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Leadership for a Sustainable Future

The effects of climate change can be felt all around the world by the increase of heatwaves, floods and droughts, glacial melting and rising sea-levels. An estimated nine million deaths worldwide are related to pollution every year. Air pollution is by far the largest contributor to early death according to a report by The Lancet Commission on Pollution and Health. The scientific data, as well as the growing number of people affected, demonstrate the fact that the climate crisis is a concern to all. Nevertheless, the current measures which are being taken by the international community are not sufficient to reach the goals set out in the Paris Agreement, which is not merely an environmental treaty, but offers the basis for a new and inclusive model of sustainable development. Consequently, we need more climate action, collaboration and faster implementation to preserve biodiversity, ensure health, global food supply, and enable a better future for humanity.

Arnold Schwarzenegger’s long-term commitment to climate protection has spanned over 15 years and despite the barriers created by political circles, he continues to pursue his aim of “less talk, more action”. With this in mind, we are showcasing innovative solutions, policies, best practice projects,
09:30 – 12:00  CLIMATE FINANCE:
New Opportunities for Developing Countries

09:30 – 12:00  BLENDED FINANCE:
New Instruments to Facilitate Infrastructure Projects at the Sub-National Level

09:30 – 12:00  SUSTAINABLE CITIES:
Carbon-Neutral Housing & Mobility

09:30 – 12:00  CLIMATE COMMUNICATION:
Spreading the Message Successfully

09:30 – 12:00  PLASTIC POLLUTION AND HEALTH:
Strategies for a Circular Economy

09:30 – 12:00  SUSTAINABILITY IN TOURISM for more Quality of Life and Regional Value Enhancement

09:30 – 12:00  BIOECONOMY:
Sustainable Action to Fight Climate Change

09:00 – 12:30  FOREST RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE:
Why African Forests Matter

08:30 – 16:00  AUSTRIAN CYCLING SUMMIT:
cycling.connects in Graz

13:00 – 15:30  CLIMATE LEADERS FORUM