



Keynote Speeches: Green Jobs in Focus

Context

The International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum is a solutions platform to accelerate low-emission, climate-resilient development around the world. The Forum highlights the action-oriented steps required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, helping to forge an inclusive pathway that leaves no one behind. The Forum is co-organized by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA) and the Government of Austria. The solutions platform facilitates multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder and inter-disciplinary dialogue to advance sustainable energy development while promoting inclusiveness and the empowerment of women and youth engagement.

Youth Solutions Days, designed by and for youth, in partnership with Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll), WU Vienna and the City of Vienna brings together young people to discuss, learn and build capacity through action-packed three-day agenda. Most of all, it meaningfully engages youth in the Forum.

Date and Time

Date: 30.10.2023

Time: 12:30-14:10

Location: WU Festsaal

Background

With the rising drastic impacts of climate change comes the urgent need for a call of action. Young people are not only experiencing the consequences of climate change but are also actively engaged in climate action. As nations work towards limiting global warming to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, investments in solutions will lead to green job opportunities. By 2030, green policy measures can create 8.4 million jobs for young people. In this regard, it is important for young ambitious people to be aware of the skills necessary that can secure them access to jobs in the field of sustainable development. Current policymakers, diplomats, employers and educators need to be active agents for supporting young people for access to these green jobs.



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The session 'Green jobs in focus' being the first event with keynotes at the Youth Solution Days aims to set the stage for encouraging youngsters to prepare themselves for the green jobs industry. In this session, high-level experts from key organizations will share their insights about what skills and jobs await youngsters in the field of climate and energy. The session aims to provide a foundation for the youth to best prepare themselves for the jobs they are aiming for. In the Q&A part, youngsters themselves will have an opportunity to engage with the honorable speakers for further discussions.

Agenda

- **Meeting Point at [Welthandelsplatz 1](#) (see picture below)** | 11:00 CEST



- **Pre-meeting and briefing at Clubraum (speakers will be guided to the location by liaisons)**

- **Introduction and scene setting by moderator (10 min)** | 12:30 – 12:40 CEST

- **Speeches**

Note: All speakers will be seated on the stage and each one can walk up to the podium to give their speech.

- Jeffrey Sachs (online) | 12:40 – 13:10 CEST
- Kanika Chawla | 13:10 – 13:18 CEST
- Cristiano Pasini | 13:18 – 13:26 CEST
- Berthold Kren | 13:26 – 13:34 CEST

- **Guided Questions/Discussion (16 min)** | 13:34 – 13:50 CEST

The moderator will kick off the discussion by asking one of the following questions to each speaker (except Jeffrey Sachs) (*approximately 5 minutes per speaker*).

Questions for Mr Pasini:

- Considering you have worked with UNIDO for 17 years, what are some positive developments that you have witnessed?





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- How do we go forward? What is missing?

Questions for Ms Chawla:

- What do you think can be done better towards dealing with the energy crisis and resulting slowing economies? Does it differ in Global South and North?
- How do the public and private sector treat energy transition differently?

Questions for Mr Kren:

- What are some bottlenecks that need to be overcome within the technology of Holcim?
- How can we transform societal norms/mindsets/consumption patterns from linear to circular?

- **Q&A (15 min)** | 13:50 – 14:05 CEST

This is an open Q&A part where the youth can interact with the speakers. They can ask their questions either through the Mentimeter platform or by using the microphone.

- **Concluding Remarks from moderator (5 min)** | 14:05 – 14:10 CEST

Expected outcomes

- Attendees of the session will gain an understanding of how to best prepare themselves for the green job market by listening to experts from key institutions.
- An opportunity for youngsters to be in direct interaction with experts from different fields.
- To offer an opportunity for employers and employees from various institutions to interact and share thoughts on skills for the future.

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Speakers

Jeffrey Sachs



Economics Professor @ Columbia University, Author, UN Advisor

Mr. Sachs is a world-renowned economics professor, leader in sustainable development, senior UN advisor, bestselling author and columnist. He is University Professor at Columbia University and a recent survey by the Economist ranked him as among the world's three most influential living economists of the past decade. He is a special advisor to the UN Secretary-General on the SDGs.

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Kanika Chawla



Chief of Staff @ SEforALL

Serves as the Chief of Staff at SEforALL and works closely with the CEO for SEforALL, and co-Chair of UN-Energy. Previously she has worked with the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) in New Delhi. Kanika's expertise lies at the intersection of energy and finance and she has worked extensively on the creation of well-functioning clean energy markets in emerging economies.

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Cristiano Pasini



Director of Division for Capacity Development, Industrial Policy Advises and Statistics, UNIDO

He has been working at UNIDO for more than 17 years and has taken up different roles including being the director of division and being the UNIDO representative to different countries. He holds an MBA and a doctor in mechanical engineering.

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Berthold Kren



Chief Executive Officer @Holcim Central Europe

Mr Kren's professional experiences cover a range of topics including general management, waste management, commodity trading and portfolio-management for energy, strategy, leadership in competitive environments. He is the CEO at Holcim Austria and prior to that was the head at Geocycle India and Geocycle Asia.

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Moderator

Jonas Puck



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He is the Academic Director of the MBA in Energy Management at the WU Executive Academy and Co-Director of WU's Research Initiative in Sports and Management. Mr Puck is a past-president and current elected vice-chair of the European International Business Academy. Before joining WU he has held positions in several other universities in Germany, Australia, UK and China.

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