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# November 12 World Leaders Climate Action Summit



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# November 13 World Leaders Climate Action Summit

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Journey of Sustainable Art</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 13, 2024 (15:30-16:30)	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	DEFACTO	
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<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Elif ÇAM	Head Of Sourcing & Sustainability & Csr	DEFACTO
Serkan SEREFHANOĞLU	Artist	

## COP29 THE THEMATIC PROGRAMME PER DAY

<b>November 14</b>	Finance, Investment and Trade
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<b>November 20</b>	Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism
<b>November 21</b>	Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones
<b>November 22</b>	Final Negotiations

# NOVEMBER 14, 2024 FINANCE, INVESTMENT, AND TRADE

Applicant	Panel Title
Presidency of Republic of Türkiye The Investment Office	Foreign Direct Investments in the Framework of Sustainable Development Goals
Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye	Key Discussions on Advancing Sustainable Finance
Institute of International Finance	Unlocking Scalable Transition Finance: From Principles to Practice
Keynote Speaker (Togg )	M. Gürcan Karakaş - Redefine Sustainable Mobility
Institute of International Finance	From Crisis to Opportunity: Financial Pathways to a Nature-Positive Future
YASED	Future of Energy Sector: Next Steps for Mobilizing Investments
MÜSİAD - TİM	Perspective for Türkiye's 2053 Net Zero Vision
İstanbul Mineral and Metals Exporters' Associations	Future of the Steel Industry: Decarbonization, Circular Economy, and Emerging Challenges

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Foreign Direct Investments in the Framework of Sustainable Development Goals</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Presidency of Republic of Türkiye The Investment Office	
<b>CONTENT</b>	<p>The event will focus on International Direct Investments within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. During this event, climate-friendly direct investments (Climate FDI) will be addressed as part of the 2024-2028 International Direct Investment Strategy. Trends in Climate FDI worldwide will be discussed, and the approaches and objectives of multinational corporations within this context will be evaluated. The panel will also address topics related to climate financing, the Green Deal, and green transformation.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Serkan VALANDOVA	Secretary-General	YASED
Aylin BEBEKOĞLU	Deputy General Manager	Ministry of Trade
Muhittin ASLAN	Unit Manager	Presidency of Republic of Türkiye The Investment Office
Mehmet Selim GÜVEN	General Manager	ACWA Power Türkiye
Çağrı GÜVEN	Deputy of Head	KfW IPEX-Bank
Oğuz ALGAN	Middle East Business Development Director	Honeywell Türkiye



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sustainable Finance Session: Key Discussions on Advancing Sustainable Finance</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye (TKYB)	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This panel discussion will explore the strategic actions needed to advance sustainable finance globally, with focus on the role of governments, international financial institutions, and the private sector. Key topics will include the development of sustainable finance frameworks, the mobilization of private sector investment, and the importance of international cooperation.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Ömer KARADEMİR	Director General	Ministry of Treasury and Finance
Seçil YILDIZ KIZILKAYA	Executive Vice President	Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye (TKYB)
Omar SHAIKH	Executive Director	Global Ethical Finance Initiative
Maya HENNERKES	Director Green Financial Systems, Climate Strategy and Delivery	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Fatma ÇINAR	Deputy Secretary General	Participation Banks Association of Türkiye (TKBB)
Janping THIA	Senior Economist	Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Unlocking Scalable Transition Finance: From Principles to Practice</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Institute of International Finance (IIF)	
<b>CONTENT</b>	With growing global interest in private sector transition plans—from regulators, policymakers, investors, and civil society—credibility in transition planning is essential. As the G20 crafts high-level principles, international regulatory bodies undertake work on transition planning, and more companies publish transition plans, how can we promote international alignment in approach and avoid fragmentation? The discussion will build on our recent research and policy paper—Resetting the Debate on the Role of Private Finance in the Net Zero Transition	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Emre TIFTIK	Director, Sustainability Research	Institute of International Finance
Tomohiro ISHIKAWA	Managing Director and Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs	MUFG ( Mufbank)
Mekala KRISHNAN	Partner	McKinsey Global Institute
Meral MURATHAN	Executive Vice President and Sustainability Leader	TSKB
Luke NELSON	International Head of Sustainability	JPMorgan Chase
Oliver PHILLIPS	Regional Head of Sustainable Finance	Barclays CIB

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Redefine Sustainable Mobility</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Togg	
<b>CONTENT</b>	Togg as a user-centric, born-electric, and born-sustainable technology and mobility brand, aims to create a carbon-neutral mobility ecosystem by 2035 through its TruZero sustainability strategy. Togg's sustainability vision will be shared.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
M.Gürcan KARAKAŞ	CEO	Togg

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>From Crisis to Opportunity: Financial Pathways to a Nature-Positive Future</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Institute of International Finance (IIF)	
<b>CONTENT</b>	<p>There is increasing attention on nature-related priorities and a growing debate about the role of financial institutions in scaling up finance to address the nature crisis and support the transition to a ‘nature-positive’ economy. Innovative financial instruments such as nature-related sustainability-linked debt, nature-themed equity funds, voluntary carbon markets, and biodiversity credits are being applied in new ways. This panel will examine the evolving approaches to nature-related strategies and instruments, highlight key policy challenges, and explore how leading financial firms are assessing nature-related risks and opportunities.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Jeremy MCDANIELS	Deputy Director, Sustainable Finance	IFI (Institute of International Finance )
Markus MÜLLER	Chief Investment Officer ESG & Global Head of Chief Investment Office Private Bank	Deutsche Bank
Christian DESEGLISE	Managing Director, Sustainable infrastructure	HSBC
Berrin MAHMUTOĞLU	Head of Project Finance	Ziraat Bank
Masayuki TAKANASHI	Group Chief Sustainability Officer	SMBC

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Future of Energy Sector: Next Steps for Mobilizing Investments</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	YASED (International Investors Association)	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	<p>The panel session “Future of Energy Sector: Next Steps for Mobilizing Investments” will bring together international investors and representatives from the investment environment to discuss strategies for advancing the green transformation of the energy sector. The panel will focus on the role of international investments in driving sustainable energy transitions, effective green transformation strategies, efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and the impact of COP29 outcomes on future investments. Moderated by the YASED Secretary General, the panel will also explore how to align global policies with local practices and identify the conditions that facilitate investment in sustainable energy initiatives.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Serkan VALANDOVA	Secretary General [Moderator]	YASED (International Investors Association)
İbrahim Halil ÖZTOP	CEO and Board Member	Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye (TKYB)
Elchin IBADOV	CEO	SOCAR Türkiye Energy
Mehmet Selim GÜVEN	CEO	ACWA Power
İhsan Erbil BAYÇÖL	CEO	Enerjisa Production

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Perspective for Türkiye's 2053 Net Zero Vision</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	MÜSİAD – TİM	
<b>CONTENT</b>	All companies in Türkiye will be impacted by the 2053 Net Zero Vision. Members of the MÜSİAD Board of Directors will present the perspectives of MÜSİAD members on reaching the net zero target and share innovative ideas to address this objective.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Gürbüz GÖNÜL	Director	International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
Murat Altuğ KARATAŞ	Chairman of the Board of Director	Ecologica Sustainability
Serhat KISAKÜREK	Member	MÜSİAD
İsmail Hakkı KARACA	President	Konya Carbon Certification Incorporated Company
Ahmet PAKSU	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors	Tersan Group
Dr. Kübra ULUTAŞ TAPO	Assistant Secretary-General	Türkiye Exporters Assembly
Dr. Sanae OKAMOTO	Senior Research Associate	United Nations University (MERIT)

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Future of the Steel Industry: Decarbonization, Circular Economy, and Emerging Challenges</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 14 Finance, Investment and Trade	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	İstanbul Mineral and Metals Exporters' Associations	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The session aims to discuss the challenges faced by the steel industry in the decarbonization process, as well as potential solutions.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Armağan VURDU	Secretary-General	İstanbul Mineral and Metals Exporters' Associations
Hasan AKBULUT	Technical Affairs Director	Turkish Steel Producers Association
Alice TIPPING	Director	International Council for Sustainable Development
Uğur DALBELER	CEO	Çolakoğlu Group
Dursun BAŞ	Project Coordinator	İstanbul Policy Center

## November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery

Applicant	Panel Title
Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	Türkiye's Energy Transition
TÜSİAD	Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition
International Atomic Energy Agency	The Role of Nuclear Energy in the Transition to Net Zero
EYDK Türkiye	Green Risks and Social Risks in the Context of Climate Change
Boğaziçi University and SDSN Türkiye	The Future of Energy Systems in the Black Sea Region: Transition towards a Sustainable, Secure, and Accessible Future
Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	The Role of Energy Efficiency in the Energy Transition
Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality	Local Governments in Climate Change and Clean Energy
RE&UP Recycling Technologies SANKO Holding	Unlocking Circular Potential: Next-generation Recycling Technologies Powered by Sustainable Finance



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Türkiye's Energy Transition</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The focus will be on Türkiye's current and planned efforts regarding energy transition to achieve its net zero emissions target. The President of TENMAK will present TENMAK's strategic initiatives, roadmaps, technology and product development calls, and how these efforts align with Turkey's energy transition goals.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr. Abdullah Buğrahan KARAVELİ	President	TENMAK
Sevda GÜNER	President	International Environmental Communication Association
Aida SİTDİKOVA	Director	EBRD
Taha Meli ARVAS	CEO	EPIAŞ
Irmak PINAR	Sustainability Group Manager	BRİSA

<b>TITLE</b>	Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	TÜSİAD	
<b>CONTENT</b>	TÜSİAD brings together the leaders of the energy and industry sectors in Turkey in order to obtain records on critical parts of the clean energy transformation such as separable energy, clean energy technologies, investment and finance.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cevdet ALEMDAR	Board Member	TÜSİAD
Ahmet Cemal DÖRDÜNCÜ	Chairperson	United Nations Global Compact Türkiye
Kamil Emre ERCİYAS	CEO	Erciyas Holding
Giles DICKSON	CEO	WindEurope
Elif DÜŞMEZ TEK	Chief Strategy Officer & Partner	Deloitte Türkiye

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Role of Nuclear Energy in the Transition to Net Zero</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This event will feature distinguished speakers from the IAEA, TENMAK, and UNECE, focusing on the critical role of nuclear energy in achieving global net zero targets.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr. Abdullah Buğrahan KARAVELİ	President	TENMAK (Turkish Energy, Nuclear and Mineral Research Agency)
Henri PAILLERE	Head, Planning and Economic Studies Section	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Dario LIGUTI	Director of Sustainable Energy	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
Brianna LAZERWITZ	Energy, Economics and Environmental Analyst	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Polina LION	Chief Sustainability Officer	ROSATOM

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Green Risks and Social Risks in the Context of Climate Change</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	EYDK Türkiye	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This panel addresses the increasing intersection of environmental and socioeconomic risks due to climate change, exploring strategies to mitigate these challenges and promote resilience in communities and businesses.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Hale ÖZSOY BIYIKLI	Member of Board	EYDK Türkiye
Wiebke SCHLOEMER	Director for Türkiye and Central Asia	IFC
Çağla EKER ALTINKULP	Head of Climate Change & Sustainability Management	The Industrial Development Bank of Türkiye (TSKB)
Fezal OKUR	President	Yıldız Holding

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Future of Energy Systems in the Black Sea Region: Transition towards a Sustainable, Secure, and Accessible Future</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Boğaziçi University & SDSN Türkiye	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The panel will address the importance of technology and innovation in energy transition, as well as the role of universities and the finance sector in the search for research and investment to achieve the Black Sea Region's net zero targets. (SDSN: Sustainable Development Solutions Network)	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof. Dr. Gürkan Selçuk KUMBAROĞLU	Vice Rector	Boğaziçi University
Prof. Dr. Jeffrey SACHS	President	SDSN
Prof. Dr. Vilayet VALİYEV	President	Azerbaijan Technical University
Seçil YILDIZ KIZILKAYA	Deputy General Manager	Development and Investment Bank of Türkiye
Vadim TITOV	General Manager	ROSATOM

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Role of Energy Efficiency in Energy Transition</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The event will include a series of presentations emphasizing the critical role of energy efficiency in achieving a sustainable energy future. The keynote speaker, the Executive Director of the IEA, will discuss energy efficiency as the "first fuel" in the global energy transition.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr. Fatih BİROL	Executive Director	IEA (International Energy Agency)
Dr. Bilal DÜZGÜN	President	Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (Department of Energy Efficiency and Environment)
Şule KILIÇ	Deputy Head	SIG Infra and Enerji (EBRD)
Altuğ KARATAŞ	General Manager	VAT Energy
Dr. Oğuz CAN	CEO	TEKSAN
Aylin Erdil ALPASLAN	Sustainability Business Development Director	Brisa

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Local Governments in the Context of Climate Change and Clean Energy</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This panel aims to discuss the significant role of local governments in combating climate change and facilitating the transition to clean energy.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Fatma ŞAHİN	Metropolitan Mayor	Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality
Dr. Fatih BİROL	Executive Director	International Energy Agency (IEA)
Yusuf GÜNAY	President	Green Hydrogen Producers Association (H2DER)
Harry BOYD-CARPENTER	General Manager	EBRD

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Unlocking Circular Potential: Next-generation Recycling Technologies Powered by Sustainable Finance</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 15 Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	RE&UP Recycling Technologies SANKO Holding	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This panel offers a unique opportunity to explore how sustainable finance can play a pivotal role in driving innovative recycling solutions that significantly reduce textile waste, lower environmental impact, and promote a circular economy.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Wagner ALBUQUERQUE DE ALMEDIA	Global Director of Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services	IFC, World Bank Group
Fatih KONUKOĞLU	Chairman, Vice President	RE&UP Recycling Technologies - SANKO Holding
Guillaume BARBEROUSSE	Global Director of Sustainability, Executive Committee Member	Proparco
Robert Van De KERKHOF	CEO and Founder, Board Member	PEPPER-i2 - Global Fashion Agenda



# 16 KASIM 2024 BİLİM, TEKNOLOJİ VE İNOVASYON/ DİJİTALLEŞME

Applicant	Panel Title
İDB	Programme of IDB
TÜSİAD	From Vision to Action: Business Strategies Driving Green Transition
Business Council for Sustainable Development	Green Intelligence: How AI Can Drive Global Climate Action
TURKCELL	Dr. Ali Taha KOÇ The Role of the Digital Transformation in Combating Climate Crisis
Turkey Integrated Reporting Organisation (ERTA)	The Global Foundation for Corporate Reporting: An Integrated Mindset for Sustainability Disclosure
Artificial Intelligence Policy Association	Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence: Our Common Future
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Environmental Management	Panel on Green and Innovative Technology Solutions for Emissions Management

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>From Vision to Action: Business Strategies Driving Green Transition</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	TÜSİAD	
<b>CONTENT</b>	TÜSİAD will bring together leading figures from the business world to discuss key aspects of the green transition, including climate change, sustainable finance, circular economy, inclusive growth, and transition planning in industry.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cevdet ALEMDAR	Board Member	TÜSİAD
Hakan GÖRAL	CEO	Tekfen Holding
Özgür GÜNAYDIN	Vice Chairman	Borusan CAT
Mehmet ÖZALP	Vice Chairman	Schneider Electric
Barbara RAMBOUSEK	Director	EBRD

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Green Intelligence: How AI Can Drive Global Climate Action</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Business Council for Sustainable Development	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The panel will focus on how artificial intelligence can accelerate global climate action. Experts will share their insights on AI-driven sustainability solutions in a discussion that includes the Turkish Informatics Foundation's Global AI Alliance for Climate Action.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Ediz GÜNSEL	Chair of the Executive Board	Business and Sustainable Development Council (BCSD Türkiye)
Cemal TOSUN	Deputy General Manager	Schneider Electric
Dr. Sedef AKINLI KOÇAK	Director	Vector Institute
Ceren Zeytinoğlu ATICI	Board Member	Turkish Informatics Foundation (TBV)
Ömer ALAN	General Manager	General Directorate of Geographical Information Systems

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Role of the Digital Transformation in Combating Climate Crisis</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	TURKCELL	
<b>CONTENT</b>	In this panel, Mr. Koç will present the role of technology in sustainable practices, alongside Turkcell's leading sustainability initiatives.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr. Ali Taha KOÇ	CEO	TURKCELL

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Global Foundation for Corporate Reporting: An Integrated Mindset for Sustainability Disclosure</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	ERTA- Integrated Reporting Association Türkiye	
<b>CONTENT</b>	In this panel, with executive-level speakers from global and national standard-setters, it is planning to discuss the recent national, regional and international developments about the sustainability standards, ESG issues and corporate reporting ecosystems, as well as the future strategies/actions for Turkey and emerging countries. The panel will also discuss the impact of reporting standards on investors' decision-making processes and the responsibilities that await companies in achieving sustainable financing with a focus on green transformation and sustainable development.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof.Dr.Güler ARAS	Founding Chair	Integrated Reporting Association Türkiye
Mehrali ECER	Vice President	Directorate of Climate Change
Jenny Bofinger-SCHUSTER	Board Member	The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)
David MADON	Director - Sustainability	International Federation of Accountants
Dr. Hasan ÖZÇELİK	President	The Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority of Türkiye
Jean-Paul SERVAIS	Chair	International Organization of Securities Commissions

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Climate Change and Artificial Intelligence: Our Common Future</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Artificial Intelligence Policy Association	
<b>CONTENT</b>	Climate change is a critical global issue that affects ecosystems and human life. Artificial intelligence can provide sustainable solutions by integrating technology with environmental responsibility to create a greener future.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Zafer KÜÇÜKŞABANOĞLU	President	Artificial Intelligence Policies Association (AIPA)
Erdem ERKUL	President	CerebrumTech
Ussal ŞAHBAZ	Managing Partner	Ussal Consulting
Canan ÖZSOY	Researcher	Özyeğin University

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Panel on Green and Innovative Technology Solutions for Emissions Management</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 16 Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Environmental Management	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The panel will discuss the impacts of emerging technologies in air quality management and climate change, focusing on how these activities are reflected in policies and strategies. Participants and relevant sector stakeholders will explore the role of sectoral impacts in national and international policy documents. Examples will be shared regarding how decision support mechanisms, supported by visual products, operate in countries for pollutants and greenhouse gases.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Fatih TURAN	General Director	General Directorate of Environmental Management
Serdar KOYUNCU	Head of Department	Konya Metropolitan Municipality
Gözde KOYGUN	CEO	Hexagrafen Nanoteknoloji S. Tic. A.Ş.
Akram HAMID	Member	International Trade Council
Emre GENCER	CEO	Simge Group EMAK



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# November 18 Human Capital /Children and Youth/ Health /Education

Applicant	Panel Title
Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)	An Effective Green Transformation for Industrial Firms in Turkey
Ministry of Trade	Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and Its Impacts on Türkiye
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Directorate of Climate Change	Carbon Pricing Worldwide
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate for Combating Desertification and Erosion	Combating Desertification and Establishment of Carbon Sinks in Türkiye
Turkish Environment Agency	Circular Economy and Zero Waste
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Türkiye	Demographics and Health impacted by Climate Change, implications for Women and Youth
UNICEF Türkiye Country Office and Youth Climate Envoys Platform	Pathway for Child and Youth-Centered National Contribution 3.0
UN Country Team in Türkiye	Together for Sustainable Future

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>An Effective Green Transformation for Industrial Firms in Turkey</b>	
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<b>APPLICANT</b>	TÜBİTAK	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The panel aims to support industrial exporters in reducing the carbon footprint of their products to comply with new requirements in export markets (such as the Border Carbon Adjustment Mechanism, Green Deal, Circular Economy Action Plan, and EU product directives). It seeks to enhance the connection of Turkish industrial firms to global green value chains, facilitate the development of new green products, and equip them better to adapt to the effects of climate change while adopting relevant mitigation solutions.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mehmet ASLAN	President	Technology and Innovation Funding Programs Department
Faruk KAHVECİOĞLU	Head of Project Management Department	KOSGEB
Olga RATAJ	GCIP Programme Lead and Associate Industrial Development Officer	UNIDO
Loic CHIQUIER	Senior Advisor	Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice World Bank
Cansu DURUKAN	Senior Expert	TÜBİTAK-TEYDEP

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and Its Impacts on Türkiye</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Trade	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The session will involve experts discussing how the implementation of the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), which began its reporting period in October 2023, will progress in Türkiye and the sectoral impacts it will have.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Gerassimos THOMAS	Director	European Commission
Andrei MARCU	Founder and Executive Director	EIONET
Orhan SOLAK	Vice President	Directorate of Climate Change
Gülizar YAVAŞ	Head of Department	Ministry of Trade

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Carbon Pricing Worldwide</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Directorate of Climate Change	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The event organized by the Directorate of Climate Change, aims to include diverse perspectives from panelists representing the public sector, NGOs, academia, and the private sector, covering global developments, challenges, lessons learned, and more.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Stefano De CLARA	General Director	ICAP
Dirk WEINREICH	Project Manager	Siemens Energy
Amanda LUNA	Clean Energy Leader	Carbon Trust Mexico
Eyüp Kaan MORALI	Head of Department	Directorate of Climate Change

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Combating Desertification and Establishment of Carbon Sinks in Türkiye</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, General Directorate for Combating Desertification and Erosion	
<b>CONTENT</b>	In line with Sustainable Development Goal 15.3, which aims to «combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world," national and international activities are being carried out. The panel will share Türkiye's efforts toward these land degradation neutrality (LDN) goals (Phase I and II), including international projects, the establishment of carbon sink areas that incorporate nature-based solutions, and the initiatives undertaken by local governments in combating desertification and erosion.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof.Dr. Kasım YENİGÜN	General Director	General Directorate for Combating Desertification and Erosion
Evetta ZENINA	Coordinator	BM Food And Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Dr. Mehmet DUMAN	General Secretary	UCLG-MEWA
Kenan İNCE	Head of Department	General Directorate for Combating Desertification and Erosion

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Zero Waste and Circular Economy</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Turkish Environment Agency	
<b>CONTENT</b>	<p>The transition to a circular economy, together with the understanding of ‘green development’, will provide ‘new business models’, ‘co-operation opportunities supporting innovation’ and, as a result of these developments, significant ‘employment’. Within the scope of the circular economy concept, which is tried to be popularised with zero waste practices in Turkey and which is also effective in other countries of the world, recyclable materials are considered as raw materials rather than waste. In this context, it is especially important to collect recyclable wastes (glass, plastic, metal/aluminium, paper/cardboard) separately and cleanly at source without mixing with other wastes.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Fatih TURAN	General Manager	General Directorate of Environmental Management
Prof. Dr. Ferhat PİRİNÇÇİ	President	Turkish Environment Agency
Samed AĞIRBAŞ	President	Zero Waste Association
Halime SEZER	Director	Turkish Environment Agency
Rade GLOMAZIC	Director	DAI Global

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Demographics and Health impacted by Climate Change, implications for Women and Youth</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Türkiye	
<b>CONTENT</b>	At the side event organized by UNFPA, the discussion will focus on the impacts of the climate crisis on women, youth, and their health, with a special emphasis on the roles of young people and women as empowered actors in adaptation and mitigation efforts.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mariam A. KHAN	Resident Representative to Türkiye	UNFPA
Prof. Dr. Emine Didem Evci KİRAZ	Academician	Adnan Menderes University
Çiğdem ERDOĞAN	Commission on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women	Grand National Assembly of Türkiye
Fatma Nur TOSUN	Climate Ambassador	UNICEF

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Path to Child and Youth-Centered NDC 3.0</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 18 Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	UNICEF	
<b>CONTENT</b>	UNICEF Türkiye proposes to organize an event on November 13, 2024, at the Türkiye Pavilion to create momentum for the development process of a child and youth-centered NDC 3.0. The event will share key outcomes from the SB60 Children and Climate Change Expert Dialogue and the vision of the Turkish Government on how it will work with children and youth to develop the child and youth-centered NDC 3.0.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Ayşin TURPANCİ	Co-Chair of Children Dialoge	Directorate of Climate Change
Regina De DOMINICIS	Director	UNICEF
Dr. Babatunde AHONSI	Coordinator	United Nations
	Climate Ambassador	



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Together for a Sustainable Future</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	18 November 2024 (18:00-18:45)	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	UN Country Team in Türkiye	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	<p>The United Nations supports the sustainable development efforts of countries within the framework of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals and places climate action at the center of this agenda. Many UN entities operating as part of the UN Country Team in Türkiye work on different dimensions of climate action and support Türkiye's efforts in this area. UN's work related to climate action covers a wide range of topics from renewable energy to sustainable agriculture, from just transition to sustainable tourism, from prioritizing vulnerable groups in climate action to climate-induced migration, from green jobs to low-carbon development and more. The panel will present examples of the work of the UN Country Team and emphasize the importance of international cooperation in the field of climate action.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Dr. Babatunde AHONSI	Moderator - UN Resident Coordinator in Türkiye	United Nations - Türkiye
Mariam A. KHAN	UNFPA Representative in Türkiye	United Nations Population Fund
Jeremy SCHLICKENRIEDER	Natural Resources Officer, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Claudia NATALI	Deputy Chief of Mission for IOM Türkiye	International Organization for Migration

# November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water

Applicant	Panel Title
Türkiye Water Institute	The strengthening of water cooperation and policies at the regional and global levels in response to climate change
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Meteorology	The Importance of the Integrated Meteorological Early Warning System in the Member Countries of the Organization of Turkic States in the Changing Climate
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Directorate of Climate Change	Climate Projections in Türkiye
General Director of Vocational Services	Banu ASLAN
Sustainable Future Platform- Agriconnect	The Power of Ancient Knowledge and Future Technologies for Regenerative Agriculture - Success Stories from Turkey
SOCAR Türkiye	SOCAR Türkiye Sustainability and Climate Change
Istanbul Chamber of Industry	The Role of Green Technologies in Sustainable Manufacturing
Green Crescent	From Forests to Communities: How the Illicit Drug Industry Fuels Environmental and Social Vulnerabilities

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The strengthening of water cooperation and policies at the regional and global levels in response to climate change</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Türkiye Water Institute	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The aim is to promote regional and global dialogues for better transboundary water management and information exchange, while sharing national policies and best practices on water storage, flood management, groundwater usage, and efficiency.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof.Dr. Lütfi AKÇA	President	SUEN
Dr. Dinara ZİGANSHİNA	Deputy Director	International Centre for Water Cooperation (ICWC)
Dr. M. Emre BAŞTOPÇU	Deputy President	Kuzu Group
Prof.Dr.Ahmet Mete SAATÇI	SUEN Advisor	World Water Council (WWC)
Dr. Hakam Al ALAMI	Member of Board	Blue Peace

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Importance of the Integrated Meteorological Early Warning System in the Member Countries of the Organization of Turkic States in the Changing Climate</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	General Directorate of Meteorology	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	As the frequency and intensity of severe meteorological events increase due to climate change, the importance and dissemination of meteorological early warnings are becoming increasingly critical for mitigating their adverse effects. Following the call by the UN Secretary-General in March 2022 for everyone in the world to be protected by early warning systems by 2027, the WMO initiated the Early Warnings for All (EW4ALL) initiative.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Volkan Mutlu COŞKUN	General Director	General Directorate of Meteorology
Hamza TAŞDELEN	Deputy Director	AFAD
Nazim MAHMUDOV	General Manager	Azerbaijan Hydrometeorological Service
Ko BARETT	Deputy Secretary General	World Meteorological Organization
Kubanychbek OMURALIEV	Secretary General	Turkic States Organization

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Climate Projections in Türkiye</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Directorate of Climate Change	
<b>CONTENT</b>	<p>Considering its geographical location and the vulnerability of the Mediterranean Basin to the impacts of climate change, Türkiye is significantly affected by climate change-related disasters, with expectations of increased severity in the future. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has updated scenarios in its Sixth Assessment Report and published Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs), taking into account socioeconomic development factors. In this context, there has been a need to update climate projection studies based on the Fifth Assessment Report for our country. In this panel, Directorate of Climate Change will represents Climate Projection Studies in Türkiye.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof.Dr.Halil HASAR	President	Directorate of Climate Change
Umayra TAGHİYEVA	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources
Ali Cem DENİZ	Environment Engineer	Directorate of Climate Change
Katja EISBRENNER	Director	Guidehouse

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	General Director of Vocational Services	
<b>CONTENT</b>	A presentation will be conducted on the following sustainability activities in Türkiye's building sector: recent legislative changes, energy performance certificates, the transition to nearly zero-energy buildings, the implementation of Green Certification in buildings and settlements, and measures that can be taken for buildings in line with the 2053 net zero target	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Banu ASLAN	General Director	General Directorate of Professional Services

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Power of Ancient Knowledge and Future Technologies for Regenerative Agriculture - Success Stories from Turkey</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Sustainable Future Platform-Agriconnect	
<b>CONTENT</b>	It will be explained how Turkey utilises ancient agricultural knowledge and combines it with modern technologies to achieve sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices. In this session, the potential of agriculture to provide both environmental and social benefits will be emphasised with examples.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof. Dr. Levent KURNAZ	Climate Scientist	Boğaziçi Üniversitesi
Prof.Dr. Bülent GÜLÇUBUK	Akademisyen	Ankara Üniversitesi Ziraat Fakültesi
İlkay ÜNAL	General Manager	İGSAŞ
Dr.Yıldız Tuğba KARA	Türkiye Çalışma Grubu Başkanı	Regent's Üniversitesi

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SOCAR Türkiye Sustainability and Climate Change</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	SOCAR Türkiye	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	SOCAR will provide assessments on sustainability and the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP).	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mikayil YUSIFOV	Director of Communication and Public Relations	SOCAR Türkiye
Bilal GULIYEV	General Manager	SOCAR Türkiye
Ömür ONK	President	SOCAR Türkiye
Gülşah GÜNAY	Head of Department	Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority
Gülizar YAVAŞ	Head of Department	Ministry of Trade



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Role of Green Technologies in Sustainable Manufacturing</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Istanbul Chamber of Industry	
<b>CONTENT</b>	Istanbul Chamber of Industry is planning to organise a panel titled The Role of Green Technologies in Sustainable Production to address developments in integrating green technologies into production practices to combat climate change.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Gülberk ERTAP KAYA	Sustainability and Coordination Department Manager	Istanbul Chamber of Industry
İdil ÖZDOĞAN	Founder	Future Ally
Türkan EDEGE	R&D and IPR Chief Engineer	Ford Otosan
Şahin ÇAĞLAYAN	CEO	Faradai
Gianpiero NACCI	Sustainable Business and Infrastructure, Director	EBRD

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>From Forests to Communities: How the Illicit Drug Industry Fuels Environmental and Social Vulnerabilities</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Turkish Green Crescent Society	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	<p>The illicit drug industry not only poses a threat to public health but also exerts significant pressure on the environment, leading to deforestation, water scarcity, pollution, and biodiversity loss. These environmental harms disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, further deepening resource shortages for women, children, and low-income individuals. This situation increases mental health issues and the risk of substance use, trapping these groups in a vicious cycle. The event aims to address the environmental impacts of the drug industry, highlighting the link between environmental degradation, mental health, and substance use, and calling for urgent actions towards a sustainable future.</p>	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Sümeyye CEYLAN	Vice President	Turkish Green Crescent Society
Gulshan AKHUNDOVA	Chairperson	Woman, Development, Future Public Union
Leonce SESSOU	Executive Secretary	African Tobacco Control Alliance (ATCA)
Sara EVLI OZHAN	Senior Expert / Moderator	Turkish Green Crescent Society

# November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism

Applicant	Panel Title
Union of Municipalities of Türkiye	The Role of Local Governments in Combating Climate Change
General Directorate of İller Bank	From Global Goals to Local Practices
Marmara Municipalities Union	Leading Cities in Climate Change
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Director of DSİ	Mehmet Akif BALTA
Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality	The Bottom Mud Cleaning Project of Gulf of İzmit
THY-İGA	Decarbonizing Aviation in Türkiye: A Case by Türkiye Sustainable Aviation Alliance
Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency	Sustainable Destination Management: Transformation of Tourism Industry and Destinations

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Role of Local Governments in Combating Climate Change</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Union of Municipalities of Türkiye	
<b>CONTENT</b>	It is essential to identify and implement all necessary steps to make local governments resilient to climate change. In this context, the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye panel will bring together speakers to discuss the roles and responsibilities of local governments in preventing climate change.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Cemil TUGAY	Metropolitan Mayor	İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
Muhittin BÖCEK	Metropolitan Mayor	Antalya Metropolitan Municipality
Rüstem KELEŞ	General Secretary	Kahramanmaraş Metropolitan Municipality
Marc SERRA	Governor	Barcelona
Yunus ARIKAN	Member of Advisory Board	ICLEI (Sustainability Local Governments Association)

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>From Global Goals to Local Practices</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	ILBANK	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The panel aims to share ILBANK's technical and financial expertise in transforming global climate goals into practical applications with local governments while building climate-resilient and climate-adaptive cities, alongside representatives from international financial institutions. The experiences gained in translating global goals into local implementations, along with the associated risks and opportunities, will be evaluated from both perspectives.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Şevket Altuğ TAŞDEMİR	Head of Department	ILBANK
Sameh WAHBA	Regional Director	World Bank
Olatunji YUSUF	Expert	Islamic Development Bank
Gian Pierro NACCI	Sustainable Business and Infrastructure Director	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Leading Cities in Climate Change</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 - Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Marmara Municipalities Union	
<b>CONTENT</b>	This panel aims to emphasize the importance of actions at the urban level and advocate for a stronger integration of cities into the global climate agenda.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mustafa BOZBEY	Metropolitan Mayor	Bursa Metropolitan Municipality
Gökhan YÜKSEL	Mayor	Kartal Municipality
Oktay YILMAZ	Mayor	Yıldırım Municipality
Zinnur BÜYÜKGÖZ	Mayor	Gebze Municipality
Melek Mızrak SUBAŞI	Mayor	Bilecik Municipality
Dr. M. Cemil ARSLAN	General Secretary	Marmara Municipalities Union

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 19 Food, Agriculture and Water	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Directorate General for State Hydraulic Works	
<b>CONTENT</b>	During this side event at the COP 29 Conference, a presentation is planned to showcase the activities conducted by our Directorate General. The presentation will cover strategies and projects implemented for the effective management of water resources and the provision of reliable and clean water for irrigation. Topics will include efficient irrigation system examples such as piped water distribution networks and closed irrigation systems; flow meters used for monitoring and managing water usage; and flood protection measures against soil erosion (e.g., TAMBİS, TEUS).	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Mehmet Akif BALTA	General Manager	Directorate General for State Hydraulic Works

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>The Bottom Mud Cleaning Project of Gulf of Izmit</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The Izmit Bay project aims to clean the sediment accumulated on the seabed from the past to the present, ensure water circulation, revitalize the marine ecosystem, and restore biodiversity, all in pursuit of a sustainable environment.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof. Dr. Tahir BÜYÜKAKIN	Metropolitan Mayor	Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality
Hacı Abdullah UÇAN	General Manager	General Directorate for Protection of Natural Assets
Prof. Dr. Melek İŞİNİBİLİR OKYAR	Academician	İstanbul University
Dr. Kağan ÖZDEMİR	CEO	Enviromea Joint Stock Company
Edwin ZENGERINK	Manager	Solmax Netherlands BV



<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Decarbonizing Aviation in Türkiye: A Case by Türkiye Sustainable Aviation Alliance</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	THY-İGA	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The Türkiye Sustainable Aviation Alliance, established in 2023 by Turkish Airlines (THY), İGA, and Istanbul Technical University, proposes a collaborative effort to raise awareness and support the decarbonization of Türkiye's aviation industry.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Deniz DAŞTAN	Sustainability Manager	THY
Bilal YILDIZ	Senior Manager of Electronic Systems	İGA
Hülya CEBECİ	Academician	İTÜ
Ahmet KORKMAZ	Coordinator of Environment	Directorate General of Civil Aviation
Yaşar YETİŞKİN	Sustainability Manager	ICF

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Sustainable Destination Management: Transformation of Tourism Industry and Destinations</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 20 Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Türkiye Turizm Tanıtım ve Geliştirme Ajansı (TGA)	
<b>CONTENT</b>	Türkiye signed a partnership agreement with the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), which sets and manages global standards for sustainable travel and tourism, in 2022. With this agreement, Türkiye became the first country to sign such an accord in the field of sustainable tourism.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Prof.Dr.Hasan Ali KARASAR	President	Cappadocia University
Elif Balcı FİSUNOĞLU	Deputy General Manager	Türkiye Tourism Promotion and Development Agency
Randy DURBAND	CEO	Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)
Ziya CİHAN	Member of Board	Hotel Association of Türkiye
Yavuz KAYIKÇI	Smart City Management Branch Manager	Konya Metropolitan Municipality

# November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones

Applicant	Panel Name
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks	Türkiye's Role in Transforming Agrifood Systems and Sustainable Forests through Partnerships
Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets	Activities for the Protection of Biological Diversity of Türkiye and Azerbaijan
Ministry of Agriculture and Food General Directorate of Forestry	Seagrass Conservation and the Blue Economy
DoCC	Programme of DoCC
International Association of Industrialists and Businesswomen	Climate Change and Solutions from the Perspective of Business Women
Roots Women's Initiative	Climate Crisis and Women
Kalyon Energy	How Green is Green and Sustainable ?

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Türkiye's Role in Transforming Agrifood Systems and Sustainable Forests through Partnerships</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	General Directorate of Forestry	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	In this side event supported by FAO-SEC, the contributions of FAO-Türkiye Partnership Programme to climate change and ecosystem restoration processes will be discussed. The event aims to evaluate the projects and activities carried out under the FPHP with experts from partner countries, primarily Azerbaijan and Central Asian countries (confirmed by Azerbaijan), as well as FAO and Turkish experts, facilitating the sharing of best practices. Additionally, opportunities for increased collaboration will also be explored during the event.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Evetta ZENINA	Natural Resources Officer	FAOSEC
İbrahim YÜZER	Deputy Director	General Directorate of Forestry
Özge İMAMOĞLU	Head of Department	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MoAF)
Cansu ERGÜN	Sustainability Group Manager	MİGROS

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Seagrass Conservation and the Blue Economy</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The project aims to identify, map, and transplant the distribution of <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> (eelgrass), an endemic species of the Mediterranean, in Göcek Bay, which is experiencing extinction risks due to pressures from marine tourism and intense land use. The focus will be on the seagrass meadows located at depths of 0-40 meters. The presentation will discuss the conservation of this endemic seagrass species in the Mediterranean and the sustainable development of the region to enhance its presence.	
<b>PANELISTS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
H.Abdullah UÇAN	General Manager	Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets
Erbülent FİLTEKİN	Head of Department	Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets
Mehtap ÖZDEMİR	Secretary General	Turkish Shipbuilders' Association
Türkan MANASIR ÖZ	Member of Board	Turkish Shipbuilders' Association
Dr.Bariş AKÇALI	Academician	Dokuz Eylül University

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Activities for the Protection of Biological Diversity of Türkiye and Azerbaijan</b>
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change General Directorate of Protection of Natural Assets
<b>CONTENT</b>	As a result of the cooperation between Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and General Director of Biodiversity Conservation Services at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, it was decided to conduct a joint presentation at the side event. Therefore, in the planned side event, Azerbaijani officials will present their work following Türkiye's presentation, facilitating experience sharing.

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Ergül TERZİOĞLU	Deputy General Manager	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Climate Change and Solutions from the Perspective of Business Women</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	International Association of Industrialists and Businesswomen	
<b>CONTENT</b>	USIKAD, which wants to draw attention to the climate crisis with its entrepreneur and business women platform and to draw attention to the positive effects of business women on this crisis, will discuss the effects of the climate crisis on the world and the reflections of these effects on life. As Turkish businesswomen, the activities of women and various professional groups towards this crisis will be evaluated.	
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Climate Crisis and Women</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Roots Women's Initiative	
<b>CONTENT</b>	The climate crisis is a reality that can no longer be ignored. By actively participating in the fight against climate change, companies will both protect our planet and leave a more livable world to future generations. In the session we will hold, from the perspective of our business women; We will talk about equality of social opportunity in the shadow of the climate crisis, climate economy, the impact of climate migration on the female	
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>How Green is Green and Sustainable?</b>	
<b>THEMATIC DAY</b>	November 21 Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Kalyon Energy	
<b>CONTENTS</b>	The primary objective of this side event is to analyze the challenges and opportunities encountered while managing environmental and social risks in solar power plant investments, thereby validating the extent to which "green" practices are truly sustainable.	
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