

2020 GSPP Online Conference Program

15 October, 2020

Day 1

10:30 – 11:00 - Opening ceremony of 2020 GSPP Conference

Welcome speech from Nazarbayev University Provost, Dr. Ilesanmi Adesida

Welcoming from the Dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University Dr. Weng Tat Hui

Welcome speech from Mr. Alikhan Baimenov, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Astana Civil Service Hub

11:00 – 11:50 - Keynote speech, Dr. Vinod Thomas, Visiting Professor in Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Former Director General of Independent Evaluation at the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

11:50 – 12:00 - Conference Break

12:00 – 14:00 – Panel 1: Climate, Environment and Human Development, chaired by Dr. Stefanos Fotiou, Director of the Environment and Development Division in the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific (UNESCAP)

14:00 – 15:00 – Lunch Break

15:00 – 17:00 – Panel 2: Towards a water secure and sustainable recovery, chaired by Dr. Guy Bonvin, Swiss Special Envoy for Water in Central Asia at Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation – Ambassador

15:00 – 17:00 – Panel 3: Governance and Trust in the New Reality, organized in collaboration with Astana Civil Service Hub (ASCH), chaired by Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo, Vice-dean for Research, Associate professor, Chair of GSPP Conference, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

17:00 – 17:30 - Conference Break

17:30 – 18:10 – Closing Remarks, GSPP Conference organizing Committee

- Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo, Vice-dean for Research, Associate professor, Chair of GSPP Conference, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University
- Dr. Stefanos Xenarios, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

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Day 2

9:30 – 10:00 - Opening ceremony of 2020 GSPP Conference

10:00 - 11:30 – Panel 4: Poverty reduction and economic development, chaired by Dr. Peter Howie, Associate professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

11:30 - 11:45 – Conference Break

11:45 - 13:00 – Panel 5: Policies, reforms, and natural resources in Central Asia, chaired by Dr. Iftikhar Lodhi, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

13:00 - 14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:30 - Keynote speech, Professor Phoebe Koundouri, Athens University of Economics and Business, President-Elect, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

14:30 - 15:45 – Panel 6: Climate action, energy transition and labor markets: Public policies and sectoral implications, chaired by Dr. Stella Tsani, University of Ioannina, Greece

14:30 – 16:00 – Panel 7: Challenges of COVID-19 and Health management in Central Asia, chaired by Professor Kai Hong Phua, Visiting Professor of Nazarbayev University and Adjunct Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore

15:45 - 16:00 - Conference Break

16:00 - 17:15 – Panel 8, part 1: Young Researchers, emerging research on SDGs, chaired by Dr. Dina Sharipova, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

16:00 - 17:15 – Panel 8, part 2: Young Researchers, emerging research on SDGs, chaired by Dr. Serik Orazgaliyev, Graduate School of Public Policy, Nazarbayev University

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19:00 – 21:00 – Networking event at the Spatial Chat Platform.