

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pancyprrian conference on Climate change

Under the auspices of His Excellency,  
The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides

## "Tourism in the era of climate change: Challenges and innovative approaches"

University of Nicosia, UNESCO Amphitheatre • December 5, 2024 • 9:00 - 13:30

### PROGRAMME

09:00 – 09:30

#### Arrivals and registration

09:30 – 09:45

Welcoming addresses

Philippos Drousiotis, **Chairman, Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative**  
Antonia Theodosiou, **Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare**  
Kostas Koumis, **Deputy Minister of Tourism**

#### FIRST SESSION: Best practices in the tourism sector in Cyprus

09:45 – 10:00

"Redefining the wrong side of correctness"

Dr. Antonis Zorpas, **Associate Professor, Open University**

10:00 – 10:15

"Existing situation and good practices in circular economy in the hotel sector"

Panayiotis Kastanias, Senior officer, **Department of energy and environment, Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation**

10:15 – 10:30

"Sustainable practices in the Cyprus tourism industry"

Maria-Christina Constantinou, **Chemical engineer, Project officer, Akti Research Center**

10:30 – 10:45

"Climate change and the tourism sector in Cyprus: Perceptions and challenges" - Research carried out by the Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative in cooperation with the Cyprus Institute

Philippos Drousiotis, **Chairman, Cyprus Sustainable Tourism Initiative**

10:45 – 11:00

Break

#### SECOND SESSION: Nature tourism

11:00 – 11:15

"Balances: Guiding tourism at the crossroads of climate"

Antonia Theodosiou, **Commissioner for the Environment and Animal Welfare**

11:15 – 11:30

"Geoparks: Bridges between geological heritage and sustainable tourism" - Presentation of two model geo-conservation programs at Amiantos mine and geosite n.3 in Maroullenas river, Kalo chorio Oreinis

Dr. Efthymios Tsolakis, **Senior Geological Officer, Geological Survey Department**

11:30 – 11:45

"Best Tourism Villages 2024" UN Tourism awards

11:45 – 12:15

#### PANEL DISCUSSION:

"Adapting tourism for a climate-conscious world"

Dr. Antonis Zorpas, **Associate professor, Open University of Cyprus**

Maria-Christina Constantinou, **Chemical engineer, Akti Research Center**

Panayiotis Kastanias, Senior officer, **Cyprus Employers and Industrialists Federation**

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12:15 – 12:45

#### PANEL DISCUSSION:

"Climate action in tourism: Synergies for a sustainable future"

Kostas Koumis, **Deputy Minister of Tourism**

Thanos Michaelides, **President, Cyprus Hotel Association**

Akis Vavlitis, President, **Cyprus Association of Tourist Enterprises**

Charis Papacharalambous, **President, Association of Tourist and Travel Agents**

Christos Aggelides, **President, Hotel Managers Association**

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12:45 – 13:30

Reception



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