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08:00	Registration and refreshments
09:00	<p>Chairpersons' opening remarks:</p> <p>THE ECONOMIST'S FORECAST:</p> <p>WHAT WOULD THE REPERCUSSIONS BE IF US PRESIDENT-ELECT DONALD TRUMP "CANCELLED" THE PARIS AGREEMENT?</p> <p>John Andrews, consultant editor, <i>The Economist</i></p> <p>Miranda Johnson, environment correspondent, <i>The Economist</i></p>
09:10	<p>Official opening</p> <p>THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENDA TO 2030 AND BEYOND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedding the 2030 UN agenda into EU priorities • The importance of the circular economy <p>Ibrahim Thiaw, deputy executive director, UNEP, assistant secretary-general, United Nations</p> <p>M.Abdeladim Lhafi, commissioner, COP22, Morocco</p>
09:30	Discussion
09:45	<p>PUTTING GREECE'S OBJECTIVES IN MOTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redefining the agenda on the debt crisis and sustainability • Incorporating SDGs into business strategy <p>Socrates Famellos, alternate minister of environment and energy, Greece</p> <p>Konstantinos Skrekas, MP, head of energy, environment & climate change sector, former minister of development and competitiveness, Greece</p> <p>IN CONVERSATION WITH CEOs:</p> <p>Emmanuel Panagiotakis, chairman & CEO, Greek Public Power Corporation</p> <p>Mihalis Theodorakopoulos, vice president & managing director, Hellas Gold</p> <p>Nikolaos Chatziargyriou, chairman & CEO, Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator (HEDNO)</p>
10:30	Discussion
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	<p>A YEAR AFTER THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE AGREEMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we expect changes in the new US administration policies? • Is the world on track to end poverty by 2030? • How long will we live? • What is the UK's position on sustainability after the referendum on Brexit? • What environmental risks are we facing? <p>Graeme Maxton, secretary-general, The Club of Rome</p> <p>Wolfgang Fengler, lead economist, The World Bank</p> <p>Nick Molho, executive director, Aldersgate Group, UK</p> <p>Spyros Kouvelis, former vice-minister for foreign economic, cultural and environmental affairs, former MP</p> <p>Demetres Karavellas, chief executive officer, WWF Greece</p>
12:10	Discussion

12:30	TURNING SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES Yiannis Tsironis , alternate minister of rural development and food, Greece Rintaro Tamaki , deputy secretary-general, OECD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The role of the Institutions: Andreas Andreadis, president, Greek Tourism Confederation (SETE) Yanni Paniaras, chairman, SEV Council for Sustainable Development George Stefanopoulos, general manager, Greek Mobile Operators Association (EKT)• The business response: Tassos Vassilopoulos, CIO, DHL Express Greece, Cyprus, Malta Athanasios Polychronopoulos, executive chairman, Polyeco Group Panagiotis Skiadas, sustainability director, Viohalco, Cenergy Holdings
13:20	Discussion
13:40	THE STATE OF CLIMATE DIPLOMACY FOLLOWING THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NGO perspective• Achievements and challenges: What next?• Disrupting economies and business plans in meeting climate goals• One year after the Paris agreement: are we still on track? Nikos Charalambides , executive director, Greenpeace Greece Vasilis G. Gregoriou , director & chairman of the board, National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF) Michael Spanos , managing director, Global Sustain Group
14:05	Discussion
14:20	TECHNOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT GO HAND IN HAND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special presentation of the: Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge, China Haim Dotan , founder & CEO, Haim Dotan Ltd. Architects & Urban Designers, Tel Aviv, Israel
14:35	Discussion
15:00	Official Luncheon Guest of honour and keynote speaker: George Stathakis , minister of environment and energy, Greece
16:30	End of conference sessions

Awaiting confirmation (*)

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