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# High Level Briefing on the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference: 30 Years of Achievements

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## INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a High Level Briefing on the Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.

The “Environment for Europe” ministerial process started more than 30 years ago, with the convening of the first Pan-European Conference of Ministers of the Environment at Dobříš Castle, in Czechoslovakia. The Minister of the Environment of the former Czechoslovakia, Josef Vavroušek, invited the Ministers of the Environment of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to a meeting, in June 1991. The event was also attended by the President of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, H.E. Václav Havel, the President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Flavio Cotti, as well as the Commissioner for Environment of the Commission of the European Communities and representatives from various UN institutions, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The Conference aimed at establishing a new “European Environmental Space” after the end of the East-West division of Europe. It resulted in a document summarizing the Conclusions of the Conference, in which various issues of great importance to the further development of the “Environment for Europe” ministerial process, providing a framework of regional initiatives that resulted with the adoption of a number of important environmental instruments.

Three decades later, this event will look back at the visionary initiative and the achievements of the process, a few days ahead of the next Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.

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## REGISTRATION

This event will be held in a hybrid format, both in-person and virtually. For in-person attendance, please register through [Indico](#). For online attendance, please join the [Youtube streaming](#) available on the webpage of the event.



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## SPEAKERS



**H.E. Jan DUSÍK**  

Deputy Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic | Chair



**H.E. Amb. Václav BÁLEK** 

Permanent representative of the Czech Republic to the UN Office and other IOs in Geneva



**Olga ALGAYEROVA** 

Executive Secretary, UNECE



**H.E. Jan KÁRA** 

Former Permanent representative of the Czech Republic to the UN in Geneva | Secretary of the 1991 Dobříš Ministerial Conference



**Sylvie MOTARD** 

Acting Regional Director and Representative, Europe Office, UNEP



**John HONTELEZ**

Former Chief Advocacy Officer, Forest Stewardship Council, Former Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau, Former Chairman of Friends of the Earth International



**Aravella ZACHARIOU**  

Coordinator, National Secretariat of the 9th Ministerial Conference & Chair | UNECE Steering Committee for Education for Sustainable Development



**Martine ROHN-BROSSARD** 

Head of Europe, Trade and Development Cooperation Section | Deputy Head, International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment



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## AGENDA

### Welcome and Introduction

- H.E. Jan DUSÍK | Deputy Minister of the Environment, Czech Republic | Chair
- H.E. Amb. Václav BÁLEK | Permanent representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- Olga ALGAYEROVA | UNECE Executive Secretary

### Establishment of the EfE Process

- H.E. Jan KÁRA | Former Permanent representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and Secretary of the 1991 Dobříš Ministerial Conference

### Civil Society Contribution to EfE

- John HONTELEZ | Former Chief Advocacy Officer, Forest Stewardship Council, Former Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau, Former Chairman of Friends of the Earth International

### EfE Contribution to the Global Environmental Agenda

- Sylvie MOTARD | Acting Regional Director and Representative, Europe Office, UNEP

### 30 Years Later in Nicosia

- Aravella ZACHARIOU | Coordinator, National Secretariat of the 9th Ministerial Conference & Chair, UNECE Steering Committee for Education for Sustainable Development
- Martine ROHN-BROSSARD | Head of Europe, Trade and Development Cooperation Section & Deputy Head, International Affairs Division, Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

### Closing

- Zaal LOMTADZE | Secretary to the Committee on Environmental Policy, UNECE



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