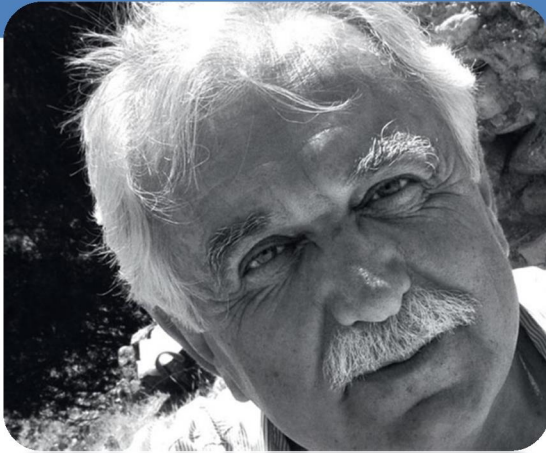




Speaker CV



Stavros - Ioannis Benos
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Stavros - Ioannis Benos was born in Kalamata on December 30, 1947 and he is a licensed topographical engineer.

He has served Greece's public life as the Mayor of Kalamata (1979-1990), a Member of the Parliament (const. Messenia, 1990-2004, const. Athens B, 2004-2007), as Deputy Culture Minister in Andreas Papandreou's last government and as Culture Minister, Minister for the Aegean region, and Deputy Minister of Public Order in Kostas Simitis' governments.

Mr. Benos' major achievements during his public service include the reconstruction of the city of Kalamata after the devastating earthquakes of September 1986; this project was awarded both by the European Council of Spatial Planners (for the original and human-centered urban restoration of Kalamata) and by EuropaNostra (for the preservation and enhancement of the city's monuments). Also, among his achievements are the establishment and operation of the Citizen Service Centers (KEPs) and the establishment and operation of DIAZOMA association.