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DEVELOPMENT** GOALS



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08h30-09h15

Registration

Opening Session

09h15-09h20

Welcoming remarks by

Frans Timmermans, First Vice-President for Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

09h20-09h30

Special address by

HM Queen Mathilde of Belgium, United Nations SDG Advocate

Addressing Europe's Sustainability Challenges: How EU Policies Can Deliver

09h30-09h50

Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC),

in conversation with **First Vice-President Timmermans** on the Commission's new Communication on the Sustainable Development Goals, followed by a Q&A

09h50-10h10

Human Capital as a Driver of Sustainable Development: Rethinking Europe's Education Models

Keynote speech by **Andreas Schleicher**, Director for Education and Skills, Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary-General, OECD

10h10-11h20

Game Changers for Sustainable Development: Where the EU Can Make a Difference

Moderator: **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

Introduced by

Jean-Eric Paquet, Deputy Secretary-General, European Commission

Panel Debate:

- **Steve Waygood**, Chief Responsible Investment Officer, AVIVA Investments
- **Erik Solheim**, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme
- **Anita M. Schwarz**, Lead Economist, Social Protection and Labor Global Practice, World Bank
- **Marco Buti**, Director-General, Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

11h20-11h50

Coffee Break

From Challenge to Opportunity: Towards a Modern, Sustainable EU Economy

Moderator: **Sami Andoura**, Team Leader, Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

11h50-13h00

Panel Debate:

- **Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency
- **Dame Ellen MacArthur**, Founder, Ellen MacArthur Foundation
- **Luca Visentini**, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation
- **Pierre Dubuc**, CEO and co-founder, OpenClassrooms
- **Kathleen Van Brempt**, Member of the European Parliament

13h00-14h00

Networking Lunch

Making it Happen, in Europe and in the World

Moderator: **Paweł Świeboda**, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

14h00-14h15

A View from the Outside: How to Engage to Bring Everybody on Board

Giselle Weybrecht, Adviser and author on sustainability

14h15-15h15

Mobilising Forces to Deliver on the Transition

Speakers:

- **Geneviève Pons**, Director of WWF's EU Office
- **Maria Shaw-Barragan**, Director, Global Partner department, European Investment Bank
- **Tjaša Ficko**, Deputy Mayor of Ljubljana, European Green Capital 2016
- **Eva Paunova**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Brenda King**, President, Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee

15h15-15h45

The External Dimension: Helping our Global Partners to Deliver on SDGs

Karl Falkenberg, in conversation with **David Nabarro**, UN Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and **Ruba Ahmad**, European Development Days 2016's Young Leader

15h45-16h15

Wrap-up and Proposals for Next Steps

Saïd El Khadraoui, Adviser, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), in conversation with **Enrico Giovannini**, Professor of Economic Statistics at the University of Rome Tor Vergata and Founder of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development, and **Mariana Kotzeva**, Deputy Director-General, Eurostat.

16h15-16h30

Closing Remarks by

Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness

