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Towards a Sustainable Future

Thursday, 12 March 2015

Palais Niederösterreich, Vienna, Austria

Evening Program

18:00

Welcome and Introduction by Pavel Kabat (Director General and Chief Executive Officer of IIASA, member of the Leadership Council for the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN), and Co-Founder of the Alpbach-Laxenburg Group) **and Franz Fischler** (President of the European Forum Alpbach, Former EU Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries, and Co-Founder of the Alpbach-Laxenburg Group)

Public Lecture: “Abundance within Planetary Boundaries” by Johan Rockström (Executive Director of Stockholm Resilience Centre, Professor in Environmental Science at Stockholm University and member of the Leadership Council for the UN SDSN)

“The World in 2050” by Jeffrey Sachs (Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Director of the UN SDSN, and Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon)

Book Launch of the *The Age of Sustainable Development* by Jeffrey Sachs

Launch of The World in 2050 Project to scientifically accompany the implementation of the sustainable development goals, under the auspices of the Leadership Council of the UN SDSN and the Alpbach-Laxenburg Group with a video message by **Sam K. Kutesa** (President of the UN General Assembly)

19:00

Awarding of the IIASA Distinguished Visiting Fellow to Johan Rockström

Cultural Intermezzo on [“Bridging the Divide”](#) by dancer/choreographer Gloria Benedikt

Panel Debate: Transitions to Sustainability and the Critical Year of 2015: from Vienna to Addis Ababa, New York and Paris

Moderated by:
Pavel Kabat

Panelists:

Csaba Körösi (State Secretary, Director for Environmental Sustainability, Office of the President of the Republic, Hungary, and former co-chair of The UN General Assembly’s Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals)

Jeffrey Sachs (Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Director of the UN SDSN, and



Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon)

Tomáš Sedláček (Czech Economist and University Lecturer, Chief Macroeconomic Strategist at ČSOB, a former member of the National Economic Council of the Czech Republic and Economic Advisor to former President Václav Havel)

Vladimír Šucha (Director General of the Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission and Professor at Comenius University Bratislava)

Jan Zielonka (Professor of European Politics and Ralf Dahrendorf Professorial Fellow at St Antony's College at University of Oxford)

Closing: Franz Fischler

20:00

Reception