

Global Citizens' Assembly on SDGs 2021



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Climate Emergency
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22nd -25th August 2021, Tallinn, Estonia



GLOBAL CITIZENS ASSAMBLEY ON SDGs 2021

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23-25th August 2021

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday 23rd August 2021

09.00 – 10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00 – 10.05 Opening Speech by Keit Kasemets, Head of European Commission representation in Estonia

10.05 – 11.00 Opening Plenary – Explanation of the Conference Goals

Moderator: David Woollcombe, President of Peace Child International

- Explanation of Format, scope and distribution plans for the “Tallinn Declaration”
- Summary of the Content + Progress Report on the implementation, of the [UN75 Declaration](#);
- Progress Report on the implementation the SDGs, focusing on the setbacks caused by the COVID-19 crisis + identification of other main obstacles to achieving the Goals;
- Introduce the Green New Deal Concept – identifying different versions of it and the initiatives that have grown out of them; Combating climate change – key goals to be achieved at Glasgow Summit in November 2021
- Citizens Priorities for dealing with the Climate Emergency
- Introduce the Creative Workshop programme designed to flesh out the 21st Century *Peace Child* story and develop performance pieces for use in the closing ceremony

Key Speaker:

- Eili Lepik, Deputy Strategy Director of Strategy Unit of Estonian State Chancellery

11.00 – 12.30 Practical Strategies to resolve the Climate Emergency

Halting and reversing global warming by transforming global consumption patterns and investing in clean energy

Moderator: Ms. Anneli Ohvril, Let`s Do it World Foundation (Estonia)

Panel Speakers / Experts:

- „*EU climate action and the European Green Deal: more ambitious climate targets*“, Jane Õispuu, Head of Political Team, European Commission Representation in Estonia
- „*Adaptation to climate change in local government*“ Ivo Krustok, Climate adviser at the Ministry for Environment of Estonia
- „*Practical Solutions to the Climate Emergency developed in the USA*“ Harrison Pollak, Environmental lawyer, USA (video)
- „*News to Reuse*“, Abigail Wordsworth, (Civil Activists, UK)

12.30 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Practical Strategies to achieve a Green New Deal / sustainable Economic Growth, Smart Cities and Full Employment

Innovation: Digital solutions that support the development of smart city & civil society and combat

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climate change create a sustainable future. Achieving sustainable growth and job creation by investing in resource efficiency and the green economy + sustainable tourism that involves local communities and social entrepreneurs.

Moderator: Agne Kuimet, Estonian Roundtable for Development Cooperation

Panel Speakers / Experts:

- **“Tallinn as a Digitally smart and resource efficient green City”** – Toomas Türk, Head of Future City, Tallinn City Government
- **“Seeking Sustainability in a multi-cultural city”** – Vinod Tailor, (Head of Luton Sustainability Project, UK)
- **“Input of civil society in combating of climate change and achievement of sustainable growth for creation of sustainable future”** – Gonzalo del Castillo, Director of consulting centre on sustainability CeSUS /executive Director of the Club of Rome (Argentina)
- **“Nordic Innovations in achieving more sustainable life by combating climate change for more sustainable future through investments in Datacenters and clean Energy”** – Janne Rajala, Senior Cloud and Enterprise Architect, Onrego Oy (Finland, online)

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 18.30 Workshop THREE: Global Citizens Assembly session: Developing Practical Strategies to reinvent democracy and build a stronger UN

To build on the ideas agreed at Tallinn Conference in February 2020, Sousse Conference in September 2020 for Digital Human Rights Declaration 2.0 and a UN strengthened by the development of digital democracies and international citizens’ assemblies on key issues;

Democracy has remained largely unchanged since the Greeks invented it 2600 years ago. Systems that -worked for small city states like Athens cannot deal with the massive challenges faced by a global family of nearly 8 billion people. There has been much talk of UN reform, “reinventing multi-lateralism” and “strengthening the UN” (*the phrase that appears in the UN75 Declaration*) – but what should this look like in practice. Rich Wilson has been exploring this field for several decades first with Involve and, more recently, with the Global Assembly – an effort to achieve global buy-in to COP-26 in Glasgow. In this session, he will present the background and *goals* of his work in this field, explain the progress on the Global Assembly – and invite thoughts / comments from the Panel and then from the audience.

Moderator: David Woolcombe, Peace Child International

15.30 – 15.50 Presentation: Susan Lee, Spokesperson for Global Assembly (GA)

15.50 – 17.30 Panel ONE: – UN & Government, Academic and civil society representatives Panel – respond/discuss GA concept;

- Marten Kaevats, Estonian National Digital Advisor, Estonian State Chancellery
- Mahmoud Ezzat, Bibliotheca Alexandrina
- Jenni Kauppila, Advocacy Work Officer, UN Association of Finland (online, Zoom)
- Natalie Samarasinghe, Director of UN Association of United Kingdom (online, Zoom)
- Nicolai Tsveatkov, Deputy Chief Bureau Politics for reintegration, State Chancellery of Republic of Moldova
- David Wardrop, UNA-UK & Westminster (UK)
- Richard Ponzio, Stimson Center / Together First (online)
- Jean Kostrzewski, SOAS, London University , (UK)
- Celso Soares, Culture Face (Portugal)

16.30 –16.45 Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.15 Delegate Round Tables – *Discuss & reach conclusions / suggestions for GA concept & its viability as a permanent contribution to global governance*

17.30 – 18.15 Report back from Round Tables; Final words from Rich Wilson

20.00 – 22.00 Dinner *(to include report back / short performance from Creative Workshop)*

Tuesday, 24th August 2021 – Continue Monday's Workshops

Morning & Afternoon

- Delegates visit key institutions and factories in Tallinn;
- Small Drafting group prepares first draft of Tallinn Declaration;
- Creative Workshops Continue

Evening – Cultural performances by Creative Workshop participants, Estonian & other performance groups

10.00 – 11.00 Report Back & Discuss agreements & ideas from Monday's sessions

Recruit volunteers to serve on Drafting Group of Tallinn Declaration

11.00 – 13.30 Working groups I in drafting the Tallinn Declaration parts

11.00 – 17.00 Creative Workshops start & continue on their own Time-table

12.30 – 13.30 Buffet Lunch

13.30 – 16.00 Study visits to Estonian companies, organizations / institutions + networking.

- Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu)
- NGO Mondo
- NGO Let's do it World

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 Working groups II in drafting the Tallinn Declaration parts

19.00 – 20.00 Dinner in the city centre of Tallinn and free evening

Wednesday, 25th August 2021

10.00 – 13.00 International Citizens' Assembly – to consider & amend Tallinn Declaration

- Small Drafting Group present / circulate their draft of the Tallinn Declaration;
- One Expert + One Youth from each Theme Workshop + the Creative Workshop respond & propose amendments;
- Small Group discussions of issues and amendments in the Round Table / World Café Format;
- Each Amendment is put to the Assembly for a vote to accept / dismiss; Final vote prioritises all amendments;

13.00 – 14.00 Official Closing Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Evaluation and wrap-up session; Acknowledgement Ceremony & certificates

15.00 DEPARTURES – Free Time

