



# 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference

## “Towards Sustainable Development” – TSD 2017

### “Sustainable Development in the Western Balkans: Approaches, Short-comings and Challenges”

Skopje • Macedonia • October 27-28, 2017

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Given the need to address the regional context to sustainable development “Mother Teresa” University in Skopje, in its First Year of foundation (establishment), is proud to announce the organization of

#### THE 1<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (TSD’2017)

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The conference is an International Scientific Forum aimed at enabling a venue for presenting and discussing the leading achievements in the sustainable development at the global level. The official language of the conference is English. This highly exciting and challenging international Conference on sustainable development is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals, administrators, educational leaders, policy makers, industry representatives, NGO/think-tank representatives, etc.

#### The main topics are organized in four different sessions:

##### SESSION I: Economic development and policy

- 1) Regional economic cooperation,
- 2) Energy and energy development,
- 3) Industrial Management
- 4) Agriculture,
- 5) Tourism,
- 6) Services and trade,
- 7) Food-production, safety and security,
- 8) Demography,
- 9) Employment and
- 10) Unemployment,
- 11) Governmental economic policies,

##### SESSION II: Ecology and spatial planning

- 1) Regional aspects of environmental protection,
- 2) Environmental pollution,
- 3) Waste management,
- 4) Environment and human health,
- 5) Bio products,
- 6) Water,
- 7) Natural parks,
- 8) Spatial planning etc.

##### SESSION III: Education and science

- 1) Human capital and sustainable development
- 2) Pre-university education,
- 3) Education, research and innovation,
- 4) Regional co-operation in education,
- 5) Brain Drain
- 6) Social engineering and its impact on international sustainable/unsustainable development
- 7) EU’s approach towards regional sustainable development
- 8) Media in support to sustainable development
- 9) European integrations and mobility

##### SESSION IV: ICT (Information and Communication Technologies)

- 1) ICT Education for Sustainable Development
- 2) ICT skills and employability
- 3) Building up ICT capacities and networking
- 4) IT and Diaspora education
- 5) Use of ICT capabilities in Enhancing Education
- 6) Challenges in ICT and regional collaboration opportunities

#### Calendar of Activities and Deadlines:

**August 31, 2017:** Deadline for the submission of abstracts in English (200-300 words; Times New Romans, 12 p, 1,5 space);

**September 15, 2017:** Acceptance/rejection notification for abstracts/presentations; Preliminary Agenda;

**October 20, 2017:** Announcement of final list of participants/Final Agenda;

**October 27-28, 2017:** Conference;

**November 10, 2017:** Deadline for sending full research papers (Max. 12 pages; Times New Romans, 12 p, 1,5 space);

**Eligibility:** Any prospective and motivated author is invited to submit abstract/full-length paper, strictly according to the IEEE Conference Standards and via <http://conference.unt.edu.mk>. The positively reviewed papers will be published in *South East European Journal of Sustainable Development* Indexed by EBSCO, etc.

**Conference quality:** Conference content will be submitted for publishing on the Conference Proceedings and Indexed (A&I) databases.

**Accompanying events:** Additionally, the conference will host round tables, Special Sessions/ Workshops with emphasis on bringing together distinguished NGOs from the region.

**Fee:** The conference fee of 40 EUR, covers the conference package (coffee breaks, lunch, conference reception and conference proceedings).

**Accommodation and Travel:** The expenses for accommodation and travel should be covered by participants themselves.

More information about hotels in Skopje will be provided at <http://conference.unt.edu.mk>

**Agenda of the conference will be published on the upcoming days at:** <http://conference.unt.edu.mk>

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