



Virtual side event of the Czech Republic at the HLPF 2021

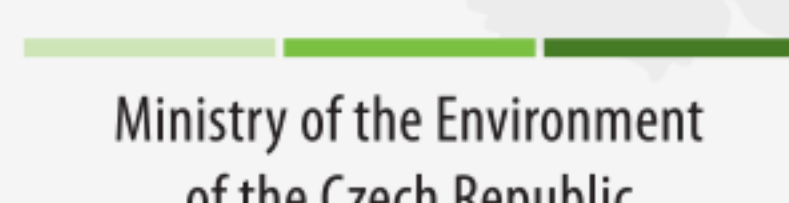
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Wednesday July 14th, 2021 – 1-2:30 PM EST (NYC), 19:00 – 20:30 CET

Key note speaker: **Professor Jeffrey Sachs**

Registration for the side-event: <https://bit.ly/3hSFgli>

This side-event is jointly organised by



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is honoured to present its second Voluntary National Review at the HLPF 2021. Because of a limited time of presentation, we would like to invite you to a side-event in order to offer a more in-depth presentation and discussion about the current development and the paths leading us out from the Covid-19 crisis.

Our priority is to focus on key transformations areas and discuss the tools and measures for the fulfilment of the SDGs in the Czech Republic. With consent of Prof. Jeffrey Sachs to participate at the side-event as a key note speaker the assessment of the Czech VNR 2021 and its contextualizing within the global and/or European (mega)trends will be presented.

Panel discussion key topics:

- Introduction, highlights and main take-aways from the second VNR of the Czech Republic. What are the most important drivers and impediments of the change?
- On which emerging trends should we focus in the medium term, so that new challenges as Covid-19 do not hit us unprepared?
- Sustainable development seems to be a general and impalpable concept for many of us. How can we effectively communicate, broaden reach out of policies and raise awareness?
- How does the Czech Republic engage in external dimension and support other's countries development? Which tools are developed and which experiences with development project does the Czech Republic made? What are the current directions of the ODA and of the economic diplomacy?

The connection link to the side-event will be sent to you shortly after registration.

Programme of the side event:

- 1:00 PM** Opening
- 1:05 PM** Key note speaker: **Professor Jeffrey Sachs**
- 1:30 PM** Panel discussion: **Anna Pasková, Alexandr Sporýš, Jan Lukačevič, Karolína Lískovcová**
- 2:10 PM** Discussion based on the audience questions (via Slido app)

Moderator: **Jan Mareš**, Secretary of the Government Council on Sustainable Development

Panel Discussion Participants



Anna Pasková

Director of the Department of Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment

Anna graduated from the Faculty of Social Sciences at Charles University and Environmental Security at the UN University. She gained experience at the American Foundation for Environmental Security and Sustainability, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic. Anna is responsible for coordinating the implementation of important national concepts, such as the Strategic document Czech Republic 2030, the State Environmental Policy of the Czech Republic and the National Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change.



Alexandr Sporýš

Director of the Department of Multilateral Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Alexandr Sporýš held a number of important diplomatic positions at headquarters and abroad. He was the Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and a member of the Czech delegation to the UN Security Council. He served eight years in senior positions in the UN system, mainly in the MINURSO mission in Western Sahara and in the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan. He has focused on relations with the countries of the Middle East. Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Alexandr participates in the preparation and creation of a multilateral contractual framework for the state's external economic relations.



Jan Lukačevič

Space Engineer, NATO2030 Young Leader

Jan Lukačevič is a space engineer, scientist and one of fourteen young people from around the World chosen by NATO to become one of the so-called Young Leaders. Jan was also selected by Google and the Financial Times as the New Europe 100 Challenger. He is a member of a team at the Czech Academy of Sciences developing an experiment for the European Space Agency's ExoMars 2020 mission which land in 2021 on the surface of the Red Planet and now continues working for the Department of Space Physics, IAP while pursuing a PhD at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of Charles University in Prague.



Karolína Lískovcová

Youth Representative

Karolina is a recent graduate with a Master's degree from the Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po. She has represented Czechia at numerous Youth conferences globally, including the 2019 Lisboa+21 and the Y7, the Youth Engagement Group to G7 2020 in Washington, where she led the EU Delegation. As a national ambassador to the 8th cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue, she aspires to motivate young people, especially young women, to participate in public affairs and advocates for youth and gender-inclusive measures.