

PLANET BUDAPEST 2021 SUSTAINABILITY EXPO AND SUMMIT

The Universe of Sustainability – Summit

DRAFT PROGRAMME
updated on 2 November 2021

All speakers are under invitation

Budapest, 29 November – 2 December 2021

Venue: Hungexpo, Budapest

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. Ms Zuzana Čaputová, President, Slovak Republic (confirmed)

H.E. Mr Miloš Zeman, President, Czech Republic (confirmed)

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

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 György Matolcsy, Governor, The Central Bank of Hungary (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:

The Rt Hon. Alok Sharma, President, The 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties

H.E. Mr Denis Manturov, Minister of Trade and Industry, Russian Federation

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

Panel members:

- Ms Haifa Abu Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary General, League of Arab States (confirmed)
- H.E. Mr Nasser Kamel, Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (confirmed)
- 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 Alberto Di-Leo, General Manager Hungary/Adria, Unilever N.V. and Unilever PLC (confirmed)
- Ms Diane Holdorf, Managing Director, Food & Nature, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (confirmed)
- Mr Csaba Kandrás, Vice President, Financial Supervision and Consumer Protection, The Central Bank of Hungary (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:

- Rev. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, Coordinator, Ecology and Creation, Development Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, The Holy See (confirmed)
- Ms Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director, International Energy Agency (confirmed)

Panel members:

- Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, Professor of Environmental Sciences, Central European University, Nobel Prize laureate and IPCC member (confirmed)
- Mr Nikolay Kosov, Chairman of the Board, International Investment Bank (confirmed)
- The Rt Hon. John Gummer, the Lord Deben, Chairman, Committee on Climate Change, United Kingdom (confirmed)
- Mr János Pásztor, Executive Director, Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative (confirmed)
- Mr Henrik Ehrnrooth, Chair of the Advisory Board, Climate Leadership Coalition (confirmed)
- Ms Veronika Czakó, Socio-Economic Analyst, Joint Research Centre, European Commission (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:

- H.E. Mr Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India (confirmed)
- H.E. Ms Hannele Pokka, Former Minister of Justice, Republic of Finland (confirmed)
- H.E. Mr Andrzej Adamczyk, Minister of Infrastructure, Republic of Poland (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Anders Aeroe, Director, Division of Enterprises and Institutions, International Trade Centre (confirmed)

Mr Charles Brand, Cluster 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 Tom Szaky, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, TerraCycle (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:

H.E. Ms Veronika Remišová, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatisation, Slovak Republic (confirmed)

Mr Magnus Brunner, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Republic of Austria (confirmed)

H.E. Mr Richard Brabec, Minister for the Environment, Czech Republic

H.E. Mr Piotr Nowak, Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Republic of Poland

H.E. Mr Tomislav Čorić, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development, Republic of Croatia

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

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

Panel members:

Ms Elizabeth Losos, Senior Fellow, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University (confirmed)

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

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

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

Mr Daniel Beneš, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, ČEZ Group

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:

Mr Konstantin Mihaylik, Deputy Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities, Russian Federation **(confirmed)**

Mr Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board of Directors, ALSTOM **(confirmed)**

Mr Stephen Richardson, Director, Europe Regional Network, World Green Building Council **(confirmed)**

Panel members:

H.E. Mr Kwaku Afriyie, Minister of Environment, Republic of Ghana **(confirmed)**

Mr Bjarke Ingels, Architect, Bjarke Ingels Group

Mr Sunil Sabharwal, Director, Thunes **(confirmed)**

Mr Benedito Braga, Chief Executive Officer, Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo S.A **(confirmed)**

Mr Aleksandar Dukovski, Chair, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency **(confirmed)**

Ms Rosana Wong Wai Man, Deputy Director, China Green Building Hong Kong Council

Mr András Sik, Director of Geospatial Services, 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:

H.E. Mr Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing, Republic of Indonesia

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization **(confirmed)**

Ms Lindsey Blodgett, Former President, World Youth Parliament for Water **(confirmed)**

Panel members:

H.E. Ms Haydée Rodríguez-Romero, Former Vice Minister of Water and Seas, Republic of Costa Rica **(confirmed)**

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization **(confirmed)**

Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Chair, UN-Water **(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 Marcos Cesar Pontes, Minister of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications, Federative Republic of Brazil (confirmed)

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

Panel members:

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

Mr Andreas Matthä, Chairman of the Board of Management, Austrian Federal Railways (confirmed)

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 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)

Ms Teresa Czerwińska, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (confirmed)

Panel members:

Mr Tristan Azbej, State Secretary for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and the Hungary Helps Program, Hungary (confirmed)

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

Ms Tanja Gönner, Chair, Management Board, German Corporation for International Development

Mr Alex Mung, Head, Water and Environmental Resilience, World Economic Forum

Mr Gianpiero Nacci, Acting Head, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Team, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (confirmed)

Mr Magnus Brandberg, Partner and Investment Manager, Gullspång Invest (confirmed)

Mr Zoltán Kurali, Chief Executive Officer, Government Debt Management Agency, Hungary (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 Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Republic of Indonesia

Mr Xianlai Zeng, Associate Professor, School of Environment, Tsinghua University (confirmed)

Mr Corrado Dentis, President, Coripet (confirmed)

Panel members:

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

Ms Danela Arsovska, President, Macedonian Chambers of Commerce (confirmed)

Ms Katarzyna Błachowicz, Cluster Manager, Waste Management and Recycling Cluster (confirmed)

Mr Antonis Mavropoulos, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, D-Waste, Former President, International Solid Waste Association (confirmed)

Mr Ramon Knoester, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Recycled Island Foundation (confirmed)

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

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

16:15 – 17:00 Closing Panel

H.E. Mr Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary (confirmed)