

SUSCO Budapest 2014

Sustainable Development Conference

Millenáris, 2-3 October 2014

Provisional agenda

1st Day: Sustainability, its regionalisation and the WEF Nexus

09:00-10:00 – Registration

10:00-10:30 – Opening Remarks

- Kitty van der Heijden, Director, World Resources Institute Europe
- Frank Spengler, Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Hungary
- Péter Antall, Director of Antall József Knowledge Centre

10:30-12:30 - Sub-session 1: Meaning of sustainability and the perspectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process

- Csaba Kőrösi, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations in New York
- Dr Andreas Nick MP, Member of German Federal Parliament
- Marcel Szabó, Deputy-Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for Future Generations

Moderator:

- Jörg Mayer-Ries, Representative of the ESDN Steering Group, Head of Division at the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety

Examples of questions for discussion (30 min):

- paradigm shift towards sustainability
- the connection between SD and SDGs
- necessary transformative changes

12:30-13:30 – Lunch

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13:30-15:00 – Sub-session 2: Regionalisation of sustainability: the customization of SDGs in Central-Eastern Europe (CEE)

- Marek Kapuściński, General Manager at Procter & Gamble (TBC)
- Elzbieta Bienkowska, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Development, Poland (TBC)
- János Takács, Chairman, Swedish Chamber of Commerce in Hungary
- István Salgó, President, Business Council for Sustainable Development in Hungary
- László Pintér, Professor, Central European University

Moderator:

- János Pásztor, Director of Conservation Policy and Science, World Wildlife Fund International (TBC)

Examples of questions for discussion (30 min):

- implementing SDGs in CEE
- relevance of SD in CEE
- what has to be done; possibilities in an enhanced regional cooperation (political, economic, institutional) role of different stakeholders

15:00-15:30 – Coffee break

15:30-17:00 – Sub-session 3: Sustainability in practice. The WEF Nexus - water, food and energy: three key SD dimensions of CEE interest

- Vladimir Olegovich Rakhmanin, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, FAO
- István Zsirai, Vice President, Global Supply Chain, General Electric
- Bedrich Moldan, Director, Charles University Environment Centre, former Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic
- Eric Sievers, CEO of Ethanol Europe Renewables

Moderator:

- Ingeborg Niestroy, Founder, Public Strategy for Sustainable Development

Examples of questions for discussion (30 min):

- meaning of the WEF Nexus
- strengths and weaknesses of CEE regarding water, food and energy
- necessary transformative changes in practice
- financial resources for SD in CEE

17:00-18:00 – Networking

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2nd Day: Regional and national implementation of sustainability concerning the WEF Nexus in CEE

09:00-11:00 - Sub-session 1: WATER

- András Szöllősi-Nagy, Rector, UNESCO-IHE
- Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube Region
- Joppe Cramwinckel, Water Program Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- Gábor Baranyai, Chair of the Organising Committee, Budapest Water Summit
- Éda Pogany, Sustainability Communications Director , Coca-Cola HBC

Moderator:

- János Zlinszky Jr., Director of the Sustainable Development Academy, Regional environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe

Examples of questions for discussion:

- the follow-up of BWS in CEE: good water governance
- the meaning and importance of sustainable water management in CEE: The Danube Strategy
- the future of water availability and its challenges in CEE
- investment in and financing of a water related SDG

11:00-11:30 – Coffee break

11:30-13:00 – Sub-session 2: FOOD

- Dilyana Slavova, President, Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment Section, European Economic and Social Committee
- Mike Nixon, Managing Director, Nestlé Hungary
- Representative of Regional Office for Europe, FAO (TBA)
- András Gyenes, Managing Director, Unilever Magyarország

Moderator:

- András Molnar, Deputy Head of Department, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics (TBC)

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Examples of questions for discussion:

- the meaning and importance of sustainable agriculture in CEE
- the economic interest behind sustainable agriculture
- food consumption and production
- the challenges of food security and good nutrition in CEE

13:00-14:00 – Lunch

14:00-15:30 – Sub-session 3: ENERGY

- Björn Spiegel, Head of Energy Policy Division, Economic Council of the CDU
- Donna Darzentas, MOL Group SD & HSE Senior Vice President
- Dr. Christian Plas, Founder, Managing Partner, denkstatt GmbH
- Krisztina Dely, Head of the Covenant of Mayors Office
- Maciej Bukowski, President, Warsaw Institute for Economic Studies (TBC)
- László Varró, Head of Gas Coal and Electricity Markets, International Energy Agency (TBC)
- Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes, President, European Renewable Energy Council (TBC)

Moderator:

- Cezary Lejkowski, Director, Climate and Energy Department at WCB EIT+ (TBC)

Examples of questions for discussion:

- the meaning and importance of sustainable energy in CEE
- implementing the targets of EU 2020 strategy in terms of energy sustainability
- transformative actions for a more independent use of energy in CEE

15:30-16:30 – Closing remarks

Future Prospects for SUSCO Budapest 2015: Next steps towards inclusive and sustainable urbanisation

- Anita Orbán, Ambassador for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Sándor Finta, Head Architect of Budapest
- Darren Swanson, Director, Novel Futures Corporation (TBC)

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