

Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium

Diaspora Dialogues: Connecting Young Voices around the world

DAY 1 – November 27th, 2024

11:00 **Arrival of delegates – Registration**

11:40 **Welcome remarks**

Maira Myrogianni, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy

11:40 **Opening speech**

Georgios Kotsiras, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Cultural Identity and Heritage: "Embracing Our Roots: The Importance of Cultural Heritage"

12:00 **Exploring Greek Roots: Workshops on Greek history, traditions, and mythology**

Maria Serves, Canada
Ilona Pechlivanidi, Georgia
Georgios Mathioudakis, Sweden
Isadora Pantazopoulos, Brazil

Aikaterini Dellaporta, Director, Byzantine and Christian Museum

12:40 **Language and Heritage: Sessions on maintaining and learning the Greek language**

Christos Delvenakiotis, Germany
Athanasios Kazis, USA
Alexandra Takoudis, USA
Maria Sofia Apostolaki, UK

Haris Daskalothanassis, Executive Director, Heritage Greece Program, The American College

13:15 **Light lunch**

- 14:50** **Diaspora and Entrepreneurship**
Sofia Kounenaki Eframoglou, President, Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- 15:05** **Exchange ideas and presentations on innovative initiatives:
Strategies for preserving Greek customs in a globalized world**
- Alexandra Levenheck, France
Lana Porfiriadi, Georgia
Chrysovalantis Molotsios, Germany
Apostolos Zesos, Canada
- Porfylenia Kanellopoulou**, Legal Counsel MSc
- 15:45** **Providing platforms for young Greek artists to showcase their talents**
- Athena Nikolis, Canada
Kiana Georgopoulos Lopes, South Africa
Anastasía Vera Jaramis, Chile
- Foteini Asderaki**, Professor of European Integration Theory & European Educational Policy,
Department of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus
- 16:20** **“Study in Greece” presentation**
- Prof. Christos Michalakelis**, President, Harokopio University of Athens
- 16:30** **Exploring innovative solutions for environmental challenges**
- Marina Ekavi Georgiadis, USA
Christos Konstantinos Zisis, South Africa
Ellie Mavromattis, Australia
Alannah Aroney, Australia
- Dimitrios Karamitsos Tziras**, Ambassador
- 17: 15** **END OF DAY 1**

DAY 2 – November 28th, 2024

11:00 **Arrival of delegates - Registration**

11:30 **Opening speech**

Giorgos Gerapetritis, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Education and Career Development: “Career Pathways for the Greek Diaspora Youth”

12:00 **Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in the tech sector - Encouraging business ventures & innovation within the Greek community**

Pavlos Papalois, UK
Aris Loukakos, France
Joakim Papadopoulos Wettbo, Sweden

Panagiotis Karampinis, Managing Director, Endeavor Greece

12:40 **Academic Excellence: Supporting educational achievements and opportunities - Connecting youth with experienced mentors from the Greek community**

Andreas Papandreou, USA
Alkiviadis Boukas, USA
Melissa Gabrielle Riginos Lopes, Brazil
Johnny Daniel Marcopoulos, South Africa

Stefanos Gandolfo, Director, Columbia Global Center, Athens

13:15 **Coffee Break**

13:35 **«The global dynamics of Greek cultural heritage and creativity in the international environment»**

Filippos Fortomas, President of the Special Standing Committee of the Hellenic Parliament for Hellenism in the Diaspora

Arts and Culture: “Building Networks through Creative Expressions”

13:45 Showcasing Greek art, music, dance, and literature

Korina Konta, Germany
Alexia Angelidis, UK
Artyom Hovhannisyan, Armenia
Eleanor Kolovos, USA

Leonidas Christopoulos, Chief Executive Officer, Hellenic Film and Audiovisual Center S.A.-
Creative Greece

14:20 LIGHT LUNCH

15:00 Cultural Festivals: Organizing cultural festivals and events to celebrate Greek heritage

Ellada Hakobyan, Armenia
Melina Taquis, Panama
Pavlos Krukowski, Poland / UK
Peter Stavrakos, USA

Eva Nathena, Film Director

**15:40 The role of youth in social cohesion:
“Social Cohesion through Youth Participation - Challenges and Opportunities”**

Demetrios Fotopoulos, USA
Vasiliki Kavalli, Germany
Katerina Maria Harvalias, USA
Maria José Alegria de Requeséns, Chile

Vassilis Koutsoubas, Special Adviser, General Secretariat of the Prime Minister of the Hellenic
Republic

16:20 **Connecting Youth with Academia and Greek Business Community:
Insights into various career options and professional development**

Stephane Le Bolloch, France
Katerina Papadikis, Panama
Yolanda Taquis, Panama
Iasonas Xanthakis, UK

Sofia Zacharaki, Minister of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs

17:00 **Introducing “Youth Diaspora Ambassadors” Initiative**

Maira Myrogianni, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy

17:20 **End of Symposium**