

Welcome address at the 1st Meeting of the UNAI Hubs by Prof. Efsthios EFSTATHOPOULOS Vice-Rector of NKUA

Esteemed **Ms Jayashri. WYATT** Chief of the Education Outreach Section of the United Nations and academic representatives of the United Nations Academic Impact Hubs of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Esteemed Observers, Rectors, Vice-rectors, academic colleagues, and attendees.

On behalf of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the oldest and most prominent Greek university, I cordially welcome you to our university and the opening of the 1st Meeting of the UNAI SDGs Hubs targeting the contribution of the global academic community in support of the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

In a globally uncertain political and economic world, with the war conflicts in our broad region, we have been gathered with the aim to exchange views and find ways to contribute to the success of the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

We are quite satisfied from the continued efforts of KEPA and Prof. Mavrakakis, at international, national and local level to engage the academic communities with municipalities in favour of vulnerable communities and people, in the content of the “2030 Agenda”, while addressing energy poverty and promoting REDD+ remain within our interests.

We are honoured by the participation of **Ms Jayashri WYATT**, Chief of the Education Outreach Section (United Nations), we have high expectations from the outcomes of this 1st meeting and allow me to notice that we are supportive to the idea of organizing the 2nd Meeting in Athens in 2025, if this facilitates your plans.

Once more I welcome you to our University and to Athens.

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