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Programme

8:30 – 9:00	**Registration:** *Please enter through main entrance (76 Patission Street (28is Oktovriou), 104 34 Athens) and follow the signs for the registration desk!*
High-level opening segment	
9:00 – 10:15	**Welcome remarks and introduction to the meeting** • **Ms. Phoebe Koundouri**, Co-Chair of the IGS, Athens University of Economics and Business & University of Cambridge; President, World Council of Environmental and Natural Resource Economists Associations; Chair, SDSN Global Climate Hub; Director AE4RIA • **Ms. Astra Bonini**, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York **(Moderator)** **High-level remarks by Greek hosts** • **Mr Kostis Hatzidakis**, Vice President of the Government of Greece **(online)** • **Mr. Vassilis Vasdekis**, Professor and Rector of the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), Greece • **Mr. Ioannis Emiris**, Professor and President and Director General of ATHENA Research Center, Greece • **Mr. Nikolaos Stromplos,** Director General of Statistics at the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT). • **Ms. Theodora Antonakaki**, Director of Climate Change and Sustainability Centre, Bank of Greece, Greece **Introduction to the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report by the Co-chairs of the Independent Group of Scientists** • **Ms. Phoebe Koundouri**, Athens University of Economics and Business & University of Cambridge; President World Council of Environmental and Natural Resource Economists Associations; Chair SDSN Global Climate Hub; Director AE4RIA • **Mr. Adedoyin Adebodun Adeleke**, Executive Director, Green Growth Africa, Nigeria **Q&A**
10:15 – 10:20	Group Photo

10:20 – 11:00	**Session 1: The big picture** This session is a substantive scene setting session. It comprises keynote presentations and high-level responses on overall sustainable development issues and big picture trends of relevance for Europe, such as those related to climate change, infrastructure, trade disruptions and conflicts, technological advances, engineering challenges, economic and political fragmentation. Guiding questions: • What are the most important big picture trends and emerging issues of overarching relevance for SDG progress? What are the implications of recent geopolitical, economic, social, environmental, financial and technological disruptions? • How are the sustainability and leave no-one-behind SDG agendas impacted by the current political, technological and development cooperation contexts? How much and what kind of international cooperation is needed? • What are the most important potential future challenges and prospects? Which "must-have" policy and cooperation recommendations would you like to see in the 2027 Global Sustainable Development Report? Moderator: • **Ms. Astra Bonini**, Chief, Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York **Speakers** • **Mr Tālis Juhna**, Rector, Riga Technical University; Chairman, Advisory Board of the Latvian Council of Science, Latvia • **Ms. Catalina Turcu**, Professor, University College London, UK • **Mr Paul John Ladd**, Director, UN Economic Commission for Europe **(online)** • **Mr Enrico Giovannini**, Former Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility, Italy **(online)** Open discussion with IGS members
Athens Climate Week - Prelaunch Event	
11:00 – 12:30	**Opening Remarks:** • **Ms. Phoebe Koundouri,** Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business and University of Cambridge; Director, AE4RIA Research Centres **(Moderator)** **Speakers:** • **Dr. Vaggelis Marinakis**, President, Develop Athens, Municipality of Athens. • **Mr. Spyros Blavoukos**, Professor, Chair, Department of International and European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics and Business. • **Mr. Yannis Ioannidis**, Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Former President and General Director, ATHENA Research Center. • **Ms. Olga Stavropoulou**, Director General, Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association (HELMEPA). • **Ms. Yolanda Koukouletsou,** Legal Counsel, Hellenic Association of Insurance Companies (HAIC). • **Ms. Alice Corovessi**, Co-Founder and Managing Director, INZEB; Country Coordinator for Greece, European Climate Pact. • **Mr. Francesco Amighetti**, Programs & Operations Director, DOTANK Plus. • **Ms. Ifigeneia Koutiva**, Director, Climate, Nature and Water Services, EY Greece.