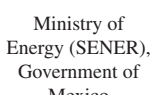
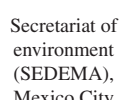
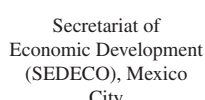


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The First World Sustainable Development Forum

The first WSDF is being held in Mexico City from February 1-2, 2018. The Forum is co-sponsored by the Government of Mexico City, the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation and Climate Finance Partners; in addition it is being supported by the world class Mexican University, Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), business and industry as well as the research and academic community in Mexico.

The Forum would attract a global audience with speakers from across the globe including political leaders who have been/are currently heads of states and heads of governments, distinguished winners of the Nobel Prize, ministers holding relevant portfolios from a large number of countries, as well as leaders of business and industry, civil society and research and academic institutions.

The format of the Forum would consist of keynote addresses, high level panel discussions and parallel sessions focused on specific themes and issues.

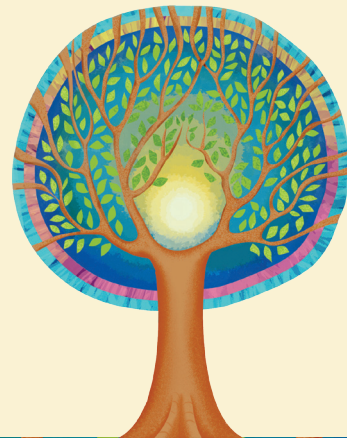
Youth would have a special role in the Forum, with select young leaders from universities across the globe present to put forth their perspectives and participate in discussions that ensure that the voices of youth are reflected in the recommendations of the Forum and the actions are based on the policies enunciated.

Theme of the Forum

The theme of the Forum in Mexico City would be "Implementing the Paris Agreement and the SDGs".

It is also proposed to hold a stream of parallel sessions, which would include issues related to youth; gender; the role of business; cities and local governments; the role of the media; and knowledge organizations and civil society.

The Forum in Mexico City would place great importance on the nature and timing of the energy transition required worldwide, by which the concentration of GHGs in the atmosphere can be limited and the risks from the impacts of climate change contained to ensure the wellbeing of future generations. The recent spurt in extreme events, clearly projected in a special report brought out in 2011 by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), only adds a higher sense of urgency to tackling the challenge of climate change and meeting the SDGs. The impacts of climate change would require scientifically valid methods and measures for adaptation, as these impacts become progressively more harmful. Fortunately, solutions are available today for mitigation and adaptation, which are economically viable, and these would be shared and discussed in the Forum.





Why the World Sustainable Development Forum? (WSDF)

Governments reached a historic agreement in **Paris in 2015** to tackle the growing challenge of climate change. In the same year the UN General Assembly adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with clear outcomes targeted for 2030. While governments will certainly work towards meeting their commitments both in respect of the Paris agreement and the SDGs, the urgency of taking adequate action requires grassroots initiatives involving all stakeholders. The World Sustainable Development Forum (WSDF), which has been established in three locations of the world, is attempting to create awareness; to spread information and knowledge; and to inspire action for meeting the challenge of climate change and implementing the 17 SDGs across the globe.

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- **Dr. Enrique Graue Wiechers**, Rector, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
- **Mr. Barry K. Worthington**, Executive Director, United States Energy Association, USA

Background

The World Sustainable Development Forum (WSDF) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated separately in two locations in Europe and the US. Its North American arm WSDF-NA, headquartered in Washington, DC carries 501c3 tax exempt status. WSDF is a global initiative to promote and mobilize global action for effective implementation of both the Paris agreement on climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN General Assembly. WSDF's relevance and role lies in acting as a facilitator for helping with implementation of actions required under these two sets of agreements. WSDF is in a unique position because of its convening power with those who can act to meet the priorities of society defined by the Paris Agreement and the SDGs. WSDF is working to analyse and facilitate the transformation of society towards a post fossil fuel future while implementing the critical goals identified in the SDGs.

Areas of focus

WSDF's focus is on the articulation and formulation of policies which will help in the desired transformation of society and these initiatives will be undertaken primarily by WSDF-NA. To be effective the WSDF-NA will create annual plans of action in which the Paris Agreement will serve as a continuous and regular strand of activities, while the focus of the SDGs remains riveted on a smaller subset, which may change from year to year.

With regard to the Paris Agreement, two sets of analyses will define the dialogue and information dissemination that the WSDF-NA pursues:

1. The actual achievement of GHG emissions reduction will need to be compared on a dynamic basis with the IPCC's RCP2.6 scenario, which provides an assurance of limiting temperature increase to 2°C by the end of this century. (If, however, in due course the global community decides to lower this limit to 1.5°C, a new pathway or scenario would define the reference for comparison).
2. There will be a vital need to analyze and advocate policies by which infrastructure investments, technology choices and lifestyle changes can be made that affect the goals laid down in the Paris Agreement. To the extent possible, the analysis will also focus on specific success stories, since these real achievements will carry greater conviction with the audience to be addressed.
3. Specific actions at the local government level, by corporate organizations, civil society and youth in particular would be highlighted in the agenda of actions taken by the WSDF.