SDG CHAMPIONS CONFERENCE
ESPOO – FINLAND
June 6-8 2019
The UNGSII SCR500 ranks the largest 500 publicly listed corporations that are today’s most committed companies to individual SDGs and/or the SDGs overall.

Once a year these top performers gather in Finland as part of the SDG Champions conference. In 2019 this will be one of the highlights of the World Circular Economy Forum.

Heads of state are eager to meet the best performers in order to develop, together with UNOPS and UNCTAD, concrete long term projects ensuring implementation of the SDGs in their countries.

Impact investors from pension funds, insurers, faith communities, and more will present their best practice cases and come to Espoo searching for future investments.
Come to Espoo and...

… learn from the front-runners. Espoo was chosen to be the first lead city in implementing all 17 SDGs by 2025 because of its ability to combine entrepreneurial success with environmental and societal excellence. Winning global awards on a regular basis has highlighted the ability of Finland’s second largest city to reinvent itself, providing the best for its citizens and for nature.

… learn from inspiring partners. Not only do Nokia, Fortum, and Slash call Espoo their home, all their global and national partners enjoy returning to Espoo and get inspired by this unique mindset of humble team spirit.

- Become part of the EU presidency, which wants to include the best of the best working towards a bright European future in order to serve the world. The EU Commission, as well as Finland’s leaders invite all to contribute to the SDG Champions Conference four weeks ahead of Finland taking over the EU Presidency on July 1, 2019.
Program

Thursday, June 6th, 2019
Conference Hotel Hanaholmen

4.00 pm  Welcome and setting the Frame for the SDG Champions
Samir Mastiki, CEO Olympus, San Marino
Prof. Taina Tukiainen, Co-Head 25+5 SDG Masterclasses, Espoo

4.15 pm  Frontrunners as SDG Champions
Henrik Ehrnrooth, CLC & Pöyry, Chairman of the Board, Helsinki
Alfred Berkley III, Former Chairman, Nasdaq, Washington
Soud Ba’alawy, CEO, Enspire Dubai, former Chairman Dubai Holding

5.00 pm  SDG Champions Cutting Edge Solutions
Prof. Antti Vasara, CEO, VTT, Espoo
Prof. Marina Baaden, Berlin
Prof. Reinhold Lang, JKU Linz
Preston McIntyre, General Manager, Emag Group, Abu Dhabi

6.00 pm  SDG Champions and SDG Frameworks
Jyrki Katainen, Vice President, European Commission, Brussels
Markku Markkula, First Vice President, European Committee of the Regions
Nojibur Rahman, Prime Minister Office, Bangladesh
Constantinos Yiorkadjis, Mayor, Nikosia
Tuija Telen, Mayor, Karkkila

7.00 pm  Break

7.30 pm  SDG Champion Dinner
Guido Schmidt-Traub, Secretary General UNSDSN SDG Country and City Rankings, Paris
Pekka Lundmark, CEO Fortum, Espoo
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<td>Welcoming the SDG Champions to Espoo</td>
<td>Jukka Mäkela, Mayor, Espoo Ilkka Niemelä, President, Aalto University, Espoo</td>
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<td>9.00 am</td>
<td>SDG Champions Business</td>
<td>Henrik Ehrnrooth, CLC &amp; Pöyry, Chairman of the Board Klaus Michael Christensen, Founder, SIIA, Zug</td>
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<td>Antje Biber, Chairwoman, Feri Switzerland, Zurich Frederick Sheppard, Family Offices, USA Nebil Ben Aissa, Founder and CEO, Nexxo, Dubai</td>
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<td>10.00 am</td>
<td>SDG Champions Health</td>
<td>Gareth Presch, with experts from India, UK, France etc. Professor Marja Makarow, Biocenter Finland, Helsinki Joshua Luckow, Founder, Solavieve, Heidelberg</td>
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<td>10.30 am</td>
<td>Brunch, Transport to 5 Locations</td>
<td>Espoo Deputy Mayors hosting: 1 Education, Skills &amp; Culture, 2 Digital Services and Health, 3 Espoo Innovation Garden &amp; Business, 4 Aalto &amp; VTT Innovations, 5 Nokia: Digi &amp; Energy</td>
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<td>11.30 am</td>
<td>Showcasing Espoo amazing SDG Best-Practices</td>
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<td>Returning to Dipoli</td>
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<td>5.00 pm</td>
<td>Corporations SDGs</td>
<td>Johanna Fräki, Vice President, Wärtsilä Best Practice Inditex Best Practice BBVA Best Practice Julius Bär Best Practice Nestle</td>
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<td>6.00 pm</td>
<td>SMEs SDGs</td>
<td>Siggi Wenzel, Architect, Berlin Imad Kassir, Skyway, Dubai Ahmad Aziz, UTC, New York Georg Dückinghaus, Chairman Trubatec, Vienna Mika Anttonen, Chairman ST1, Espoo</td>
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<td>7.00 pm</td>
<td>Break and preparing for the Award Ceremony</td>
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<td>Dinner and SDG Champions Award</td>
<td>Beethoven’s 9th Symphony, SDG Youth Orchestra conducted by Ingolf Wunder</td>
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Saturday, June 8th, 2019
Haltia - The Finnish Nature Centre, SDG Champions at the forest and beach

9.00 am Opening
Sirpa Hertell, Chair, Sustainable Espoo

9.15 am SDG Champions Challenges I - Climate Change
Towards COP25 Santiago de Chile:
Claudio Castro, Mayor Renca - Santiago de Chile
Prof. Marina Baaden, Re-forestation Solution, AGSA, Berlin
Eero Paloheimo & Lauri Palojarvi, Re-forestation solution
Sever Muresan, Founder AM Foundation Romania

11.15 am SDG Champions Challenges IV – Future Housing
Gerd Neuen, Chairman, Servatium Care, Berlin
Victor Roschkoff, Chairman Ginensys, Berlin

12.00 am Closing How Beethoven would implement the SDGs by 2025
Roland Schatz, Founder, 25+5 City Initiative

1.00 pm Farewell & Lunch at Own Choice

9.45 am SDG Champions Challenges II - Water
Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Director General ICBA, Dubai
Pat Meyer, Chairman AGSA, Berlin
Thomas Schellenberger, CEO AS Watersolutions, Vienna

10.30 am SDG Champions Challenges III – Nobody Left Behind
Asa St.Claire, President WSA, New York
Sampo Suihko, Omnia, Espoo
Hind Kassir, Ministry of Education UAE, Dubai
Paulina Wunder, Co Founder Appassio, Zurich
Conference locations

Thursday 6th
Conference Hotel Hanaholmen
Hanasaari Island

Friday 7th
Dipoli Conference Center
Aalto University
Otakaari 24, 00076 Aalto

5 Locations – Breakout sessions
Innovation
Energy
Health
Education
Finance

Saturday 8th
Haltia - The Finnish Nature Centre
REGISTRATION

Delegates must pre-registered via the website. On arrival to the conference site you will receive SDG entry card with you name. Register under: 

https://www.ungsii.org/sdg-cities
HOTEL & TRANSFERS

**Radisson Blu Hotel Espoo**
Otaranta 2  
02150 Espoo  
p. 020 1234 705  
150 EUR / 1 person standard  
170 EUR / 2 person standard  
Incl. Breakfast. Allotment code **SDG19**

**Original Sokos Hotel Tapiola Garden**
Tapionaukio 3  
FIN- 02100 Espoo  
t. +358 20 1234 616  
140 EUR / single room, standard  
160 EUR / double room, standard  
Incl. Breakfast. Allotment code **BSDG19**

**Hotel GLO Sello**
Leppävaarankatu 1  
02600, Espoo  
Pricing as above  
Allotment code: **ALLSDG050619**

Transfer from hotel to conference venues is organized.  
More information is always available on [www.ungsii.org](http://www.ungsii.org)
The award winners are based on UNGSII research regarding the legally binding commitment of the 500 largest publicly listed corporates from all five continents.
Overall Best Performers

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- Inditex
- Cemex
- Schneider Electric
- BNP Paribas
- Valeo
- Sanofi
- Legrand
- Danone
- Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argenaria
- Vivendi

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- Akzo Nobel
- Access Bank
- Reliance Industries
- CMPC Empresas
- Pfizer
- Swatch Group
- Toyota Motor
- Deutsche Telekom
- Barloworld
- Iberdrola
- Total
- Barclays
- Grupo Financiero Banorte
- Diageo
- Botswana Insurance

Number of statements
SDG 1 Best Performers – End Poverty

![Chart showing number of statements for different companies under SDG 1]