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3rd Conference of the UNAI Sustainable Development Goals Hubs **Strengthening efforts to implement the «2030 Agenda»**

12th October 2026

Venue:

Museum of History of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
(5 Tholou str., Plaka under the Parthenon of the Acropolis)

09.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 –10.30 Opening Session

Chair: Mr Maher NASSER

Director, Outreach Division of Department of Global Communications, **United Nations**

Co-chair: Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS

Director of KEPA, UNAI SDG7 Hub Co-Chair

10.00 - 10.10 **Opening**

Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, UNAI SDG7 Hub Co-Chair

10.10 –10.30 **Welcome addresses**

NKUA RECTOR (TBC)

MINISTERS (TBC)

10.20 – 10.30 **Introductory remarks**

Mr. Maher NASSER

Director, **UN**

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 13.00 Morning Session

Moderator: Mr Maher NASSER

Director **UN**

11.00 –12.00 **1st Round Table Discussion, “Tracing funding sources in support of vulnerable populations”**

Facilitators: KEPA (P. Konidari), Praxis Net (M. Mikroni)

Participants: UNAI SDG Hub Chairs, Co-chairs, Vice-Chairs

(Comments, questions, proposals by participants, observers, attendees)

Concluding remarks

12.00 – 13.00 **2nd Round Table Discussion, “...We pledge that no one will be left behind...”**

Facilitator: Prof D. Mavrakis, UNAI SDG7 Hub Co-Chair

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13.00 – 14.00 Light lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Afternoon Session

Moderator: Mr. Maher NASSER

 Director, **UN**

14.00 -15.00 3rd Round Table Discussion, Looking forward to the “post-2030 Agenda”.

Facilitator: Prof. Dr. Luciano MENDES **UNAI SDG1 Hub Chair (Brazil)**, Mrs. Anna VASILA (AIA, Hellas)

Participants: UNAI SDG Hub Chairs, Co-chairs, Vice-Chairs

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Concluding remarks

15.00 – 16.00 FINAL CONCLUSIONS

Participants UNAI SDG1 HUB Prof. Dr. Luciano MENDES (**Brazil**), Prof. Longbao WEI (**R.P. China**) **UNAI SDG3 HUB** Prof. Hettie SCHONFELDT, Dr. Beulah PRETORIOUS (**South Africa**), Prof. Patrick MERLE, Prof. Steve MCDOWELL (**USA**), Prof. Graig HUTTON, Prof. Mary BARKER, Mr. Stephen LOWE, Yaryna BASYSTYUK (**United Kingdom**) **UNAI SDG5 HUB** Prof. Anson Kangirathingal JOY (**India**), **UNAI SDG6 HUB** Ms. Claire HERBERT (**Canada**), **UNAI SDG7 HUB** Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Dr. Popi KONIDARI (**Greece**), Prof. Oladele Teslim OJURONI (**Nigeria**), Prof. Sholpan TAZABEK (**Kazakhstan**), **UNAI SDG8 HUB** Dr. Billie LYTHBERG (**New Zealand**), Prof. Johnathan WINTERTON (**United Kingdom**), **UNAI SDG9 HUB** Prof. Camille GRANGE (**Canada**), Prof. Tiago Moreira de ABREU (**Spain**), **UNAI UNAI SDG11 HUB HUB** Dr. Mark CHARLTON, Mrs. Claire LERPINIÈRE (**United Kingdom**), **UNAI SDG12 HUB** Prof. Liz PRICE (**United Kingdom**), **UNAI SDG13 HUB** Dr. Maximilian JUNGSMANN, **UNAI SDG14 HUB** Mr. Sverre Ole DRONEN (**Norway**), Prof. Jose Souto Rosa FILHO (**Brazil**), **UNAI SDG15 HUB** Prof. Fatemeh SALEHI (**Australia**), Prof. Shanti Faridah binti SALLEH (**Malaysia**), **UNAI SDG17 HUB** Prof. Jian ZHANG (**P.R. China**), Neele van den BONGARDT (**Netherlands**)

Observers Prof. Astrit BARDHI, Prof. Gentian DUME, Dr. Aldi MUCKA, Mr. Donard SHALIU (**Albania**), Prof. Julie KAREL (**Australia**), Mr. Apostolos MITSIS, Mr. Spyros KONTOS (**Greece**), Mr. Ioannis NTROUKAS (Ext. Consult., KEPA - NKUA), Mr. Iason TAMIAKIS (**Greece**), Prof. Francis Orata OMOTO (**Kenya**), Ms. Milena OSTOJIC, Prof. Goran SEKULIC (**Montenegro**), Prof. Haddou EL GHAZI (**Morocco**), Prof. Olivera Ećim-Đurić, Prof. Dejan IVEZIC, Prof. Dusan MOJIC (**Serbia**), Mr. Simon Peter WEREDWONG, Prof. Muchaiteyi TOGO (**South Africa**), Dr. Mohamed said Abdallah Abdelsamie (**Syrian Arab Republic**), Prof. Tze-Luen LIN (**Taiwan**), Mr. Burkin ACAN, Mr. Ugur ANUK, Prof. Banu SEZGINER, Mr. Ferid CORUH, Mr. Kadir SAYICI (**Turkiye**), Mrs. Bilkis Mohammed KUCHAZI (**United Kingdom**)

Attendees Dimitra ATHANASOPOULOU, Eirini CHANIOTAKI, Stamatina-Eirini GEORGA, Dimitris KARADIMA, Maria - Oliviani RIGOU, Eleni STAVRAKAKI, Ellie THEOFILATOU (KEPA-NKUA) (**Greece**)

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Cultural Event – Visit to Mycenae Archaeological Site

13th October 2026



The Lion Gate



Funeral mask of Agamemnon

Short info

Mycenae is one of the most important archaeological sites in ancient Hellas, located in the northeastern Peloponnese. It flourished during the Late Bronze Age (1600–1100 BC) and gave its name to the Mycenaean civilization, the first advanced civilization on mainland Hellas.

09.30 – 09.50 Meeting point at Hotel Amalia Athens (Amalia Avenue 10)

09.50 – 10.00 Boarding on bus - Depart for Mycenae

11.00 – 11.10 Visit the Channel of Korinthos

12.00 – 14.00 Visit and guided tour of the archaeological site and the Museum of Mycenae

14.00 – 16.00 Symposium (Round table discussion and Lunch)

16.00 – 18.00 Arrival at Hotel Amalia Athens

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13th BSEC - Green Energy Investments Forum

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UNAI SDG7 Hub Co-Chair

Co-chairs: **Prof. Hettie SCHONFELDT**
UNAI SDG3 Hub Chair, South Africa
PROF. Dejan IVEZIC
University of Belgrade, Serbia

10.05 – 10.30 **Green Energy Investments in Member States of BSEC**

H.E. Amb. Ashot KOCHARIAN,
BSEC – PERMIS, Executive Manager

10.30 – 10.45 **Coffee break**

Keynote – 1 UNAI SDG8 Hub Chair

Dr Billie LUTHBERG
University of Auckland, New Zealand

10.45 – 11.00 **Keynote - 2 UNAI SDG9 Hub Vice-Chair (T&E)**

Prof. Tiago Moreira de ABREU
La Salle-Ramon Llull University, Spain

11.00 – 11.15 **Keynote -3 UNAI SDG15 Hub Vice-Chair (O&P)**

Prof. Shanti Faridah binti SALLEH
University Malaysia Sarawak, Malaysia

11.15 – 11.30 **Keynote – 4 UNAI SDG17 Hub Vice-Chair (R)**

Mrs Neele van den BONGARDT
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

11.45 – 12.00 **Coffee break**

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12.00 – 12.45 1st Round Table – “Teaching and Education (T&E)”

Moderator: UNAI SDG5 Hub Chair Prof. Anson Kangirathingal JOY (India),

Facilitators: UNAI SDG3 Hub Vice Chair Prof. Patrick MERLE, Prof. Steve MCDOWELL (USA), UNAI SDG9 Hub Vice Chair, Prof. Tiago Moreira de ABREU (Spain), UNAI SDG12 Hub Prof. Liz PRICE (United Kingdom),

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12.30 – 13.45 2nd Round Table – “Research (R)”

Moderator: UNAI SDG15 Hub Chair Prof. Fatemeh SALEHI (Australia)

Facilitators: UNAI SDG1 Hub Prof. Longbao WEI (R.P. China), UNAI SDG3 Hub Prof. Graig HUTTON, Prof. Mary BARKER, Mr. Stephen LOWE, Ms. Yaryna BASYSTYUK (United Kingdom), UNAI SDG13 Hub Dr. Maximilian Jungmann (Germany), UNAI SDG17 Hub Neele van den BONGARDT (Netherlands)

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13.45 – 15.00 Free time (Light Lunch)

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15.00 – 17.00 Afternoon Session

15.00 – 16.15 **3rd Round Table – “Outreach and Partnerships”**

Moderator: UNAI SDG17 Hub Chair Prof. Jian ZHANG (P.R. China),

Facilitators: UNAI SDG7 Hub Prof. Sholpan TAZABEK (Kazakhstan), UNAI SDG8 Hub Prof. Johnathan WINTERTON (United Kingdom), UNAI SDG9 Hub Prof. Camille GRANGE (Canada), UNAI SDG14 Hub Prof. Jose Souto Rosa FILHO (Brazil), UNAI SDG15 Hub Prof. Shanti Faridah binti SALLEH (Malaysia),

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16.15 – 16.45 **Conclusions (Moderators)**

UNAI SDG5 Hub Chair Prof. Anson Kangirathingal JOY (India)

UNAI SDG15 Hub Chair Prof. Fatemeh SALEHI (Australia)

UNAI SDG17 Hub Chair Prof. Jian ZHANG (P.R. China)

Official Dinner in Honour of Mr. Maher NASSER

Venue: The Kapodistrian Kostis Palamas Building
 48, Akadimias str. & Sina str.

19.30 Welcome Reception (1st Floor)

20.00 Dinner (1st Floor)

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3rd. Conference of the UNAI SDG Hubs (Vice-Chairs)
19th BSEC – Scientific Conference on “Energy and Climate Change”
15th October 2026

Venue:

“Kostis Palamas” Cultural Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
(48 Akademias and Sina str.)

10.30 – 12.00 Session 1 – Environment – Climate Change - Energy

Chair: **Prof. Milton A. TYPAS**
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Prof. Liz PRICE
Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
Prof. Astrit BARDHI
Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

Opening

10.30 – 10.40 **Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS**
Director of KEPA, BSEC – GEN & UNAI Hub SDG7

Presentations

10.40 – 11.00 **Mr. Milena OSTOJIĆ**
University of Montenegro, Montenegro
Assessing Riverbank Protection as a Climate Adaptation Measure in an Urban River Corridor: A Case Study from Montenegro?

11.00 – 11.20 **Prof. Muchaiteyi TOGO**
University of South Africa, South Africa
Water and energy supply systems in Soweto, South Africa and Ede, Nigeria: cross-context insights for sustainable options

11.20 – 11.40 **Mrs. Bilkisu KUHAZI**
Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
Perceived climate-related environmental stressors, health vulnerability and adaptation needs in oil and gas host communities in Northern Nigeria

11.40 – 12.00 **Mr. Simon Peter WEREDWONG**
University of South Africa, South Africa

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Drivers and Barriers to Adoption of Renewable Energy Technologies by Smallholder Farmers in Ntenjeru Subcounty: Implications for Uganda's NDCs

12.00 – 12.20 Prof. Tze-Luen LIN

National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Navigating the Barriers and Challenges of Geothermal Development in Taiwan: A Socio-Technical Perspective

12.20 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 15.30 Session 2 – Environment – Climate Change - Energy

Chair:

Prof. Milton A. TYPAS

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Prof. Francis Orata OMOTO

Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Kenya

Prof. Dejan IVEZIC

University of Belgrade, Serbia

13.00 – 13.20 Dr. Michael RUSSO

University of Aveiro, Portugal

Renewable energy forecasting for decarbonisation pathways using high-resolution climate modelling by Doctor Michael Russo

13.20 – 13.40 Dr. Dušan MOJIC

University of Belgrade, Serbia

Institutional Framework for the Transition to Renewable Energy Sources for Household Consumption: Comparative Analysis of Greece and Serbia

13.40 – 14.00 Prof. László SZABO (ON LINE)

Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

Targeting energy poverty - the case study of Hungary

14.00 – 14.20 Prof. Haddou EL GHAZI

National Higher School of Arts and Craft (ENSAM), Hassan II University, Morocco

Quantum Engineering of InGaN/GaN Nanostructures for Next-Generation Photovoltaic Energy Conversion

14.20 – 14.40 Dr. Pantelitsa SFINIADAKI (ON LINE)

European University Cyprus

Accelerating Renewables under RED III: Internal Environmental Conflicts and the Rebalancing of EU Environmental Protection by

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14.40 – 15.00 Light Lunch

15.00 – 17.30 Session 2 – Environment – Climate Change - Energy

Chair: Dr. Olivera EĆIM-ĐURIĆ

University of Belgrade, Serbia

Prof. TAZABEK

Almaty Management University, Kazakhstan

Prof. Haddou EL GHAZI

National Higher School of Arts and Craft (ENSAM), Hassan II University, Morocco

15.00 – 15.20 Prof. Luis LAMANI (TBC)

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

“Geospatial Optimization of Flight Routes for Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability in Tirana Air Traffic Management”

15.20 – 15.40 Dr. Olivera EĆIM-ĐURIĆ

University of Belgrade, Serbia

Machine Learning Framework for the Sustainable Building Refurbishment

15.40 – 16.00 Prof. Assoc. Gentian DUME

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

A Four-Node Distributed Virtual Instrumentation Platform for Real-Time Power Quality Monitoring and Harmonic Analysis in PV-Integrated Electrical Grids

16.00 – 16.20 Dr. Aldi MUCKA

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

Enhancing Transmission Capacity for Renewable Integration through Phase-Shifting Transformers: A Case Study of the Albanian Power System

16.00 – 16.20 Prof. Astrit BARDHI

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

Renewable Energy Sources and Challenges for the Future of Albania’s Electricity System

16.20 – 16.40 Mr. Endri VEIZI (ONLINE)

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

Impact of Battery Energy Storage Systems on the connection of photovoltaic power plant on the transmission network

16.40 – 17.00 Dr. Ioanna KARAMICHALI

University of Thessaly, Greece

Biodiversity Protection through Wildfire Risk Associated Planning

17.00 – 17.20 Mr. Donard SHALIU

Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania

Assessment of Neutral Grounding Method on Medium Voltage Distribution Network a Case Study

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DINNER

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Brokerage Event & Funding Opportunities in Cluster 5, Horizon Europe

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10.30 – 11.30 Session - Projects

Chair: **Dr. Popi KONIDARI**
KEPA – NKUA, Greece
Mrs. Maria MIKRONI
PRAXI NETWORK, Greece
Mr. Luna Del Pizzo C Giorgio Maria VINGIANI
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10.30 – 10.50 Prof. Dejan IVEZIC
University of Belgrade, Serbia
Forward-Looking Framework for Accelerating Households' Green Energy

10.50 – 11.30 Mr. Iason TAMIAKIS
Tero Monoprosopi IKE, Hellas
Proactive Community Adaptation to Climate Change through Social Transformation and Behavioural Change

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Session – Funding Opportunities

12.00 – 12.05 **Mrs. Maria MIKRONI**
PRAXI NETWORK, Greece
Welcome & Introduction

Sub-Session - BEST PRACTICES OF EMERGING VALUE CHAINS: THE KEY ELEMENTS

BENEFICIARIES OF FRAMEWORK PROGRAMS SHARING THOUGHTS, IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE VALUE CHAINS IN CL5 CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY THEMATIC AREAS

12.40 – 13.10 **Mr. Vasileios BALACHTSIS**
Deputy Director, Sustainable and Intelligent Transition Department, CluBE, Cluster of Bioeconomy and Environment of Western Macedonia
“CluBE” as Regional Accelerator of Research and Innovation
Mr. Stamatis MITROPOULOS
Senior Innovation Consultant, KiNNO Innovation Intermediaries
“Horizon Europe Experiences: From Conceptualization to Implementation – Key Takeaways”

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13.10 – 13.30 *Interactive Session (Round Table) and Closing Remarks*

13.30 – 14.30 **Lunch**

14.30 - 18.00 Session – Networking & Brokerage event On-site

14.45 – 15.00 GREENET Project

15.00 – 15.15 **Mr. Luna Del Pizzo C Giorgio Maria VINGIANI**
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MarLEN: supporting networking, collaboration and synergy-building

15.15 – 16.15 **PITCHING SESSION**

16.15 – 17.15 **MEETINGS**

1 on 1 in-person meetings (1 HOUR)

17.15 – 18.00 **CLOSING-NETWORKING COCTAIL**