

## INVITATION



Join our event:

### **Addressing climate change impacts on cultural and natural heritage – The Way Forward**

Tuesday 2 November 2021 | 17:00 – 20:30 (CET)

**Event to take place in hybrid format live from Brussels.**

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This High-Level Event focuses on the interconnection and interdependence between our heritage - natural and cultural - and the impacts of climate change. Furthermore, it aims to promote the inclusion of cultural heritage into the National Adaptation Plans, as well as the exchange of best practices in order to improve the resilience of world's monuments and cultural/natural sites to the impacts of climate change.

The participants will also explore policy avenues and actions, as well as awareness raising and capacity building initiatives, with the view to further enhance the goals of the UN Initiative "Addressing climate change impacts on cultural and natural heritage", driven by Greece at the UN level.

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## Session 1 : Introductory speeches Speakers

- Kyriakos Mitsotakis – Greek Prime Minister
- Audrey Azoulay – Director-General UNESCO
- Patricia Espinosa – Executive Secretary UNFCCC
- Frans Timmermans - European Commission Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal
- Margaritis Schinas - European Commission Vice- President for Promoting our European Way of Life
- John Kerry - US Secretary of State, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
- Christos Zerefos – Secretary-General Academy of Athens, Climate Envoy for Greece
- Petteri Taalas – Secretary-General, WMO

Moderator  
George Kremlis - Principal Advisor to the Greek Prime Minister on energy, climate, environment and circular economy issues,  
Chairman of the Flexible Mechanism



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## Session 2 : Challenges for cultural and natural heritage in the era of climate crisis Panel 1 - Speakers

- Kausea Natano - Prime Minister of Tuvalu
- Tamar Zandberg - Minister of Environmental Protection of the State of Israel
- Graca Fonseca - Minister of Culture of Portuguese Republic
- Yasmine Fouad - Minister of Environment of Arab Republic of Egypt
- Haifa Hajjar Najjar - Minister of Culture of Jordan
- Naser Nuredini - Minister of Environment and Physical Planning of Republic North Macedonia
- Noura Al Kaabi - Minister of Culture and Youth of United Arab Emirates

Moderator  
Lina Mendoni – Minister of Culture and Sports of Greece



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## Session 2 : Challenges for cultural and natural heritage in the era of climate crisis Panel 2 - Speakers

- Konstantinos Skrekas - Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece
- Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertyński - Deputy Minister of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland
- Kameran Ali Hassan Blbas - Deputy Minister of Health and Environment of the Republic of Iraq
- Anna Mazmanyan - Deputy Minister of Environment of the Republic of Armenia
- Joy Beasley - Associate Director for Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science U.S. National Park Service

Moderator  
Georgios Amiras - Deputy Minister of Environment and Energy of Greece



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## Session 3 : Challenges and prospects on management of cultural and natural heritage in the context of climate crisis Speakers

- Evangelos Gerasopoulos - Research Director NOA
- Teresa Patricio - President ICOMOS
- Yana Gevorgyan - Secretariat Director GEO
- Sneška Quaedvlieg – Mihailovic - Secretary General Europa Nostra
- Alexandra Mitsotakis - President, World Human Forum

Concluding remarks by

Christos Stylianidis – Greek Minister of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection

Moderator  
Jeffrey Sachs – President of the UN SDSN and Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University



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