

H.E. Gjorge Ivanov, President of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



President Ivanov is a rare politician on the international scene having wholeheartedly embraced the vision of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. He has advocated for greater cooperation, in particular in South-Eastern Europe. He recognizes the peace-building and reconciliation potentials of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and advocates for solidarity in action in the once conflict-torn region of South-Eastern Europe. He helped set disaster risk reduction as a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.

President Ivanov has advocated at numerous regional and global conferences, including the 67th UN General Assembly Session when he stated Republic of Macedonia's support for a holistic approach to sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation implementation. As a host of the 2013 Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP), President Ivanov set the main topic as: 'Disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation: complementary concepts.' At the last Global Platform he reminded that resilience evokes responsibility, with individual and institutional commitment, along with inspection and insurance, going hand in hand.

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