

**Panel 1 report relating to the Conference Non-governmental Organizations of Europe and Asia: Dialogue for Sustainable Development in 2026, (December 18, 2025, UN Geneva) Additions, correction and new thoughts having noted the Press Release on Panel 2 and while promoting a day in the sun over the Niagra Falls for Nikola Tesla (1856-2026)<sup>1</sup>**

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**Conference Flyer and Jeffrey Levett and author center-right in Panel 1 with Conference Moderator Viktor Fersht, left and President, World Philosophical Forum, Athens Igor Kondrashin, right. Photo left: Jeffrey Levett and Konstantin Kurchenkov, General Manager and representative of Chess Master Anatoly Karpov. President, International Association of Peace Foundations**

Let me begin this communication with my personal birthday wishes to Michelle Obama, which contains a reference to Nikola Tesla: Dear First Lady, Dear Michelle. However bright your candles are, my candle for you is lighthouse brighter. Have a wonderful birthday. And please light a candle in the name of Nikola Tesla who in 1897 switched on the world's first Hydroelectric Power Station at Niagara Falls to light up the night sky and enlighten humanity. Today is the Day of Logic (mathematical, physiological, and philosophical) so I ask you to light a candle for Tesla an illustrious American. Mr. Konstantin Kurchenkov, General Manager. Let me say that the World Philosophical Forum first advanced a declaration in honor of Nikola Tesla in 2023.

Nikola Tesla has been celebrated in film and music. Tesla remembered by the UN in 2026 will shine light into dark corners foreseen by Andrija Štampar and Dag Hammarskjöld decades ago. In continuum such UN action can help replenish faith in democratic government, hope for the future and help strengthen the international community. Think of Nikola Tesla who gave America and the world several hundred important technological innovations. On the occasion of 170 years since the birth of Nikola Tesla the participants of the Conference give full support to the Resolution tabled by the World Philosophical Forum, Athens that the UN introduce a NIKOLA TESLA Day coincident with his BIRTHDAY, July, 10th 2026,

This communication refers to the Conference Non-governmental Organizations of Europe and Asia: Dialogue for Sustainable Development in 2026, December 18, 2025, UN Geneva and its Panel 1 Sustainable Development Goals and the Philosophy of NGOs in 2026 and Panel 2

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<sup>1</sup> A Press Release from Infimes was published on Panel 2. This document approximated to my original response to it.

Trump-Musk-Karic Business Diplomacy and UN Sustainable Development Goals in 2026. Both Panels took place under the umbrella of the International Association of Peace Foundations (IAPF) with special consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council ECOSOC/UN in New York. The Conference was hosted by H.E. Tatyana Dmitrievna Valovaya, 13th Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UN Geneva) in the Palais des Nations in the Headquarters of the UN and its organizations which have made incredible contributions to humanity and conceptualized in such important subjects as HFA, Human Security, a Society for all Ages and the SDGs with a watershed time target of 2030. Throughout an impressive trajectory, health related goals have received great emphasis.

My emphasis is on the Resolution for a Nikola Tesla's day in the sun THE MAN WHO ENLIGHTENED HUMANITY as tabled by the World Philosophical Forum, Athens. It is presented within a UNESCO's Culture of Remembrance and as a tribute to his invaluable contribution to the progress of human race. It also is an add-on to your Press Release (IFIMES), LJUBLJANA/GENEVA, 5 January 2026.

Today, humanity is on the brink (or at Armageddon's Gate) expressed in dire descriptions given by the UN Secretary-General who in 2023 warned of a confluence of challenges unlike any others seen in our lifetimes. Another from the past relates to the birth of WHO when Andrija Štampar, in a mood of optimistic confidence, saw darker shadows ahead, Those darker shadows prevail today. Nowhere, however, did H.E. Antonio Guterres refer to philosophy, which can add a degree of transparency and light to those dark shadows. Philosophy has provided the value-based grammar of sustainable development. Philosophy, in this sense, provides the value-based grammar of sustainable development. as promised to the Conference participants the Resolution was forwarded to H.E. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General.

- Dear António Guterres, UN Secretary General, Excellency, In your challenging role of keeping hell at bay on earth to a backdrop of swathes of competing interests of unequal influence in a strange polarity of selective illegality and irrational rationalization, indifference, barbarity and growing autocratic governance, you have given insightful and difficult to formulate descriptions of the status of our troubled world as well as where mankind now stands in relation to appropriate troubleshooting. The situation is grave and in a few days we will know the new setting of the symbolic and iconic doomsday clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. Using your metaphor we can now ask how many steps is it to the abyss? Both metrics, how many steps to the abyss and minutes to midnight dramatically symbolize our troubles while they tell us nothing of the depth of the abyss or the length of night. How uncertain, when will all rules fail, all principles, values and ideals fade and what do such changes mean for mankind but more importantly, what can be done.
- In the current and persistent storm you have as Helmsman steered the UN into safe harbors mainly under siege and sometimes with their lighthouse in darkness. On land the needle in the haystack has not yet been found but the search goes on.
- With such things in mind permit me to inform you that on this day 12th January 1897 NikolaTesla pushed the switch at Niagara Falls to activate the first hydroelectric power station in the world to light up man's night while on the 18th December 2025 the World Philosophical Forum participated in an international conference entitled Non-Governmental Organizations of

Europe and Asia: Dialogue for Sustainable Development 2026 (18/12/2025) under the umbrella of the International Association of Peace Foundations and its President, Chess Master Anatoly Karpov and held in the inspirational setting of the Palais des Nations and to build upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals. I had the privilege of moderating the first Panel Sustainable Development Goals and the Philosophy of NGOs in 2026, presenting a talk entitled Flights of fancy in the company of accelerated, and potentiated cognition (AI) and of presenting and promoting a Resolution of the World Philosophical Forum, namely that the UN establish an International Day of Remembrance for Nikola Tesla coincident with 170 years since his birth and specifically July, 10th, 2026. I respectfully requested that within the power invested in the Office of the Secretary-General that you bring the Resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, Indigenous Peoples, the private sector and academia, for appropriate observance. I believe that its acceptance by the UN will provide positive knock-on-effects for our troubled world by nudging mankind away from the abyss.

Panel 1 which I had the privilege to moderate and on behalf of the World Philosophical Forum, Athens and as accepted by the International Association of Peace Foundations and its President, Chess Master Anatoly Karpov, described an ongoing and fruitful interactions with Serbian entities and the World Philosophical Forum, Athens. Yuliya Sysalova, Research Fellow at the European Communication Institute (Greece/Austria), Vice-President at the Institute of Mediterranean Culture (Greece) said that in 2026, sustainable development will no longer be understood only through economic indicators, growth rates, or employment figures. At the core of this constellation lies a fundamental philosophical question: how do we understand the human being, as a passive economic resource, or as an active subject of social, cultural, and economic life? At the core of this constellation lies a fundamental philosophical question: how do we understand the human being, as a passive economic resource, or as an active subject of social, cultural, and economic life?

The President WPF Igor Kondrashin noted that the world is well behind schedule in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 and that excessive military spending is no guarantee of peace but undermines it by fueling the arm race by diverting resources away from the very foundations of stability to deepen distrust. In discussing the concerns of the current UN Secretary-General António Guterres he said they closely echo the initiatives of previous UN leaders, Ban Ki-moon and Irina Bokova, who called on the planet's population to unite in a single global citizenship, while simultaneously raising their level of consciousness and mentality through a unified civic, humanistic, and philosophical education for all humanity, thereby shaping the citizens of the Earth of the future. In alluding to a most recent report the Security We Need: Rebalancing Military Spending for a Sustainable and Peaceful Future he underscored its weaknesses by considering aspects of human life not touched upon the more important one being that at any moment the unstable current world order can be destroyed and where will Sustainable Development be then?

Steven V. Roy gave an overview of the the 17 SDGs noting that if achieved can lead to a future world without the shackles of poverty, social inequality and environmental downgrading, marked by Peace and Prosperity.

Paris Katsivalas an actor stated that the competent Organizations and Agencies stand helpless in effectively implement policy on favor of the weak and described his way of resisting as a Personally Applied Cultural Diplomacy that reflects the qualities of the Ancient Greek Archetype, of the Arts, especially Drama, which is the Art of Arts and treated the participants to a recitation of a HYMN TO APOLLO written by Mesomedes of Crete, O Sacred silence!

Panel 2 is described in the Infimes Press Release. Steven V. Roy a participant in both Panels carried forward an input from Panel 1 into his discussion of Business Diplomacy in Panel 2. He referred to patterns of influence exercised by companies and entrepreneurs in international relations, policy decisions and cross-border cooperation (Ruler and Wolters, 2019). He emphasized that the purpose of SDGs is to provide the means to ensure just governance, a risk-free environment, a fair distribution of wealth. My contribution to the subject of business diplomacy was to say that its practice has a long history, along the Silk Road and through shipping when the ship's captain was owner, helmsman (as in cybernetics) of his business, vessel, cargo and crew (pottery, charcoal, wheat) and negotiator of all things often involving conflict resolution and piracy. It was a reminder that ships, organizations, countries and empires can sink; a ship can be confiscated; deep sixed which brings to mind the Captain's lament in Nineveh when his ship went down in high seas with its cargo of wheat that would never make bread and as a result of the disaster the captain lost his identity. On the Barbary Coast ransom became a commercial trade parallel to slavery. Given that business diplomacy is embedded in the SDGs and specifically 8,9,10,17 to which is now added the contribution of Panel 1. However, without the development of cultural diplomacy and health diplomacy the success of the now delayed SDG's will be even further delayed.

Since my focus of foci is that the Resolution tabled by the World Philosophical Forum, Athens that the UN introduce a NIKOLA TESLA Day coincident with his BIRTHDAY, July, 10th 2026 is that it sees the light of day, I finish with my note to Davos: Dear Davosians, the going price of a permanent seat on President Donald Trump's new Board of Peace precludes any philosophical input to any such proceedings. Surely Davosians, the reconstruction of Gaza requires both philosophical and public health dimensions and considerations. Consequently, my proposal would be to give the World Philosophical Forum a seat at the table with all expenses paid and secondly, that you, the Board to be and Mr. Trump to listen for the yesteryear voice of Nikola Tesla (1856-1926) who in 1897 switched on the world's first Hydroelectric Power Station at Niagara Falls to light up the night and enlighten humanity. Nikola Tesla, an illustrious American coming from the Austro-Hungarian Empire has been celebrated in film and music. Hopefully, he will be remembered by the UN in New York at the end of January, 2026 (ECOSOC). Such a UN action can help replenish faith in democratic government, provide hope for the future and help strengthen the international community. Quoting from Tesla's official calendar for this year if hatred could be transformed into electricity there would be enough energy for the whole world. While the World Economic Forum commits itself to improving the state of the world by engaging the foremost political, business, cultural, and other leaders of society with enormous knowledge to shape global, regional, and industrial agendas, it has never invested a shred in philosophy. Dear Davosians in the absence of philosophically enhanced civic education the brain can be melded in more destructive ways and social dementia will continue to grow. Tell

Mr. Trump and all representatives of the international community about Nikola Tesla.it can help strengthen your motto Rebuilding Trust 2024. Such an initiative might hold back snow melt on the slopes of Davos and act as a knock-on effect to a needed new mind-set. Let Tesla be the catalyst. My hope of its passage rests with the good offices of the international community. Let Tesla be the catalyst for a betterment change of our world.



**Tesla with Edison/ his statue above Niagara Falls/ and the “Columbus Egg” device that was used to demonstrate the rotating magnetic field that powered his new alternating current induction motor.**

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