

## Greek Youth Diaspora Symposium

*Diaspora Dialogues: Connecting Young Voices around the world*

### DAY 1 – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

**11:30**      **Welcome remarks**

Maira Myrogianni, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy

**11:35**      **Opening speeches**

Alexandra Papadopoulou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

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**

**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 Zazos, 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  
Anastasia 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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**