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THE FIFTH SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT FOR SOUTH-EAST EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

September 30th & October 1st 2021

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DAY 1 – September 30th

08:30 EEST
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Arrival of delegates

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THE ECONOMIST'S OUTLOOK ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

- To what extent has the pandemic affected the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development?

Alasdair Ross, director, The Economist Intelligence unit, countries editor, *The Economist's* annual "The World in..." publication

Welcome remarks by:

Andreas Papandreou, co-chair, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network Greece (SDSN Greece), professor, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

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Official inauguration

H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic **Katerina Sakellaropoulou**

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Keynote opening address

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE EUROPE CLIMATE-NEUTRAL BY 2050

Ursula von der Leyen, president of the European Commission (*recorded message*)

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CLIMATE CRISIS: KEEPING IT A TOP PRIORITY

The Economist in dialogue with:

Jeffrey Sachs, director, Global SDSN Leadership Council, director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University, USA (via connection)

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HOW IS THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 LINKED TO THE SDGs?

- What are the priorities for sustainable development in a pandemic world?
- New realities that we had never imagined before
- The Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) report

Kostas Skrekas, minister for the environment and energy, Greece

Aaron Farrugia, minister for the environment, climate change and planning, Malta

Phoebe Koundouri, president-elect, European AERE, professor, Athens University of Economics & Business, co-chair, UN SDSN Greece

Angelo Riccaboni, chair, PRIMA Foundation, chair, SDSN Mediterranean, professor, University of Siena

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Discussion

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THE FUTURE EUROPE WANTS:

A GREEN AND DIGITAL, JOB-BASED AND INCLUSIVE RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Udo Bullmann, member, group of the progressive alliance of Socialists and Democrats, European Parliament

Kostas Skrekas, minister of Environment and Energy, Greece

Alexandra Mitsotaki, president, Action Finance Initiative-AFI, co-founder, World Human Forum

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Discussion

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“LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND”:

TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THE PANDEMIC EXACERBATED EXISTING INEQUALITIES?

- Can we avoid setbacks in the progress achieved in the pre-pandemic era?
- Current challenges and participatory actions for social progress

Assia Bensalah Alaoui, ambassador at large of His Majesty Mohamed VI, Kingdom of Morocco
Gabriela Ramos, assistant director-general for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO (via connection)
Anastasia Zissi, professor of community psychology and mental health, department of sociology, University of the Aegean, member of the gender equality committee, University of the Aegean

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Discussion

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ERADICATING POVERTY - PRIORITISING SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Will the EU manage to reduce poverty before 2030?
- Developing effective anti-poverty strategies following covid-19
- What are the new opportunities that emerge from the crisis?

Keynote address:

Muhammad Yunus, professor, founder and ex-Managing Director of Grameen Bank, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate "for his efforts to create economic and social development from below" (via connection)

- Focusing on Greece

Domna Michailidou, deputy minister of labour and social affairs, responsible for social welfare and social solidarity, Greece

Petros Kokkalis, member, the left group, European Parliament

* **Representative**, DiaNEOsis (*name to be advised*)

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Discussion

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Break

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DEALING WITH THE INCREASE OF MEDICAL WASTE IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

- The significance of developing sustainable methods of vaccination and disposal

* **Carlos RV Silva Filho**, president, ISWA (International Solid Waste Association)

* **Panagiotis Prezerakos**, secretary general of health, Greece

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IMMUNISATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs): HOW ARE THEY LINKED IN THE ERA OF COVID-19?

- What should be the next steps for protection from future outbreaks?

The Economist in dialogue with:

* **Marianna Trias**, WHO representative to Greece & head of WHO country office, World Health Organization

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THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

- Assessing Greece's combat against the pandemic
- Towards a sustainable patient-centred system
- Rationalising expenditure
- The role of innovation policy

* **Thanos Plevris**, minister for health, Greece
Olympios Papadimitriou, president, SFEE

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Discussion

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Networking luncheon

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GREEN FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

- The significance of expanding green investment in times of a global crisis

Marcello Ranucci, representative from Italy's Ministry of Economy and Finance, G20 Italian Presidency (via connection)

Stefan Brunnhuber, programme director, World Academy of Art & Science (WAAS) Expert Group on Innovative Financial Strategies

Representative, Greek bank

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Discussion – Chaired by **Phoebe Koundouri**

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OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND BLUE GROWTH: OBJECTIVES AND INITIATIVES IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

- How are the oceans expected to contribute to unemployment in the next decade?

Ioannis Plakiotakis, minister of maritime and island policy, Greece

Maria Damanaki, special adviser for SYSTEMIQ and Paradise Foundation, former commissioner, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

* **Kirsten Dunlop**, chief executive officer, EIT Climate-KIC

Commentator: **Olga Stavropoulou**, director general, Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA)

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Discussion – Chaired by **SDSN Greece**

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2020: 'THE YEAR OF THE QUIET OCEAN'

- What is the impact of human noise to the oceans?
- What can we expect from now on as to the oceans' health?

Drosos Koutsoubas, professor of marine biology, head of the department of marine sciences, University of the Aegean

Nikolaos Skliris, senior research fellow for ocean and earth science, National Oceanography Centre Southampton, University of Southampton

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End of day sessions

DAY 2 – October 1st

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MIGRATION AND SDGs IN THE PANDEMIC ERA

- The crisis' impact on migration
- Solidarity and migration management in the post-covid world
- Inclusive approaches
- What impact with the migration influx have in the business sector?

Notis Mitarachi, minister of migration and asylum, Greece

* **Dimitris Avramopoulos**, former commissioner for migration, home affairs & citizenship, European Commission

* **Dimitri Papalexopoulos**, chairman of the BoD, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises (SEV)

* **Amed Khan**, president, Paradigm Global Group

* **Per Heggenes**, CEO, IKEA Foundation

Sofia Kouvelaki, chief executive officer, The HOME Project

Angeliki Dimitriadi, senior research fellow, head, migration programme, ELIAMEP

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Discussion

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SPEEDING UP THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Linear economy vs circular economy: what are the new opportunities in the horizon?
- Main obstacles that stand in the way
- Zero waste: an update

Peter Börkey, principal administrator, OECD Environment Directorate

Theodora Antonakaki, director, Climate Change and Sustainability Centre (CCSC), Bank of Greece

- Sustainable waste management for circular economy: the need for change

Katia Lasaridi, professor & head, department of geography, Harokopio University, former president of the board, Hellenic Recycling Agency

Business representative (*name to be advised*)

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SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT

- What are the issues that should be addressed in the coronavirus era?
- Assessing the impact of human activity so far
- Socio-economic aspects of water-resource management

Maria Papadopoulou, professor, National Technical University of Athens, president of management board, Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency (NECCA), Ministry of Environment & Energy, member, National Water Council

Panagiotis Nastos, director of the Laboratory of Climatology and Atmospheric Environment, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, president of the Hellenic Meteorological Society

Harry Sachinis, chief executive officer, EYDAP

Nikos Charalambides, executive director, Greenpeace Greece

* **Bertrand Camus**, chief executive officer, Suez

- Case study:

Yiannis Georgakellos, communications & corporate affairs director, Athenian Brewery

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CIRCULAR DESIGN: AT THE HEART OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Products that prevent waste
- Manufacturing sustainable products: providing incentives
- Business incentives to increase circular economy

Mieke De Schoenmakere, project manager integrated policy analysis, European Environment Agency

* **Pavlos Vlachos**, associate professor of marketing, Alba Graduate Business School, The American College of Greece

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BIODIVERSITY LOSS: INCREASING PANDEMIC INCREASE FACTORS

- The impending need to conserve biodiversity and manage wildlife more sustainably
- The EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030
- Acting before it is too late

Anne Larigauderie, executive secretary, Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity & Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (*recorded message*)

* **Nick Ostle**, researcher, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University, UK

Demetres Karavellas, CEO, WWF Greece

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RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Current and future trends
- How does it affect ecosystems and biodiversity conservation?
- Factors to be taken into consideration

Giorgos Amyras, deputy minister of environment and energy, Greece

* **Socrates Famellos**, former alternate minister of environment and energy, Greece

* **Karina Veum**, board member, Association of European Renewable Energy Research Centers

* **Representative**, Hellenic Petroleum (*name to be advised*)

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES: "GREEN" ENOUGH?

- Latest assessments on EVs environmental footprint
- Future scenarios and expectations
- Innovation and entrepreneurship: bringing ideas to life

Christos Dimas, deputy minister for research and technology, Greece

Evangelos Bekiaris, president, Hellenic Institute of Electric Vehicles (HELIEV)

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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AFTER THE COVID-19 ERA

- What has been the pandemic's impact on urban areas?
- Flexibility in working patterns posed by the pandemic: a benefit to big cities?
- The role of digital infrastructure in achieving cities' sustainability goals

Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens

Ekrem Imamoğlu, Mayor of Istanbul (via connection)

Dimitris Papastergiou, president, Union of Mayors of Greece (KEDE), mayor of Trikala

- The business perspective

George Tsaprounis, corporate affairs executive director, WIND Hellas

Commentator: **Marnie McGregor**, head of communications & strategic partnerships, global covenant of mayors for climate & energy (GCoM)

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THE FASHION INDUSTRY - SESSION I REVOLUTIONISING SUSTAINABILITY

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Opening remarks:

Pavlina Proteou, president & CEO, Beyond CSR

Simone Cipriani, chair, UN Alliance for Sustainable Fashion, CTO Ethical Fashion at WTC

Alexandre Stutzman, senior advisor to the president, UN General Assembly

Carry Somers, founder and global operations director, Fashion Revolution

Anne Marr, programme director, jewellery, textiles & materials, acting deputy director, Textile Future Research Centre, Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts London (via connection)

Chryssi Tzanetou, associate lecturer, Central Saint Martins, Birkbeck MBA, University of the Arts London, founder, Leadership Studio

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THE FASHION INDUSTRY - SESSION II EMERGING TRENDS AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS

- The role of circular economy and digitalization

Saman Sarbarzvatani, COO, associate dean, professor, researcher, École des Ponts Business School

Bettina Heller, programme officer, Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP Economy Division (via connection)

Elena Espinoza, acting head of social issues, Principles for Responsible Investment (via connection)

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Discussion

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End of conference

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Cocktails

* Awaiting confirmation

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