



THE WORLD THOUGHT LEADERS FORUM

CARING FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET
Exploring the New Horizons of a Humane and Sustainable World

Saturday, the 6th of June 2015
The Pavilion of Hungary

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11:00

THE OPENING SESSION

Géza Szócs, Expo Commissioner for the State of Hungary,
“Greetings and Welcome”

János Pásztor, United Nations Assistant-Secretary General for Climate Change (tbc)
“Mobilizing Climate Action among Governments and on the Ground”

THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Moderated by Dr. István Teplán

11:45

KEYNOTE

Ervin László, Founder-President The Club of Budapest, Member Hungarian Academy of Sciences

“Beyond Crisis: Basic Requirements for a Humane and Sustainable World”

12:30

Coffee Break

12:45

THE FIRST PLENARY

George F. Smoot, Nobel Laureate, Hon Member of Club of Budapest, Berkeley (USA)
“Conditions of Sustainability on a Small Planet”

Hiroo Saionji, President, The Goi Peace Foundation (Japan), and Masami Saionji, Hon
Member Club of Budapest, Chairperson, The Goi Peace Foundation (Japan)
“The Fuji Declaration: Igniting the Spark of Solidarity and Oneness on Earth”

14:00

Break

15:30

THE SECOND PLENARY

Stefano Zamagni, University of Bologna and Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences (Italy)
“Toward a Sustainable and Humane Economy: The Civil Economy Perspective”

Michael Charles Tobias, Ecological scientist, Anthrozoologist, President, Dancing Star
Foundation, Hon. Member, Club of Budapest. (Santa Fe)
“Embracing Co-Existence: The Many Challenges of Saving Life On Earth”

16:45

Coffee Break

17:00

Lady Fiona Montagu of Beaulieu, Global Ambassador Club of Budapest (England)
“The Power of Education in a Digital Age”

Pier Mario Biava, MD, Member, Scientific Committee WWF Italia
“Beyond Disease: A New Paradigm for Health and Longevity”

18:00

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Fiorello Cortiana, Senator, former Member of Italian Parliament

Péter Darák, President of the Curia of Hungary (tbc)

18:30

MEETING ADJOURNS

Overview of the Objective

Einstein said that we cannot hope to solve the critical problems of our time with the same kind of thinking that gave rise to them. We need new thinking to solve our problems. There could not be a better or more important reason to call together some of the thought leaders of today's world than to discuss the thinking we need.

What kind of thinking do we need? The answer to this question is complex, and discussing it would fill not just one forum, but all the fora of this World Fair. If we have to choose one set of issues to discuss during a single day at this global event; we must concentrate on the basics. We believe that the basic issue is to discover the actions, and the ethics and mindset needed to take the actions, to enable people to create a better world; create a world that is both sustainable and humane. Because today's world is neither the one nor the other.

Achieving a degree of sustainability is perhaps the most important and urgent challenge we face on this planet. It is becoming every day more evident that if we continue on the course we have taken in the past decades our world will be exposed to ever more critical crises. Seven billion people cannot live on this Earth with a modicum of physical and mental wellbeing if we do not change direction. Lest we do, we will continue to impair the natural balances on which human life and all life depends, and create growing stresses and strains for people and societies. The much-discussed "carrying capacity" of the planet is in question—the capacity to enable all people in the human family to live in peace and wellbeing.

Creating a sustainable world of peace and wellbeing is not a quixotic quest. The planet is well endowed with physical and biological resources and is bathed in a rich flow of energy from the sun. We have the technologies to exploit our material and energy resources for human ends; we have the resources as well as the know-how to create a sustainable and humane world. The question is whether we have the wisdom and the will to create it. This is a crucial question for humanity and for all life on the planet. Time will tell how it is answered, but we do not have the luxury of waiting until time would tell. We need to take our destiny into our own hands.

With each passing day more people are waking up to the need to create a humane and sustainable world and ask how they could go about creating it. This query needs to be answered; and answered wisely and without delay. To find the answer, or at the least the basic elements of the answer, is the reason we have convened some of the eminent thought leaders of the contemporary world to this Forum. The Expo 2015 World Fair, dedicated to "Feeding the Planet," is the right venue for searching for an answer to this paramount question of our times, and bringing it to the attention of all the people who have come together here—responsible people who feel concerned about our life and our future and wish to ensure that we truly and effectively *care for people and for the planet*.

If you accept this invitation, please confirm your participation by clicking [here](#)
Your pass to the Expo, entry to the Forum, and further logistical information will be provided free of charge.