

SUSCO Budapest 2018 Environmental Migration

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Eiffel Palace, Budapest

Human migration and environmental degradation are two of the most pressing issues of our times. This year's SUSCO Budapest conference will concentrate on the long-disputed phenomenon of environmental migration, reflecting upon the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13, which targets to take action to combat climate change and its impacts, in which context, increasing climate-related migration has to be taken into consideration as well.

SUSCO BUDAPEST 2018 – Environmental Migration – discusses issues on global climate-induced migration, understanding links between environmental constraints and social responses. It points out the current changing environmental conditions around the globe and highlights the most affected regions, while searching for answers to questions, such as which are the interlinkages between human mobility and climatic factors.

We will touch upon technological, economical and cultural barriers and possible solutions of one of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century.

The long-term aspiration of SUSCO Budapest conference is to establish a Central European sustainable development network. Such a network provides an opportunity for the regional, governmental, academic, corporate, and civil spheres to discuss challenges and best practices, as well as to exchange experience and find common solutions for the region.

Programme

The language of the event is **ENGLISH**.
At the event Hungarian translation is provided.

12:30pm – 1pm **Registration**

1pm – 1:10pm **Opening Remarks**

Frank Spengler, Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Hungary
Péter Antall, Director, Antall József Knowledge Centre

1:10pm – 1:30pm **Keynote Speech**

Understanding the nexus of climate change and migration

Franco Frattini, President of the Italian Society for International Organization

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Organiser:

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Panel I. – Factfinding in environmental migration**

The session aims to address the environmental dimensions of human movements, including current changes in environmental conditions around the globe. Empirical research results of climate-induced migration, most affected regions and conflicts caused by resource scarcity will be on the agenda as well.

Kornélia Radics, President, Hungarian Meteorological Service

Robert Stojanov, Jean Monnet Fellow, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute

Franziska Fabritius, Research Fellow Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa (REMENA), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Moderator: Viktor Glied, Historian and Political Scientist, University of Pécs

3:00pm – 3:15pm **Coffee break**

3:15pm – 4:45pm **Panel II. – Barriers and solutions. Looking for a way-out or a way of living?**

The panel will touch upon technological, economic and cultural barriers, and possible solutions which are adapting to rapid environmental change. Best practices and adapted solutions will be listed as persuasive arguments for political and institutional investments and interventions.

Dai Yamawaki, Environment and Climate Change Professional, FAO

Sid Vollebregt, Managing Director, Elemental Water Makers B.V.

Thomas Festerling, CFO & Co-Founder, GreenTec Capital Partners

Moderator: Christina Catherine Krause, Coordinator for Migration and Refugee Policy, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

4:45pm – 4:55pm **Closing Remarks**

Csaba Kőrösi, Director of Environmental Sustainability at the Office of the President of the Republic of Hungary

4:55pm – 6:00pm **Reception, Networking**