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"2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

Exploring pathways of implementation through UNAI and BSEC.

The 1st Meeting of the UN Academic Impact Hubs, from around the world, was held in Athens between 7-11 October 2024, under the chairmanship of UNAI, to promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

The meetings included the **1st Meeting (7.10.24)** of the 17 UN Academic Impact Hubs for Sustainable Development, the **7th Annual Dinner (8.10.24)** under the auspices of BSEC, the **11th Green Energy Investments Forum (9.10.24)** focused on the promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals and the **17th International Scientific Conference on "Energy and Climate Change" (10-11.10.24)**.

Apart from the members of the academic community, the meetings were attended by people with different capacities from the four continents of the planet, mainly in the context of the activities of UNAI, which was also responsible for chairing the relevant procedures.

- The proceedings of **the 1st Meeting** chaired by **UNAI** were attended by the representative of **UNEP Hellas** and the following **UNAI SDG Hubs**: **SDG1** *Ending poverty in all its forms everywhere*, by Kristu Jayanti College (**India**), **SDG2** *Ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture* by the University of Pretoria (**South Africa**), **SDG7** *Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all* by KEPA – NKUA (**Greece**), **SDG8** *Promoting sustainable, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all* by Balochistan University of Information, Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (**Pakistan**), **SDG9** *Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization and promoting innovation* by Nagaoka University of Technology (**Japan**), **SDG10** *Reducing inequality within and between countries* by Mount Kenya University, (**Kenya**), **SDG11** *Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable* by USINOS Jesuit University(**Brazil**), **SDG12** *Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns* by University for Peace (**Costa Rica**), **SDG16** *Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels* by De Montfort University (**United Kingdom**).



In the following proceedings, apart from the representative of UNAI headquarters and representatives of UNAI SDG Hubs, the following participated:

- the Deputy Secretary General of the International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (**BSEC**), the Armenian Ambassador to PERMIS representative of the current BSEC Presidency and the Armenian Ambassador Energy Advisor of PERMIS,
- the Secretary-General and the Director responsible for energy investment of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (**BSTDB**),
- the Ambassadors of **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Georgia, Pakistan** and **Turkey**,
- the Consuls of **Japan, Kuwait** and **Morocco**.
- All proceedings were attended by observers from **Albania, Kuwait, Morocco, the Netherlands, Romania, Tajikistan**, the **Russian Federation, Greek universities, businessmen** and **individuals of recognized prestige** in the Greek market.

The «scientific announcements» and «brokerage» sessions were attended by scientists from **Albania, Azerbaijan, Greece, USA, Spain, Italy, China, Cyprus, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey**.

Conclusions and proposals will be included in next Press Releases.

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