

# PLANET BUDAPEST 2021 SUSTAINABILITY EXPO AND SUMMIT

## The Universe of Sustainability – Summit

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
**updated on 10 June 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**

**30 November, Tuesday**

**09:30 – 11:00 Opening panel – Leaders for a New World**

H.E. Mr János Áder, President, Hungary

H.E. Ms Zuzana Čaputová, President, Slovak Republic

H.E. Mr Miloš Zeman, President, Czech Republic

H.E. Mr Andrzej Duda, President, Republic of Poland

H.E. Mr António Guterres, Secretary General, United Nations

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

Mr György Matolcsy, Governor, The Central Bank of Hungary

**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

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

Mr Marc von Caeneghem, Global Climate and Sustainability Leader, Deloitte

Panel members:

H.E. Mr Seung-soo Han, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Korea

H.E. Mr Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Secretary-General, League of Arab States

Mr Liu Xin, Mayor, Hangzhou, People's Republic of China  
Mr Peter Bakker, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development  
Mr Hans-Paul Bürkner, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group  
Mr Alberto Di-Leo, General Manager Hungary/Adria, Unilever N.V. and Unilever PLC  
Mr Jeff Bezos, Executive Chairman, Amazon  
Mr Csaba Kandrás, Vice President, Financial Supervision and Consumer Protection, The Central Bank of Hungary

**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

**Keynote speakers:**

H. Em. Card. Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, The Holy See

Mr Johan Rockström, Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

**Panel members:**

Ms Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, Professor of Environmental Sciences, Central European University, Nobel Prize laureate and IPCC member

Mr Nikolay Kosov, Chairman of the Board, International Investment Bank

Mr Kartikeya Sarabhai, Director, Centre for Environment Education, Republic of India

The Rt Hon. John Gummer, the Lord Deben, Chairman, Committee on Climate Change, United Kingdom

Mr János Pásztor, Executive Director, Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative

Ms Veronika Czakó, Socio-Economic Analyst, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

**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

**Keynote speaker:**

Mr Liqun Jin, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Ms Jenny Lee, Managing Partner, GGV Capital

H.E. Mr Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Republic of Indonesia

**Panel members:**

Mr Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor, Athens, Greece

Ms Anna Fang, Partner and Chief Executive Officer, ZhenFund

Ms Claudia Pahl-Wostl, Director, Institute for Environmental Systems Research, University of Osnabrück

Mr Charles Brand, Cluster Vice-President Europe & Central Asia, Tetra Pak Group

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

Mr Tom Szaky, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, TerraCycle

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

**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

Keynote speakers:

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

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

Panel members:

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

H.E. Mr Jarosław Gowin, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Development, Labour and Technology, Republic of Poland

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

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

H.E. Mr Oleg Butković, Minister of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, Republic of Croatia

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

**11:00 – 11:45 Coffee break**

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

Moderator:

Ms Andrea Pánczél, Chief Executive Officer, White Paper Consulting

Keynote speakers:

Ms Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission

Admiral Michelle J. Howard, Member, Energy Security Leadership Council

Panel members:

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

Ms Khadijah A. Ba, Founder and Executive Chairman, Der Mond Group

Mr Fatih Birol, Executive Director, International Energy Agency

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

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

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

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

Mr Samir Ibrahim, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, SunCulture

Mr Markus Rauramo, Chief Executive Officer, Fortum

**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

Keynote speakers:

Ms Yuriko Koike, Mayor, Tokyo, Japan

Panel members:

Mr Mohammed Adjei Sowah, Mayor, Accra, Republic of Ghana

Mr Bjarke Ingels, Architect, Bjarke Ingels Group

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

Mr Poul Due Jensen, Group President and Chief Executive Officer, Grundfos Holding

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

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

Mr John Tanui, Chief Executive Officer, Konza Technopolis Development Authority

Mr András Sik, Director of Geospatial Services, Lechner Knowledge Center

Mr Dávid Vitézy, Chief Executive Officer, Budapest Development Agency

**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 Szöllősi-Nagy, Professor, National University of Public Service, Hungary

Keynote speakers:

Mr Dongyu Qu, Director General, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation

Panel members:

H.E. Mr Barna Tanczos, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania

Mr Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization

Mr Gilbert F. Houngbo, President, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Chair, UN-Water

Mr Joseph Siaw Agyepong, Executive Chairman, Jospong Group of Companies

Mr Dario Soto-Abril, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership

**18:30 – 21:00 Cultural programme**

**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

Keynote speakers:

H.E. Mr Marcos Cesar Pontes, Minister of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications, Federative Republic of Brazil

Mr Ansgar Brockmeyer, Executive Vice President, Stadler Rail AG

Panel members:

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

Mr Young Tae Kim, Secretary-General, International Transport Forum

Mr Oliver Zipse, Chairman of the Board of Management, BMW

Mr Isbrand Ho, Managing Director, BYD Europe B.V.

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

**11:00 – 11:45 Coffee break**

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

Moderator:

Mr Sean Kidney, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Climate Bonds Initiative

Keynote speaker:

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

Ki-moon Ban, President and Chair, Global Green Growth Institute, Former Secretary General, United Nations

Ms Teresa Czerwińska, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Panel members:

Ms Inger La Cour Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme

Mr Dániel Palotai, Executive Director, International Monetary Fund

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

Mr Paul Bodnar, Global Head, Sustainable Investing, BlackRock

Mr Magnus Brandberg, Partner and Investment Manager, Gullspång Invest

Mr Mukesh Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited

Mr Chris Milligan, Counselor, United States Agency for International Development

**13:15 – 14:45 Lunch**

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

Moderator:

Mr M. Bijaksana Junerosano, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Greeneration Foundation, Managing Director, Waste4Change

Keynote speakers:

Mr Xianlai Zeng, Associate Professor, School of Environment, Tsinghua University

Panel members:

H.E. Ms Barbara Creecy, Minister of Environment, Republic of South Africa

H.E. Mr Prakash Javadekar, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Republic of India

Ms Katarzyna Błachowicz, Cluster Manager, Waste Management and Recycling Cluster

Mr Gonzalo Muñoz, Co-Founder and Executive President, TriCiclos

Mr László Aleksza, Chief Executive Officer, ProfiKomp Inc.

**16:15 – 17:00 Closing Panel**

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