



## 13th Slovenian Development Days: Business in Support of Global Solidarity

### *Programme*

**TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER**

**Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, Hall A (open for media)**

<b>9:00–9:30</b>	<b>Registration and networking coffee morning</b>
<b>9:30–9:45</b> (Slovenian language, simultaneous interpretation into English)	<b>Opening of the 13th Slovenian Development Days</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tanja Fajon, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia</li></ul> <b>Award ceremony</b> for the winners of the Caritas Slovenia contest " <b>For a Better Tomorrow</b> "
<b>9:45–10:30</b> (English language, simultaneous interpretation into Slovenian)	<b>Second part of the 3rd Humanitarian Forum under the honorary patronage of President of the Republic of Slovenia Nataša Pirc Musar</b> <b>Address (video)</b> Tom Fletcher, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, OCHA <b>Presentation of a practical example of the Slovenian business sector's involvement in humanitarian aid: UNFPA in cooperation with ElevonX in Madagascar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Josiane Yaguibou, Representative and Country Director for Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles, UNFPA Country Office in Madagascar</li><li>Tomaž Plešec, ElevonX</li></ul> Moderated by: Nataša Briški
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<p><b>11:00 – 11: 20</b> (Slovenian language, simultaneous interpretation into English)</p>	<p><b>Discussion at the political level:</b> "How can development cooperation drive economic internationalisation?"</p> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matevž Frangež, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sports</li> <li>• Neva Grašič, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by: Nataša Briški</p>
<p><b>11:20–12:30</b> (English language, simultaneous interpretation into Slovenian)</p>	<p><b>High-level panel:</b> "Development and Humanitarian Partnerships as a Business Opportunity"</p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uroš Vajgl, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy</li> </ul> <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Frick, Director, UN World Food Programme Global Office Berlin</li> <li>• María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo, Director for Development Cooperation, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (online)</li> <li>• Ivana Mrdja, Director a.i., Strategic Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Department, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)</li> <li>• Josef Karl Pelikan, Director, Division of Regional Bureaus and Field Coordination, Special Representative for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)</li> <li>• Prosper Sebagenzi, Programme Director, Caritas Rwanda</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by: Žiga Vavpotič</p>
<p><b>12:30</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>

**Vila Podrožnik** (by invitation only, open for media)

**Reception on the topic of philanthropy**

**Host:** Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia Tanja Fajon.

**Round table discussion** "The importance of individuals in philanthropy: Together for a better tomorrow".

**Musical program:** Manca Izmajlova.

## WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER

National Assembly (by invitation only)

10:00–11:30	<b>Presentation</b> of the 2024 Report on Slovenian ODA to the Committee on Foreign Policy with the expected participation of external guests (broadcast on Televizija Slovenija 3)
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Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (by invitation only)

13:00–16:15	<b>Meeting of diplomats</b> responsible for development cooperation and humanitarian aid
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## LJUBLJANA

**Round table discussion:** "Solidarity as a Ticket for Slovenian Companies to Global Markets"

**When:** 15:00

**Location:** Edvard

**Organised by:** Centre for International Cooperation and Development (CMSR)

**Registrations:** <https://form.jotform.com/252751695401054>

**Regional conference:** "Partnerships for Implementing Green Policies"

**Location:** Austria Trend Hotel

**Organised by:** Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)

**Link:** <https://www.cef-see.org/25gre-sta>

## VRH NAD BOŠTANJEM

**Business dinner:** "Involvement of Businesses in International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Projects of Non-governmental Organizations"

**When:** 19:00

**Organised by:** Caritas Slovenia and Rotary Club Sevnica

**Registrations:** [jana.lampe@karitas.si](mailto:jana.lampe@karitas.si)

**THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER**

**LJUBLJANA**

**Event** "Humanitarian aid in post-conflict and conflict environments – stories through the lens of Arne Hodalič"

**When:** 14:00

**Location:** Edvard

**Organised by:** ITF Enhancing Human Security

**Regional conference:** "Partnerships for Implementing Green Policies"

**Location:** Austria Trend Hotel

**Organised by:** Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)

**Link:** <https://www.cef-see.org/25gre-sta>

**Meeting of the Council for the Internationalization of the Economy** (by invitation only)

**When:** 15:00

**Location:** Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

**Organised by:** Ministry of the Economy, Tourism, and Sport, and Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER

Hall A, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (open for media)

<b>8:30–9:00</b>	<b>Registration and networking coffee morning</b>
<b>9:00–9:45</b>	<p><b>Introductory discussion:</b> "Building Partnerships for Sustainable Development and the Role of Businesses"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urška Cvelbar, Director-General, Financial System Directorate, Ministry of Finance</li><li>• Peter Japelj, Acting Director-General, Directorate for Economic, Cultural and Science Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li><li>• Matej Skočir, Acting Director-General, Directorate for Industry, Entrepreneurship and Internationalisation, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sports</li><li>• Edvin Skrt, Director-General, Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li></ul> <p>Moderated by: Boštjan Udovič</p>
<b>9:45–10:45</b>	<p><b>Workshop 1:</b> "From Urgency to Sustainability: How the Private Sector can Help Deliver an Urgent Humanitarian Response and Long-term Recovery after Crises"</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jana Lampe, Head of the International Development and Humanitarian Aid, Cooperation and Partnerships Programme, Caritas Slovenia</li><li>• Eva Nastav, Head of the Department for the Implementation of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li><li>• Tomaž Plešec, ElevonX</li><li>• Dejan Prešiček, Managing Director, Centre for International Cooperation and Development</li><li>• David Tavželj, Executive Director, International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE)</li></ul> <p>Moderated by: Jana Arbeiter</p>
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<p><b>11:00–12:15</b> (Slovenian language, simultaneous interpretation into English)</p>	<p><b>Panel 2: "Global Gateway: Innovative Mechanisms for Engaging the Private Sector in Development Efforts – Internationalisation of Slovenian Companies in Developing Countries"</b></p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin Seychell, Deputy Director-General DG INTPA, European Commission</li> </ul> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ioanna-Victoria Kyritsi, Head of Division – Strategy and Business Development Division, EIB Global (online)</li> <li>• Marjana Majerič, Executive Director for Strategic Development and Internationalization, Chamber of Commerce Slovenia</li> <li>• Mitja Mavko, Secretary-General, SID bank</li> <li>• Nejc Perhavec, Head of Internationalisation and Investment Promotion Division, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport</li> <li>• Dušan Pšeničnik, Global Gateway coordinator and Team Slovenia contact point, MFEA</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of good practice examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tomas Korseman, Business Sweden (online) (TBC)</li> <li>• Tomaž Rodič, Director of the SPACE-SI Center of Excellence</li> <li>• Slavko Vekoslav Šolar, Research Associate at the Geological Survey of Slovenia</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by: Helena Vodušek, Head of the Department for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Policies, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p>
<p><b>12:15–12:40</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of the results of the Policy Coherence for (Sustainable) Development</b> – assessment of the impact of Slovenian national policies on developing countries and Slovenia’s own sustainable development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jana Arbeiter, Project Manager, Faculty of Social Sciences</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:40–12:45</b></p>	<p><b>Conclusion of the 13th Slovenian Development Days</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melita Gabrič, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:45–13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>