assessment and Monitoring Division, World Food Programme (WFP) Moderator MICHAEL WERZ, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress Cocktail reception will follow Hosted by In cooperation with



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