

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FESTIVAL 2019

Following the success of the past editions, the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) will hold its annual **Sustainable Development Festival from May 21**st **to June 6**th **2019**. The Festival is the largest Italian initiative to raise awareness among civil society on economic, social and environmental sustainability, with the aim of promoting a cultural and political change to allow our country to implement the United Nations' 2030 Agenda and achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Festival offers hundreds of events all over Italy (there were 702 in 2018) to foster dialogue, share best practices and stimulate bottom-up requests for the country's leadership to honour the commitments undertaken in the UN.

**ASviS**, which brings together over 200 organizations from the economic and social world, promotes the Festival together with its members and with the support of several partners over 17 days, as many as the Sustainable Development Goals envisaged by the 2030 Agenda.

### LET'S LEND OUR HANDS TO THE FUTURE

The third edition of the Festival launches the call to action "Let's land a hand to our future" to engage all of us in creating a better future for ourselves. The 2019 Festival will take place at a decisive moment for the future of the country and Europe. At the end of May, the citizens of the EU will be voting for a new European Parliament and, at the same time, several Italian regions and cities will hold elections for the renewal of regional and municipal councils. The Festival, therefore, represents an opportunity to raise awareness among the newly elected on the challenges of the 2030 Agenda and to insist that the European Union, Italy, and its territories place sustainable development at the center of their policies.

## **EVENTS**

Conventions, seminars, workshops, exhibits, shows, sports events, book presentations, documentaries and much more. Hundreds of different initiatives will be offered to a large public to engage, include and give voice to the entire Italian society. The events are organized by ASviS members, by third parties active throughout the country and thanks to the involvement of Universities and large cities that will make their squares and other public spaces available to spread the culture of sustainability. The calendar of all the scheduled initiatives can be found on the Festival website: www.festivalsvilupposostenibile.it



### **NATIONAL EVENTS**

The events of national importance will highlight the interconnections between the 17 Development Goals addressing issues such as poverty and inequality; gender equality; climate change and energy; natural capital and environmental quality; circular economy, innovation, work; health, nutrition and sustainable agriculture; international cooperation; cities, infrastructures and innovation.

### **EVENTS ORGANIZED BY ASVIS**

#### MAY 21st, ROME

The opening conference of the Festival will take place a few days before the elections for the European Parliament, with the aim of identifying some of the key actions that the European institutions will have to undertake to strengthen their capacity to lead our continent and the world towards a more fair and sustainable future.

#### MAY 28<sup>th</sup>, MILAN

The conference "Businesses and Finance for Sustainable Development" aims to encourage greater awareness on the themes of the 2030 Agenda among companies and in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, which constitute the backbone of the Italian production system and are strategic players in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, ROME

At the end of the Sustainable Development Festival, ASviS will submit to Italian institutions the results of the 17 days of work, as well as the ideas and proposals that will have emerged throughout. This final event will be an opportunity to discuss key issues and plan the next steps to ensure the achievement of the SDGs and the future of this generation and those to come.

#### **ORGANIZING EVENTS**

Anyone who wants to contribute to bringing Italy and the world on a sustainable development path can organise events for non-commercial purposes. The initiatives will have to take place during the dates of the Festival (from May 21st to June 6th) or in the "Surroundings of the Festival" (14-20 May; 7-13 June), in accordance with the guidelines available on the website. To submit an event, fill out the form available on the Festival website: festivalsvilupposostenibile.it/2019/proponi-evento/.

> For all information and updates concerning the Festival visit www.festivalsvilupposostenibile.it

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