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ICRE8: International Centre for Research on the Environment
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P R O G R A M M E

VENUES: *Karatzas 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

Dear Conference Participants,

The recent decision by U.S. President Donald Trump to withdraw the U.S.A. from the Paris Climate Accord is an action that threatens to impede global progress on sustainable development. The pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) via science driven solutions that are identified and diffused through the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has now become even more important!

SDSN–Greece and SDSN–Mediterranean constitute an important contribution towards global progress on sustainability issues. It is thus with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Official launch of SDSN–Greece and the 3rd SDSN Mediterranean Conference. The hosting Institutions for SDSN–Greece are the International Centre for Research on the Environment and the Economy (ICRE8), and the Laboratory on Political Economy of Sustainable Development (PESD) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). Both events are organized by ICRE8 and PESD, in collaboration with the Athens University of Economics and Business Laboratory on Research on Socio-Economic and Environmental Sustainability (ReSEES/AUEB) and ATHENA Research and Innovation Center.

ICRE8 is dedicated to interdisciplinary research on the Environment, Energy, Economy, Eco-innovations and their e-versions (hence E8). Central to ICRE8's mission is the pursuit of excellence in conducting research, and a commitment to exploring environmental, natural resources and energy issues, for a variety of circumstances and stakeholders and across different temporal and spatial scales. ICRE8 focuses on developing structured and methodologically sound approaches to recognizing, demonstrating and capturing the 'Total Economic Value' of resources, and integrating it in the development of sustainable management tools and policy making. ICRE8 researchers constitute a large network of leading experts based in Greece, but also in Europe, the U.S.A., Asia and Australia.

PESD is a new research lab that focuses, inter alia, on how institutions, the political environment, and the economy

interact and influence each other and thus form the underlying conditions that allow or prevent sustainable development. The importance of the political economy dimension is apparent when considering the failings of the global community to take adequate climate action in view of the unprecedented scientific consensus for its need. The obstacles to concerted action can be found in the way that political and economic power prevent the necessary institutional, political, and economic changes that will bring about a transition to a low carbon economy. The lab is dedicated to researching this crucial political economy dimension of sustainable development, as well as promoting teaching and student involvement in these matters.

ICRE8, ReSEES/AUEB, ATHENA, and recently SDSN–Greece and PESD, form a cluster of leading research institutes with a strong commitment to research on sustainable management of natural capital and technology, with an exceptional record in attracting research funding, completing influential projects, and producing numerous academic and other publications, all with explicit policy interventions.

On behalf of SDSN–Greece, we extend our warmest thanks to every one of you for participating in these events and to everyone who helped make them possible. Enjoy the science, the city, and most of all the brain-storming with colleagues and friends! We have many issues to work on and many causes to fight for!



Professor Phoebe Koundouri

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Research Director of ICRE8 and ReSEES/AUEB,
Co-Chair of SDSN–Greece



Professor Andreas Papandreou

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Scientific Director of PESD, Co-Chair of SDSN–Greece

W E D N E S D A Y, September 6, 2017 – SDSN Greece Inaugural Event

Location: Hilton Hotel (Vasilissis Sofias 46, 11528, Athens)

20.30-22.30 **Executive Dinner and Presentation of the SDSN Greece Leadership Council – Short Speech by Jeffrey D. Sachs and Panel Discussion**
-By invitation ONLY-

T H U R S D A Y, September 7, 2017 – Launch of the SDSN Greece Network

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

08.30-09.30 **Registration**

09.30-09.45 **Welcome Remarks and Keynote Speech**

Chair: **Andreas Papandreou**, Co-Chair, SDSN Greece; Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Welcome Remarks by **George Katrougalos**, Greek Alternate Foreign Minister for European Affairs

09.45-10.00 Keynote Speech by **Socrates Fanellos**, Greek Alternate Minister of Environment and Energy

10.00-11.30: **Presentation of SDSN Network to the Convocation of Rectors of Greek Universities and presentation of SDSN Greece within the Mediterranean and Global Network**

Live link with the Convocation of Rectors of Greek Universities [*Location:* Kalavryta, Greece]

Chair: **Phoebe Koundouri**, Co-Chair, SDSN Greece; Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business; Research Director, ICRE8 (International Center for Research on the Environment and the Economy), Visiting Senior Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science

Special Remarks by **Kostas Gavroglou**, Greek
Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

Welcome Remarks by **Venetsana Kyriazopoulou**,
President of the Convocation of Rectors of Greek
Universities; Rector, University of Patras

Speech on “Promoting SD research and teaching at
Greek universities” by **Jeffrey D. Sachs**, Director,
SDSN Global; Professor, Columbia University

End of live link

Q&A on Jeffrey D. Sachs’ speech

Speakers:

George Papandreou, SDSN Global Leadership
Council (former Prime Minister of Greece)

Alessandra Viviani, SDSN Mediterranean

Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Chair, SDSN Spain
(former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Phoebe Koundouri, Co-Chair, SDSN 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: **Andreas Papandreou**, Co-Chair, SDSN Greece

Speakers:

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

Nikos Vettas, General Director at IOBE; Professor,
Athens University Economics and Business

Dimitris Karavellas, CEO, WWF Greece

Louka Katseli, Professor, National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens; Chair of the Board of NBG
Cyprus

Spyros Kouvelis, Senior Expert, Sustainable

Development & Circular Economy, UN
Environment Programme-MAP (former Greek
Minister of External Affairs)
Ahmed Moawia, President, Greek Forum of Migrants
Ioannis Tsipouridis, General Manager, R.E.D. Pro
Consultants (former P.P.C.R C.E.O. and 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: **Phoebe Koundouri**, Co-Chair, SDSN Greece

Speakers:

Shiri Zemah-Shamir, IDC Herzliya; University of
Haifa

Plutarchos Sakellaris, Professor, Athens University of
Economics and Business (former Vice President of the
European Investment Bank)

Nikitas Pittis, Professor, University of Piraeus;
ICRE8

Renato De Filippo, Climate Change Manager, Eni
Oil & Gas Company

Zisimos Mantas, Business Development Officer,
EEG-EUNICE Energy Group

Kostas Bakoyannis, Regional Governor of Sterea
Ellada

Vasilis Lampropoulos, Chief Technical Officer,
Thenamaris Ships Management Inc

Yanni Paniaras, Chairman, Business Council for
Sustainable Development, Hellenic Federation of
Enterprises - SEV

16.15-16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30-18.00

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

Chair: **Anastasios Xepapadeas**, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business; Fellow, Beijer Institute, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Speakers:

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

Hiona Balfoussia, Economic Research Department, Bank of Greece

Spyros Lioukas, Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business

Anastasios Xepapadeas, Professor AUEB; Fellow, Beijer Institute, The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Nikos Charalambides, Executive Director, Greenpeace Hellas

19.00-20.00

Award Ceremony: Jeffrey D. Sachs becomes Honorary Doctor of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

[*Location:* "Great Hall", National and Kapodistrian University of Athens]

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

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

08.30-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.15	Welcome remarks, Keynote Speech and Presentation of National and Regional Mediterranean SDSNs Chair: Phoebe Koundouri , Co-Chair, SDSN Greece Welcome Remarks by Angelo Riccaboni , Rector and Professor University of Siena; Chair, SDSN Mediterranean Welcome Remarks by Andreas Papandreou , Co-Chair, SDSN Greece
09.15-10.30	Keynote Speech on “Presentation of SDG Index and analysis for the Mediterranean region” by Jeffrey D. Sachs , Director, SDSN Global; Professor, University of Columbia
10.30-11.30	National and regional SDSN Mediterranean presentations (Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greece) <i>Speakers:</i> 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 , Manager, SDSN Turkey: “SDSN Turkey” Phoebe Koundouri , Co-Chair, SDSN Greece: “Science Driven SDG Implementation” - including presentations of selected ICRE8 Senior Researchers: Dr. Ebum Akinsete , Dr. Nikos Englezos , Dr. Xanthi Kartala , Eleni Petra , Dr. Stella Tsani , Dr. Achilles Vassilopoulos

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11.30-11.45

Coffee break

11.45-13:15

Session 4: Water, energy and food nexus: Common regional objectives (Panel)

Chair: **Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, Chair, SDSN Spain

Keynote speech on “Prima and SDGs in Mediterranean” by **Angelo Riccaboni**, Chair, SDSN Mediterranean

Speakers:

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

Lucia de Strasser, Energy and Environment Analyst, Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei

Anagnostis Argyriou, Professor, Institute of Applied Biosciences - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas

Fadi Comair, Honorary President of Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations; Expert at the UNESCO IHP for Water and Human Settlement Advisory Committee

Antonis Balomenakis, Member of the Hellenic Delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean

Yannis Ioannidis, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; President, ATHENA Research and Innovation Center; Strategic Management Board, SDSN Greece

13.15-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.30

Session 5: Sustainable energy in the Mediterranean (Panel)

Chair: **Nikos Charalambides**, Executive Director, Greenpeace Hellas

Speakers:

Julien Le Tellier, Programme Management Officer, Governance Unit, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan
Lenio Myrivili, Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean; Resilience Officer, Municipality of Athens
Costas Papanicolas, President, The Cyprus Institute
Arthouros Zervos, Professor, National Technical University of Athens; Chairman, REN21

15.30-17.00

Session 6: Sustainable development in the Mediterranean: North Africa, Middle East and Beyond (Panel)

Chair: **Costas Papanicolas**, President, The Cyprus Institute

Speakers:

Panos Hadjinicolaou, Associate Professor, The Cyprus Institute
George K. Christophides, Professor, Imperial College London and the Cyprus Institute
Ruslana Palatnik, Natural Resource and Environmental Research Center, University of Haifa; The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Israel
Dimitris Mentis, KTH - Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm
Nick Spyropoulos, Director, Alma Economics
Stefanos Xenarios, Senior Research Scientist, Mountain Societies Research Institute, University of Central Asia

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 and Q&A)**

Chair: **Yannis Ioannidis**, Strategic Management Board Member, SDSN Greece

Speakers:

Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, SDSN Global; Professor, Columbia University

Aris Vrettos, Programme Director, Cambridge Institute on Sustainability Leadership - CISL

Michael Scoullas, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Director of UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development Management; Education in the Mediterranean MEDIES Coordinator

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

19.00-19.15 **Closing Remarks by SDSN Greece Co-Chairs, Phoebe Koundouri and Andreas Papandreou**
The way forward

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

Location: Amphitheatre Antonis Tritsis, Cultural Centre of Athens (Akadimias 50 Str., Athens)

10:30-11:00	Registration
11:00-11:15	SDSN Youth Global Initiative - SDGs Introductory Presentation by Sam Siamak Loni , Global Coordinator of SDSN Youth Global Initiative
11:15-11:30	Presentation of #KnowYourGoals Campaign by Christina Christoforou-Livani , Network Coordinator of SDSN Greece Youth Network
11:30-11:45	Presentation of Youth Solutions Report by Dario Piselli , Project Leader of Youth Solutions Report
11:45-12:45	Keynote Speech: Aristotle, Virtue, and the SDGs by Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs , Director, SDSN Global; Professor, Columbia University
12:45-13:00	Short Break
13:00-14:00	Panel “From Goals to Actions” Chair: Fay Theiakou , Economist and Market Analyst Professional in Health & Reporter, CNN Greece

Speakers:

Dimitris Karavellas, CEO, WWF Greece

Christos Papanastasiou, President, Hellenic Timber Association

Nikos Trantas, Head, Coordination Office, Institutional, International Affairs, General Secretariat of the Government

Sofia Tsigkou, President, AIESEC Greece

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