

# GREECE – JAPAN SUSTAINABLE ISLAND SYMPOSIUM

Date: 28 – 29 September 2022  
 Venue: Electra Palace, Athens

## Day 1: Understanding sustainability challenges (28<sup>th</sup> September)

08:20 – 09:20 *Check-in and Registration*

09:20 – 09:30 *Welcome and Introduction to the event*

**Alexandros Gasparatos** - Associate Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), University of Tokyo



**Ebun Akinsete** - Head, Department of Stakeholder Analysis and Decision Support Systems, Sustainable Development Unit, ATHENA RC



09:30 – 10:00 *Keynote speech*

**Phoebe Koundouri** – Professor, Athens University of Economics and Business and Technical University of Denmark; Director of Sustainable Development Unit, Athena RC; President of EAERE; Chair SDSN Global Climate Hub; Co-Chair, SDSN Europe

*The transition to an SDG-based future: Quantification, Incentivization and Monitoring*



10:00 – 10:30 *Keynote speech*

**Yasunori Kikuchi** - Associate Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), University of Tokyo

*A Japanese concept of Co-JUNKAN to foster regional and island transformation through resource circulation*



10:30 – 10:40 *Launch of the Greece-Japan Island Climathon*

**Lydia Papadaki** - Researcher and Co-Manager, EIT Climate-KIC Hub Greece



10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 *Session 1 - Socio-economic challenges*

**Antreas Zapantis** - Director, Regional Union of Municipalities of Ionian Islands

*Socio-economic challenges in the Ionian Islands*



**Shamik Chakraborty** - Lecturer, Faculty of Sustainability Studies, Hosei University

*Island sustainability challenges in the face of population ageing and shrinking: Case study from Himeshima island, Japan*



**Ioannis Katsounis** - PhD Candidate and Researcher, Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean  
*The effects of the financial crisis on social cohesion and sustainable development in the Greek island regions: The case of North Aegean*



**Lam Huynh** – PhD candidate, Graduate Programme on Sustainability Science (GPSS-GLI), University of Tokyo  
*The contribution of the intangible benefits of nature to human wellbeing for island and coastal communities*



**12:30 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00 – 15:30** **Session 2: Climate change and environmental impacts**

**Alice Guittard** - Scientific Associate, Sustainable Development Unit, ATHENA RC  
*Waste management and marine litter in highly touristic islands: The case of Corfu (Greece) in the Ionian Sea*



**Jie Su** - Project Researcher, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), University of Tokyo  
*Urbanization-induced mangrove degradation in Xiamen Island, China: trade-offs between economic development and ecosystem restoration*



**Ebun Akinsete** - Head, Department of Stakeholder Analysis and Decision Support Systems, Sustainable Development Unit, ATHENA RC  
*Social Innovation to address socio-environmental challenges on small islands: The Case of 'A Box of Sea'*



**Lydia Stergiopoulou** - Researcher, Athens University of Economics and Business  
*Cultural Heritage submerged in Greek waters under threat from climate change*



**15:30 – 15:50** **Coffee break**

**15:50 – 16:50** **Panel discussion**

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**16:50 – 17:00** *Concluding remarks*

## Day 2: Designing sustainable solutions (29<sup>th</sup> September)

09:00 – 09:30 *Check-in and registration*

09:30 – 10:00 *Keynote speech:*

**Kensuke Fukushi** – Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives (IFI), University of Tokyo

*Exploring urban-rural linkages in islands in the post-COVID-19 era*



10:00 – 10:30 *Keynote speech:*

**Yannis Ioannidis** – Professor, Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; Affiliate Faculty Member, Athena RC

*Digital technologies and open data infrastructures enabling the achievement of sustainability goals*



10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:30 *Session 3: Socio-technical solutions*

**Takeshi Takama** - CEO, su-re.co (Sustainability and Resilience)

*Frugal innovation and beyond: Biogas digesters to address climate change and enhance rural energy security in Indonesia*



**Nikos Therapou** - Head of Policy & Finance, ENALEIA

*Promotion of climate action in islands: community engagement approaches*



**Rumiko Obata** - Owner, OBATA SAKE Brewery

*Designing a Sustainable Sake Brewery that circulates resources, energy and people*



**Kyriakos Gialoglou** - Managing Director Greece, Seawind Ocean Technology Holding B.V.

*Seawind Ocean Technology: producing green hydrogen from floating offshore wind turbines; a case study for the island of Crete, Greece*



12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:30 *Session 4: Finance and policy solutions*

**Alexandros Karydis-Karandreas** - Partner & Co-founder, Sporos Platform

*Impact investing for businesses transition to a Circular and Blue economy: The Sporos approach*



**Conrad Landis** - Senior Researcher, Athens University of Economics and Business

*Critical topics in Sustainable Finance: possible applications for a Blue Economy*



**Osamu Saito** - Principal Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

*Nature-based solutions for island sustainability: Global context for business and local action*



**Rodolfo Dam Lam** - Post Doctoral Fellow, WorldFish

*Pathways to integrate community perspectives in development policies: Insights from indigenous Guna islands of Panama*



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