

3rd SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS NETWORK (SDSN) MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE & OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF SDSN GREECE

PROGRAMME

Sept. 7 - 8, 2017 | Athens, Greece

3rd SDSN Mediterranean Conference & Official Launch of



Co-Chairs:

Prof. Phoebe Koundouri

Prof. Andreas Papandreou

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs

Co-Hosting Institution



Partners



Venues: *Karatzá Megaron*, National Bank of Greece (Sept. 7th) & *Argyriadis Amphitheatre*, NKUA (Sept. 8th)

Participation in the 3rd SDSN Mediterranean Conference and Official Launch of SDSN Greece is *by invitation only*



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Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – SDSN Greece is endorsed by the Greek Prime Minister

Greek Prime Minister, **Alexis Tsipras**, meets Prof. **Jeff Sachs**
(Director SDSN Global and Professor Columbia University).

20.30-22.30 **Executive Dinner and Presentation of the SDSN Greece Leadership Council – Short Speech by Jeffrey Sachs and Panel Discussion**
Location: Hilton Hotel (Vasilissis Sofias 46, 11528, Athens)
-By invitation ONLY-

Thursday, September 7, 2017 – Launch of the SDSN Greece Network

Location: Karatza Megaron, National Bank of Greece (Aiolou 82-84 & Sofokleous, 10559, Athens)

- 08.30 - 9.30** **Registration & Coffee**
- 09.30-09.45** **Welcome Remarks and Keynote Speech**
- Chair: Andreas Papandreou (SDSN-Greece Co-Chair, Professor National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)**
- Welcome Remarks by George Katrougalos, Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for European Affairs and International Economic Relations
- 09.45-10.00** Keynote Speech by Socrates Famellos, Greek Minister of Environment
- 10.00-11.30:** **Presentation of SDSN Greece within the Global and Mediterranean Network**
- Chair: Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, (SDSN-Greece Co-Chair, Professor Athens University of Economics and Business, ICRE8 Director, LSE)**
- Specific Remarks by **Kostas Gavroglou**, Greek Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs
- Live link with the **Meeting of Rectors of Greek Universities**
[*Location:* Patras, Greece] (15 minutes): **Jeffrey Sachs** (Director SDSN Global, Professor Columbia University): Promoting SD research and teaching at Greek universities
- Speakers:*
- Alessandra Viviani**, SDSN Mediterranean
Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Chair SDSN Spain (former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs)
Phoebe Koundouri, SDSN Greece Co-chair
George Papandreou, Member SDSN Global Leadership Council (former Prime Minister of Greece)
- 11.30-11.45** **Coffee break**

11.45-13.30 **Session 1: Sustainable development in times of crisis. Greece as a case study (Panel)**

Chair: Prof. Andreas Papandreou, Co-chair SDSN Greece

Speakers:

Assia Bensalah Alaoui (Ambassador at large of HM King Mohamed VI of Morocco)

Nikolaos Vettas (General Director at IOBE and Professor at AUEB)

Dimitris Karavellas (CEO, WWF Greece)

Louka Katseli (Prof of Economics, National Kapodistrian University of Athens and Chair of the Board of NBG Cyprus)

Spyros Kouvelis (Former Greek Minister of External Affairs, Senior Expert, Sustainable Development & Circular Economy, UN Environment Programme-MAP)

Ahmed Moavia (President, Greek Forum of Migrants)

Yannis Tsipouridis (former Chairman & C.E.O. of Hellenic Wind Energy Association)

13.30-14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30-16.15 **Session 2: Sustainable allocation of investments: Integrating Natural Capital in the Equation (Panel)**

Chair: Prof. Phoebe Koundouri, Co-chair SDSN Greece

Speakers:

Shiri Zemah-Shamir (IDC Herzliya and University of Haifa)

Zisimos Mantas (Development Officer, EEG-Eunice Energy Group)

Plutarchos Sakellaris (Professor, AUEB, former Vice President of the European Investment Bank)

Nikitas Pittis (Professor, University of Piraeus, ICRE8)

Renato De Filippo (Eni Climate Change Manager)

Vasilis Lampropoulos (Chief Technical Officer, Thenamaris, Greece)

Yanni Paniaras (Chairman, SEV BCSD and Executive Director, Greek Region & Group Corporate Affairs, TITAN)

16.15-16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30-18.00 Session 3: Climate change: mitigation and adaptation policies for the Mediterranean (Panel)

Chair: Prof. Anastasios Xepapadeas (Professor AUEB, Fellow Beijer Institute, The Swedish Academy of Sciences)

Speakers:

Hiona Balfoussia (Economic Research Department, Bank of Greece)

Spyros Lioukas (Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business)

Christos Zerefos (President of the General Assembly of the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation, f. President of the International Ozone Commission - IO3C)

Nikos Charalambides (Executive director of Greenpeace Hellas)

19.00-20.00 Award Ceremony: Jeffrey Sachs becomes Emeritus Professor of the University of Athens ("Great Hall", UoA)

Friday, September 8, 2017 – Mediterranean Conference & 1st SDSN Greece Youth Event¹

Location: Argyriadis Amphitheatre, NKUA (Main building, Panepistimiou 30)

09.00-09.15 **Welcome remarks, Keynote Speech and Presentation of National and Regional Mediterranean SDSNs**

Chair: Phoebe Koundouri (SDSN Greece Co-Chair)

Welcome Remarks, Angelo Riccaboni (SDSN MED Co-Chair)

Welcome Remarks, Prof. Andreas Papandreou (SDSN Greece Co-Chair)

09.15-10.30 **Keynote Speech: Presentation of SDG Index and analysis for the Mediterranean region, by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director SDSN-Global, Professor Columbia University**

10.30-11.30 **National and regional SDSN Mediterranean presentations (Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greece)**

Speakers:

Sabina Ratti, Co-chair SDSN Italy

Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Chair SDSN Spain (former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs): Challenges of Sustainable Development in the MED Region

Bahar Ozay (SDSN Turkey Manager): SDSN Turkey

Phoebe Koundouri, Co-chair SDSN Greece: Science Driven SDG Implementation- Including presentations of selected ICRE8 project-specific leading researchers: **Dr. Achilleas Vassilopoulos, Dr. Stella Tsani, Dr. Eburn Akinsete, Dr. Nikos Englezos.**

11.30-11.45 **Coffee break**

¹ Preliminary Agenda of the 1st Annual SDSN Youth Event* located on *page 8*

11.45-13:15 **Session 4: Water, energy and food nexus: Common regional objectives (Panel)**

Chair: Miguel Ángel Moratinos

Keynote speech: *Angelo Riccaboni, Chair SDSN MED: Prima and SDGs in Mediterranean*

Speakers:

Assia Bensalah Alaoui (Ambassador at large of H M King Mohamed VI, King of Morocco)

Kostas Bakoyannis (Regional Governor of Sterea Ellada)

Lucia de Strasser (FEEM)

Costas Papanicolas (President Cyprus Institute, Cyprus)

Yannis Ioannidis, Strategic Management Board Member SDSN Greece, President ATHENA RC, Professor NKUA

13.15-14.00 **Lunch break**

14.00-15.30 **Session 5: Sustainable energy in the Mediterranean (Panel)**

Chair: Nikos Charalambides (Director of Greenpeace Hellas)

Speakers:

Julien Le Tellier (Programme Management Officer, Governance Unit, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan)

Agustín Delgado (Director of Innovation, Environment and Quality, Iberdrola S.A., Spain)

Lenio Myrivili (Resilience Office, Athens Municipality)

Aris Vrettos, (Programme Director of the Cambridge Institute on Sustainability Leadership (CISL))

15.30-17.00 Session 6: Sustainable development in the Mediterranean: The North Africa and Middle East perspective (Panel)

Chair: Costas Papanicolas (President, The Cyprus Institute)

Speakers:

Panos Hadjinicolaou (Professor, Cyl): Heat Extremes in Middle East and North Africa

Ruslana Palatnik (The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Israel)

Dimitris Mentis (KTH - Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm)

Nick Spyropoulos (Director, Alma Economics)

17.00-17.15 Coffee break

17.15-18.45 Session 7: Education advancement of SDGs through teaching and research in the Mediterranean (Status, Challenges, Projects) (Presentations & QA)

Chair: Yannis Ioannidis, Strategic Management Board Member SDSN Greece, President ATHENA RC, Professor NKUA

Speakers:

Jeffrey Sachs, Chair SDSN Global, Professor Columbia University

Angelo Riccaboni, Chair SDSN Mediterranean (Specific Project)

18.45-19:00 SDSN Greece Endorsement by Kyriacos Mitsotakis, Leader of the Opposition in Greek Parliament. [TBC]

**19.00-19.15 Closing Remarks by SDSN Greece Co-Chairs, Phoebe Koundouri and Andreas Papandreou:
Conference conclusions and the way forward**

*Friday, September 8, 2017 – 1st Annual SDSN Greece Youth Event

Location: To be confirmed

10:30-11:00	Registration.
11:00-11:15	SDSN Youth Global Initiative- SDGs Introductory Presentation. Global Coordinator of SDSN Youth Initiative, Sam Siamak Loni.
11:15-11:30	Presentation of #KnowYourGoals Campaign. Network coordinator of SDSN Greece Youth
11:30-11:45	Presentation of Youth Solutions Report Project Leader Dario Pisseli.
11:45-12:45	Keynote Speech delivered by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs Titled: "Aristotle, Virtue, and the SDGs" Time for Q&A included
12:45-13:00	Coffee Break
13:00-14:00	Panel "From Goals to Actions"