

PLANET BUDAPEST 2021 SUSTAINABILITY EXPO AND SUMMIT

The Universe of Sustainability – Summit

PROGRAMME
updated on 2 December 2021

Budapest, 29 November – 2 December 2021

Venue: Hungexpo, Budapest, Hall C

29 November, Monday

16:15 – 17:30 Registration

17:30 - 18:30 Welcome drink

18:30 – 21:00 Gala Ceremony and Reception hosted by H.E. Mr János Áder, President of Hungary (by special invitation only)

30 November, Tuesday

09:30 – 11:00 Opening panel – Leaders for a New World (by special invitation only)

H.E. Mr János Áder, President, Hungary (confirmed)

H.E. Mr Andrzej Duda, President, Republic of Poland (confirmed)

Video message by H.E. Ms Zuzana Čaputová, President, Slovak Republic

Video message by H.E. Mr António Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations

H.E. Mr Mathias Cormann, Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (confirmed)

Mr Csaba Kandrács, Deputy Governor, Magyar Nemzeti Bank (confirmed)

11:00 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Session 1: Sustainability in the Post-Covid World – What Are the Lessons Learned And What Should Be Changed?

Moderator:

Ms Zsuzsanna Jakab, Deputy Director-General, World Health Organization (confirmed)

Keynote speaker:

H.E. Mr István Nagy, Minister of Agriculture, Hungary (confirmed)

Video message by Mr Muhammad Ali Pate, Julio Frenk Professor, Practice of Public Health Leadership, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Ms Irena Pichola, Partner, Global Climate Action and Sustainability Leader for Public Sector, Deloitte (confirmed)

Mr Vladimir Olegovich Rakhmanin, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (confirmed)

Panel members:

H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission **(confirmed)**

Mr Hans-Paul Bürkner, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group **(confirmed)**

Mr Dániel Palotai, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund **(confirmed)**

Mr Alberto Di-Leo, General Manager Hungary/Adria, Unilever N.V. and Unilever PLC **(confirmed)**

Mr Marco Antonio Zago, President, FAPESP São Paulo Research Foundation **(confirmed)**

Mr Csaba Kandrács, Deputy Governor, Magyar Nemzeti Bank **(confirmed)**

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:15 Session 2: Climate Change – From Threats to Opportunities, From Burden to Creation of Added Value

Moderator:

Mr Charles Vörösmarty, Director, Environmental Sciences Initiative, City University of New York **(confirmed)**

Keynote speakers:

Mr Tebaldo Vinciguerra, Official, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Holy See **(confirmed)**

Ms Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency **(confirmed)**

Panel members:

H.E. Mr Ibrokhim Abdurakhmonov, Minister of Innovative Development, Republic of Uzbekistan **(confirmed)**

Ms Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency **(confirmed)**

Mr Tebaldo Vinciguerra, Official, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Holy See **(confirmed)**

Mr Nikolay Kosov, Chairman of the Board, International Investment Bank **(confirmed)**

Mr János Pásztor, Executive Director, Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative **(confirmed)**

16:15 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 Session 3: Circular Economy in 2021 - Are We Closing the Loop Fast Enough?

Moderator:

Ms Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development **(confirmed)**

Keynote speaker:

Mr Attila Steiner, State Secretary for the Development of Circular Economy, Energy and Climate Policy, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Hungary **(confirmed)**

Mr Charles Brand, Cluster Vice-President Europe & Central Asia, Tetra Pak Group **(confirmed)**

Panel members:

Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe **(confirmed)**

Mr Charles Brand, Executive Vice-President Europe & Central Asia, Tetra Pak Group **(confirmed)**

Ms Anita Orbán, External Affairs Director, Vodafone Hungary **(confirmed)**

Mr Attila Steiner, State Secretary for the Development of Circular Economy, Energy and Climate Policy, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Hungary **(confirmed)**

Mr Hossam Farid Hassanein, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, SFH Holding (confirmed)

Mr Péter Csóka, Secretary, Committee on Forestry, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (confirmed)

1 December, Wednesday

9:30 – 11:00 Session 4: Central Europe and the Visegrád Countries for Sustainability – Champions or Laggards?

Moderator:

Mr John O'Sullivan, President, Danube Institute (confirmed)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr László Palkovics, Minister of Innovation and Technology, Hungary (confirmed)

Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister for Section of Policy and International Relations, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic (confirmed)

H.E. Mr László Palkovics, Minister of Innovation and Technology, Hungary (confirmed)

Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (confirmed)

Mr Máté Litkei, Director, Climate Policy Institute, Hungary (confirmed)

Mr András Huszár, Co-Founder and Director, Green Policy Center (confirmed)

11:00 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Session 5: Energy Efficiency and Security - Does the "Invisible Fuel" Change Geopolitics?

Moderator:

Ms Claudia Patricolo, Editor in Chief, CEENERGYNEWS (confirmed)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr János Süli, Minister without Portfolio responsible for the Extension of Paks Nuclear Power Plant, Hungary (confirmed)

H.E. Mr Juan Carlos Bermeo Calderón, Minister of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources, Republic of Ecuador (confirmed)

Mr William D. Magwood, Director General, Nuclear Energy Agency, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Francesco La Camera, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency (confirmed)

H.E. Mr Juan Carlos Bermeo Calderón, Minister of Energy and Non-Renewable Natural Resources, Republic of Ecuador (confirmed)

Mr William D. Magwood, Director General, Nuclear Energy Agency, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (confirmed)

Mr Numar Alfonso Blanco Bonilla, Executive Secretary, Latin American Energy Organization (confirmed)

Ms Dóra Zombori, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy and Climate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary (confirmed)

Mr Alexander Merten, Vice President, Paks NPP Construction Project Director, ROSATOM, ASE JSC (confirmed)

Ms Patrícia Faga Iglecias Lemos, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Sao Paulo State Environmental Company (confirmed)

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:15 Session 6: Smart Cities - Will Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence Make Our Cities More Sustainable?

Moderator:

Mr Kala Vairavamoorthy, Executive Director, International Water Association ([confirmed](#))

Keynote speakers:

Ms Mariya Sinichich, Director, Comprehensive Territorial Development Department, Ministry of Construction, Housing and Utilities, Russian Federation ([confirmed](#))

Mr Jerome Wallut, Chief Commercial Officer, ALSTOM ([confirmed](#))

Mr Stephen Richardson, Director, Europe Regional Network, World Green Building Council ([confirmed](#))

Panel members:

Mr Stephen Richardson, Director, Europe Regional Network, World Green Building Council ([confirmed](#))

Ms Mariann Gecse, Director, Public Affairs and Communication, Huawei Technologies Hungary – West Balkan ([confirmed](#))

Mr Marco Antonio Zago, President, FAPESP São Paulo Research Foundation ([confirmed](#))

Mr József Kolossa, Executive Director, Lechner Knowledge Center ([confirmed](#))

Mr Dávid Vitézy, Chief Executive Officer, Budapest Development Agency ([confirmed](#))

16:15 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30 Session 7: Water and Food Security – A Gate to Support Transformation and Address Climate Crisis?

Moderator:

Mr András Szöllösi-Nagy, Professor, National University of Public Service, Hungary ([confirmed](#))

Keynote speakers:

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization ([confirmed](#))

Ms Lindsey Blodgett, Former President, World Youth Parliament for Water ([confirmed](#))

Panel members:

Ms Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe ([confirmed](#))

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization ([confirmed](#))

Mr Sulton Rahimzoda, Chairman of the Executive Committee, International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan on water related issues ([confirmed](#))

Mr Nabil Gangi, Deputy Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation ([confirmed](#))

Mr Dario Soto-Abril, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership ([confirmed](#))

Mr Matthias Berninger, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs & Sustainability, BAYER AG ([confirmed](#))

2 December, Thursday

9:30 – 11:00 Session 8: Transport – Leapfrogging in Technology or Changing Our Behaviour?

Moderator:

Mr Róbert Homolya, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hungarian State Railways (confirmed)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Ibrokhim Abdurakhmonov, Minister of Innovative Development, Republic of Uzbekistan (confirmed)

Mr Ansgar Brockmeyer, Executive Vice President, Stadler Rail AG (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Young Tae Kim, Secretary-General, International Transport Forum (confirmed)

Mr Florian Weig, Senior Vice President of Strategy, BMW (confirmed)

Mr Isbrand Ho, Managing Director, BYD Europe B.V. (confirmed)

Mr Ansgar Brockmeyer, Executive Vice President, Stadler Rail AG (confirmed)

Mr Marc Zinkel, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Beceptum International GmbH (confirmed)

Mr József Váradi, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Wizz Air Hungary Ltd. (confirmed)

11:00 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Session 9: Financing Sustainable Development – Will Green Financing Save the World?

Moderator:

Ms Linda Zeilina, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, International Sustainable Finance Center (confirmed)

Keynote speaker:

Mr Ary Naim, Regional Manager, Central & South-East Europe, International Finance Corporation (confirmed)

Mr Sharaf SHERALIZODA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Tajikistan (confirmed)

Panel members:

The Hon. Sunil Sabharwal, Director, Thunes (confirmed)

Mr Áron Boros, Managing Director, MKB Consulting (confirmed)

Mr Mike Enskat, Head, Infrastructure Section (Water, Energy, Mobility), German Corporation for International Development (confirmed)

Mr Péter Kovács-Pifka, Director General, Hungary Helps Agency (confirmed)

Mr Hugo Rojas, Director, ANEAS National Association of Water and Hygiene Companies (confirmed)

13:15 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:15 Session 10: Waste Management – Recycling, Burning or Exporting Rubbish?

Moderator:

Mr M. Bijaksana Junerosano, Founder & Chairman of the Board, Greeneration Foundation, Managing Director, Waste4Change (confirmed)

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Barna Tánzos, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania (confirmed)

Mr Joseph Siaw Agyepong, Executive Chairman, Jospong Group of Companies (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Gergely Hankó, Managing Director, Association of Environmental Enterprises, Hungary (confirmed)

Mr Radek Hořeňovský, Cluster Director, WASTen (confirmed)

Mr Joseph Siaw Agyepong, Executive Chairman, Jospong Group of Companies (confirmed)

Mr László Aleksza, Chief Executive Officer, ProfiKomp Inc. (confirmed)

16:15 – 16:20 Closing Panel

Mr István Joó, Government Commissioner responsible for the Planet Budapest 2021 Sustainability Expo and Summit (confirmed)