



HELLENIC REPUBLIC
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad
and Public Diplomacy

PROGRAM

Friday 22 May 2026

**«NextGen Technologies:
From Climate Innovation to Smart Industry &
Energy- Greece at the Crossroads of Global
Innovation and Diaspora Engagement»**

in cooperation with Georgia Tech Institute

10:00-10:30 | Registration

10:30-11:00

Welcoming and Introduction - Opening Remarks

- **Ioannis – Michail Loverdos**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Maira Myrogianni**, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:00-11:45 | Cutting-edge technologies for climate change mitigation

- **Manos M. Tentzeris**, Ed and Pat Joy Chair Professor, School of ECE, Georgia Institute of Technology
- **Dr. Charalampos Z. Patrikakis**, Professor at the University of West Attica, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- **Dr. Timos Sellis**, Director of the “Archimides” Research Unit at the Research Center

11:50-12:35 | Industrial Digital Transformation and Smart Manufacturing

- **Dr. Sakis Meliopoulos**, Professor at GT School of ECE
- **Dr. Vasilis Zikas**, Professor at GT College of Computing/ Cybersecurity
- **Dr. Myrsini Mamoli**, Lecturer at GT College of Architecture/ Archaeology Digital Twins

12:35-12:50 | Coffee Break

12:50-13:35 | New Nuclear Energy: How New Nuclear Energy can support industry, communities, climate action, and national security in Greece

- **George Behrakis**, The Axios Project
- **Dr. Stathis Vlassopoulos**, Athlos Energy
- **Spyros Zolotas**, Vice President of RINA for South Europe
- **Dr. Kostas Fetfatsidis**, The Flywheel

13:40-14:25 | Developing a national Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem – Key Requirements

- **Konstantinos Anagnostopoulos**, Attorney at Law, European Legal Tech Association Rep for Greece
- **Dr. Yannis Smaragdakis**, Professor at the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- **Tilemachos Moraitis**, Government Affairs Director | Microsoft Greece, Cyprus, Malta, and Adriatics
- **Dr. Denia Kanellopoulou**, Researcher, Head of Digital Innovation at NCSR “Demokritos”