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Live Green Connecticut

Since 2008, Live Green Connecticut has attracted over 20,000 people to more than 200 conferences, festivals, networking events, workshops and expos, producing over one million media impressions and hundreds of thousands of dollars in lead generation. We have worked with over 300 local, regional, national and international non-profits and businesses to help foster a marketplace for sustainable products, programs and initiatives.

We are cultivating the world class Sustainable Development Goals Network that connects the Global Goals to local initiatives through regional collaboration. The SDG Network includes conferences/events, in-person and online training, online learning community, and driving measurable, metric-driven programs that are developed and completed in collaboration, through forums and working groups, with our diverse team of local, regional and national partners.

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February 7, 2018 | 9 am-6 pm





Morning Sessions

- 9 am Welcome**
Adam Thatcher, Director of Operations, Grace Farms Foundation
Daphne Dixon, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Live Green Connecticut
- 9:15 am Global Perspective of Sustainable Development**
Video message from Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
Introduction from Dr. David L. Downie, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Fairfield University
- 9:30 am Keynote Address**
Kanni Wignaraja, Director, UN Development Operations Coordination Office
- 9:45 am What are the SDGs and how are they Measured in our Region**
Jessica Scott and Jessica Espey, Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Introduction from **Daphne Dixon**, Co-founder & Executive Director, Live Green Connecticut
- 10:10 am Panel Discussion: Building Sustainability into our Municipalities**
Rudy Marconi, First Selectman, Ridgefield
Harry Rilling, Mayor, Norwalk
Peter Tesei, First Selectman, Greenwich
Mike Tetreau, First Selectman, Fairfield
Moderated by Joe DeLong, Executive Director, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
Introduction from Kevin Moynihan, First Selectman, New Canaan
- 10:30 am Coffee Break**

- 10:45 am Keynote Address: The Economic and Community Benefits of Sustainable Development**
Catherine Smith, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
Introduction from Howard Rosenbaum, Wildlife Conservation Society
- 11:15 am Panel Discussion: What is the Condition of Connecticut's Sustainable Development Infrastructure?**
Bryan Garcia, President & CEO, Connecticut Green Bank
Lee Granis, Coordinator, Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition, Inc.
Jason Shaplen, CEO, Inspirica, Inc.
Jeff Ulrich, Director of Supply Operations, Aquarion Water Company
Scott Cassel, CEO & Founder, Product Stewardship Institute, Inc.
Moderated by Keri Enright Kato, Director, Office of Climate Change, Technology, & Research, Connecticut DEEP
- 11:40 am Panel Discussion: The Critical Role Businesses Play in Sustainable Development**
Brian Paganini, Vice President & Managing Director, Quantum Biopower
Josh Cohen, Founder & CEO, The Junkluggers
David Gable, President, Hocon Gas
Stillman Jordan, Division Manager, Encon
Moderated by Christopher Bruhl, President & CEO, The Business Council of Fairfield County
Introduction from Tracy Van Holt, Director of Academic Research, Center for Sustainable Business, NYU Stern School of Business

- 12:05 pm Morning Wrap-up**
Dr. David L. Downie, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Fairfield University
Howard Rosenbaum, Wildlife Conservation Society

Afternoon Sessions

- 12:15 pm Lunch | Commons**
- 1:30 pm Breakout Session 1**
Regional/Local Networks
West Barn Hall
Regionally Scalable Projects
West Barn Classroom 1
Latest Trends and Technology in Sustainability
West Barn Classroom 2
- 3 pm Breakout Session 2**
Community Ecology Projects
West Barn Hall
Renewable Energy
West Barn Classroom 1
Lifestyle and Community Action
West Barn Classroom 2
- 4:20 pm Closing Remarks | West Barn Hall**
Dr. James E. Biardi, Associate Professor of Biology, Fairfield University
- 4:30 pm Networking Reception | Commons**

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