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He is currently an Adjunct Professor in DePaul University (Chicago), one of the 10 largest and most innovative universities in US and a well known international speaker in topics related to Sustainable Development and CSR and has delivered speeches and educated professionals in North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia.

Nikos specializes in Sustainability, Corporate Social Responsibility & Governance, Business Ethics and Performance Management strategies. During the last 15 years he has carried out numerous projects in leading organizations, including Fortune Global 500 Companies, such as BP, Nestle, Heineken Group, Coca Cola, Blackberry, ABM, Mc Cain, DHL, Lafarge, Deutsche Post, Under Armor, the European Investment Bank, Government of Dubai and the Lloyds Banking Group. Additionally he has extensive international experience in Executive training & coaching having trained over 3,000 managers worldwide including executives from NASA, Walmart, World Bank, Coca Cola.

He was founder and Co-Chair of the Chicago Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Strategy Committee. He is advisory council member of SERF (Society of Environmentally Responsible buildings) Green Building guidelines in US and one of the founders and Vice President of the Corporate Responsibility Institute since 2007, a non for profit organization for CSR performance evaluation and benchmarking (based on the Business in the Community Index-BITC). Additionally he is Board member in the Green Meetings Industry Council (GMIC) in Chicago. In the past he was Scientific Advisor to the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM), based in Brussels, in the field of Business Excellence and Corporate Social Responsibility and he has project leader for the development of a CSR Framework and relevant tools supported by the UN Global Compact and applied to thousands of companies globally. He is also member of Gacso (Global Associations of Corporate Sustainability Officers).

He has contributed as chairman and advising member in the organization and coordination of workshops and international conferences on a variety of business topics. He is co-author of the books “Practical Sustainability Strategies” published by Wiley in 2014 which become one of the best selling books in this field and “Management Models for the future” published in 2009. He has given many interviews relevant to the above issues to international Media including Fortune, CNBC, CCTV (China Central TV), Voice of America and many others.