

THE BATUMI DECLARATION

Sustainable Development is a viable tool to address the challenges posed by the 21st century: Commodity & Energy Insecurity, Climate Change, Good Quality Drinking Water Scarcity, Poverty, Ethnic Conflicts, Terrorism, Religious Fundamentalism, etc. These threats require a broad and comprehensive approach and vision.

Sustainable Development, comprising various fields of human activity and academic disciplines, provides foundation for such an overarching approach. Sustainable Development includes the fusion of Innovative Technologies and Humanities – any introduction of a new Technology should be harmonized with the particular Economic & Societal, particular Cultural and particular Ethnic context.

Sustainable Development embraces the three elements – Globalization, Sustainability, and Individual and/or Collective Identity. Sustainable Development can provide the major principles to “Humanize” Globalization; to protect and encourage Local and Individual identity; it paves the way towards “Humanizing” the Global Environmental and Technological dimensions.

Sustainable Development is the most practical tool against the Erasure of Identity (National or Individual): it is a bridge between the Global tendencies and Local practices.

The 21st Century can and will be the Century of Sustainable Development, when Innovative Technologies and Humanities will walk hand in hand taking us towards a Peaceful, Educated and Creative World.

We, the participants of the Batumi – Spring – 2010 International Conference on Sustainable Development in Mediterranean and Black Sea basins, are very well aware of the necessity of acceleration of activities towards the Sustainable Development on the regional and multiregional level.

We herewith propose:

1. Found a Biannual International Conference on Sustainable Development “Batumi – Spring” with wide international participation of academics, industrialists, policy makers;

2. In 2012 prepare in Batumi the International Congress and Assembly of International Organizations on Sustainable Development under the aegis of the United Nations.
3. Mobilize Governments, Civil Society, International Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations for promoting the ideas and the values of Sustainable Development.