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DESIGN FACTORY



INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INNOVATIVE: INNOVATION AT ITS BEST

METU Design Factory brings together students and professors of various disciplines to establish interaction and cooperation with industry to develop new products. UNDP-Design Factory cooperation continued over 4 projects in the academic year 2017-18.

INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO DEMINING

According to the Annual Land Mine Monitor Report published in November 2017*, 8,605 mine/ERW casualties were recorded in 2016, of which at least 2,089 people were killed. 78% of all recorded casualties in 2016 were civilians while children counted for 42% of all casualties where the age known, and women and girls made up 16% where the sex was known; pointing out the importance of safe and timely demining as an essential and indispensable measure to prevent such casualties. Therefore, Team DORA has developed DIMUS, an intelligent mark-up system, which aims at facilitating mine clearance operations while protecting civilians from any potential risks. With

the ability to locate its location and position, DIMUS offers time and energy efficiency for operational processes. It also keeps humans and wild animals away from mine clearance areas thanks to its motion sensor-based alarming systems and its visible and noticeable presence.

AGRICULTURAL WASTE BECOMES MUSHROOM

The agricultural activities in the GAP region produces annually 4,5 tonnes of corn waste and 1,5 tonnes of cotton waste. A project developed by the Simurg team to recycle that waste both allows the use of agricultural waste, and additional income for farming families subsisting them for a year. The project called Mantarhane (Mushroom House) was designed as a mobile, volumetrically optimised production area to produce oyster mushrooms, which could be harvested in three months following the composting of agricultural waste.

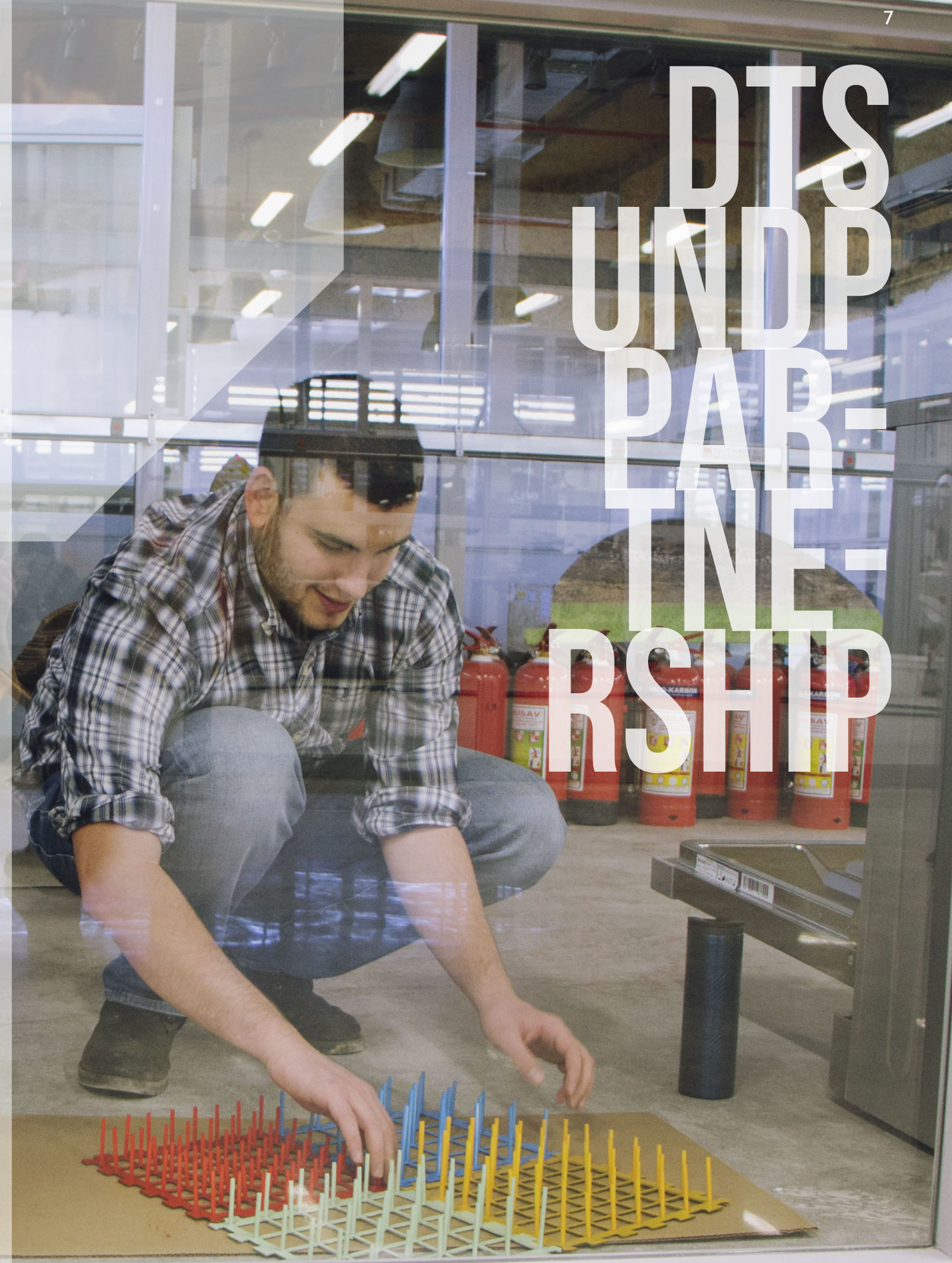
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TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTION FOR NOMADS

Aiming to contribute to Göksu-Taşeli project, Aurora Group developed a smart goat product which befitted Yoruk way of life and offered sustainable living solutions for Yoruks. A leash placed around a goat collects data during the daily activities of a goat and helps identify the optimum routes for Yoruk movement, temperatures on the routes, and fertile pastures for goats through an online sharing platform. Then the data are processed and visualised which can be accessed by Yoruks through a website. Through the data collected by the leashes, it is aimed to transform the Yoruk experience into collective, written memory to hand down to future generation. Thanks to the leash, Yoruks will spare the time spent on finding fertile pastures for their flocks and use it for cultural and daily activities such as manufacture products of goat hair.

SORTING WASTE AT HOME MADE EASIER

This project in partnership with UNDP aims to develop a system design, including the use of technological products for the urban management of waste, already an environmental and social problem. Smart waste bins have been designed with the aim of including the consumers in the waste management process, make them a part of the management chain and establish domestic sorting of waste as a preferred solution. A solidarity network has also been built which would inform and positively support the consumers in every phase of the waste management through a mobile application designed in digital environment. The so-called WA[RE] is an integrated system design that will make the consumers active participants in waste management by a waste bin which, through five components inspired by its name, will contribute to sustainability and recycling, and be useable in such non-domestic places as hospitals and schools.



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UNDP TURKEY'S VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ANATOLIA

UNDP Turkey senior team paid a 6-day visit to the Southeast Anatolia to observe the work on local development and for Syrians hosted in the region.

The UNDP delegation headed by Ms. Irena Vojackova-Sollorano, United Nations Turkey Resident Coordinator and UNDP Turkey Representative, visited Hatay, Kilis, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Mardin, Diyarbakır and Batman on 08-13 January 2018.

The UNDP delegation observed the activities in the region and met with people benefiting from the projects.

Studying the UNDP Turkey's projects on agricultural development, reducing regional inequalities and alleviating the impact of Syrian crisis, the delegation visited also the provincial governors in the region.

Masonry in Şanlıurfa

Through a partnership of UNDP and local governments, many activities were undertaken both for Syrians and Turkish host communities in the region.

Hamarat Eller Mutfağı (Hard-working Hands Kitchen) in Şanlıurfa is one. UNDP visited the kitchen to see the work on site. Local delicacies will now be better available through the hard-working hands of Turkish and Syrian women.

Another action in Şanlıurfa focuses on tourism-oriented scaling up of traditional masonry workmanship. Many youth learn the long-declining trade of masonry workmanship in the centres, both rejuvenating history and tourism, and giving occupational skills to women and youth.



Women of Mardin at work

Mardin is a Southeast Anatolia city enjoying UNDP support. A project in Midyat supported by the GAP Administration and UNDP provided work opportunity for 30 women, including 15 Syrians.

Women in the CATOM building produce and sell Midyat's white cucumber picklings; dried eggplant, pepper and tomato, sumac sour juice, and churchkhela. The revenue is divided equally among the working women.

Organic farming in Kilis

The UNDP delegation visited the greenhouses established in Kilis in the GAP Region, the heart of "green growth" projects that combined organic farming and energy efficiency.

Kilis is also noted for increased experience in olive growing and olive oil production. Joint works have covered significant distance in branding the olive oil of the region.

Vocational training in Gaziantep

The UNDP delegation paid a visit to the Vocational Training and Counselling Centre (GSO-MEM) of Gaziantep Chamber of Industry.

Established with support from UNDP, the Centre aims to provide vocational training as well as integrate Syrian and Turkish communities.

The Centre have provided vocational training to 1,154 persons to date. Further vocational training will start in February to train 1,000 more people.

Turkish and Syrian trainees produce glass decoratives in the glass workshops operational for a long time in Gaziantep.



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Women of Şanlıurfa now have a new kitchen at the Hard-working Hands Social Facility of the Municipality. Women will produce in a land of 150m² such delicacy products as icli kofte, agzi acik, agzi yumuk and semsek.

The project will, in addition to production, provide training on marketing and storage, and logistical support. Through the project, the daily capacity of 600 pieces will be more than quadrupled to 2,500 pieces. Following the training to be provided to 10 Turkish and 10 Syrian hard-working handed women, they will also be provided with employment. The delicacies famous for appealing to universal tastes will be produced in the facility, then first go for national contents followed by international ones.

UNDP supports the strengthening of institutional capacity and ensuring sustainability through the project

standing out for production as well as marketing.

The new facility was inaugurated based on a cooperation agreement signed between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality and BELTUR Social Services Culture and Tourism Industry and Trade Inc.

The Strengthening Social Stability in Southeast Anatolia Project implemented in cooperation by UNDP and GAP Development Administration and financed by the Japanese Government addresses women employment as a priority area.





HATAY'S FAMOUS HAND-MADE SHOES WILL NOW FUSE MORE HOPE

Thirty-nine Turkish and Syrian trainees were awarded certificates on 8 January who completed the 3-month shoe-opping course (cutting leather or textiles for shoes).

At the end of the training, 19 Syrians and 20 Turkish trainees were awarded the certificates endorsed by the Ministry of National Education, having acquired significant skills fulfilled a most important need for the regional industry. With 24 trainees being women, the training also contributes to increasing women participation in the labour force, another important need.

Aiming to employability of Syrians and host communities, the Strengthening Social Stability in Southeast Anatolia Project aspires not only technical but also practical skills for Syrians and host communities through vocational training and competence development programmes.

The shoe-opping training also inspired the establishment of a centre which would support the shoe-making industry supported by the East Mediterranean Development Agency.

The certificate awarding ceremony for the vocational training for shoe-opping for the shoe-making industry was honoured by Ms. Irena Vojackova-Sollorano, United Nations Turkey Resident Coordinator and UNDP Turkey Representative, Mr. Claudio Tomasi, UNDP Turkey Director, and Mr. Hikmet Çinçin, President of Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Strengthening Social Stability in Southeast Anatolia Project implemented in cooperation by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and GAP Development Administration and financed by the Japanese Government provided vocational training to more than 1,300 people in the region to date.

ROADMAP FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN TURKEY HAILED IN ŞANLIURFA

The Şanlıurfa Declaration was announced to formulate a common vision and roadmap for the future of organic agriculture in the GAP Region. Issued in the context of Organic Agriculture Forum of 16-17 November, the Declaration is a recommendation for regional and national policies.

You can download the Declaration by clicking [here](#).



Announced in the end of the forum where knowledge and experience were shared and partnerships established, the Declaration was formulated on the basis of GAP Region Competitiveness Agenda and in light of the work undertaken since 2009 in the Region, considering account the national and regional development and action plans.

The Şanlıurfa Declaration was finalised and announced on common views of participants.

Organised in the context of Organic Agriculture Cluster Project in the Southeast Anatolia Region, the forum drew participation from the members of GAP Organic Agriculture Cluster, relevant public institutions and organisation, universities, civil society organisations as well as regional, national and international sector representatives.

The forum featured five sessions where national and international speakers shared views on the present and future of organic agriculture.



The forum also included the Awards Ceremony for Organic Agriculture for Sustainable Development Contest which aimed to highlight the contributions of farmers and operators in the region to the organic agriculture sector, and increase production capacity, marketing opportunities and awareness for the future.

The awards went to Müzeyyen Aslan and Faik Efe as the Producers of the Year; Esila Burhankulu and Habip Aşan as the Exporters of the Year; Ebru Sakar and Cafer Ulakçı as the Innovators of the Year, and Medet Abbasoğlu for the Honour Award of the Year.

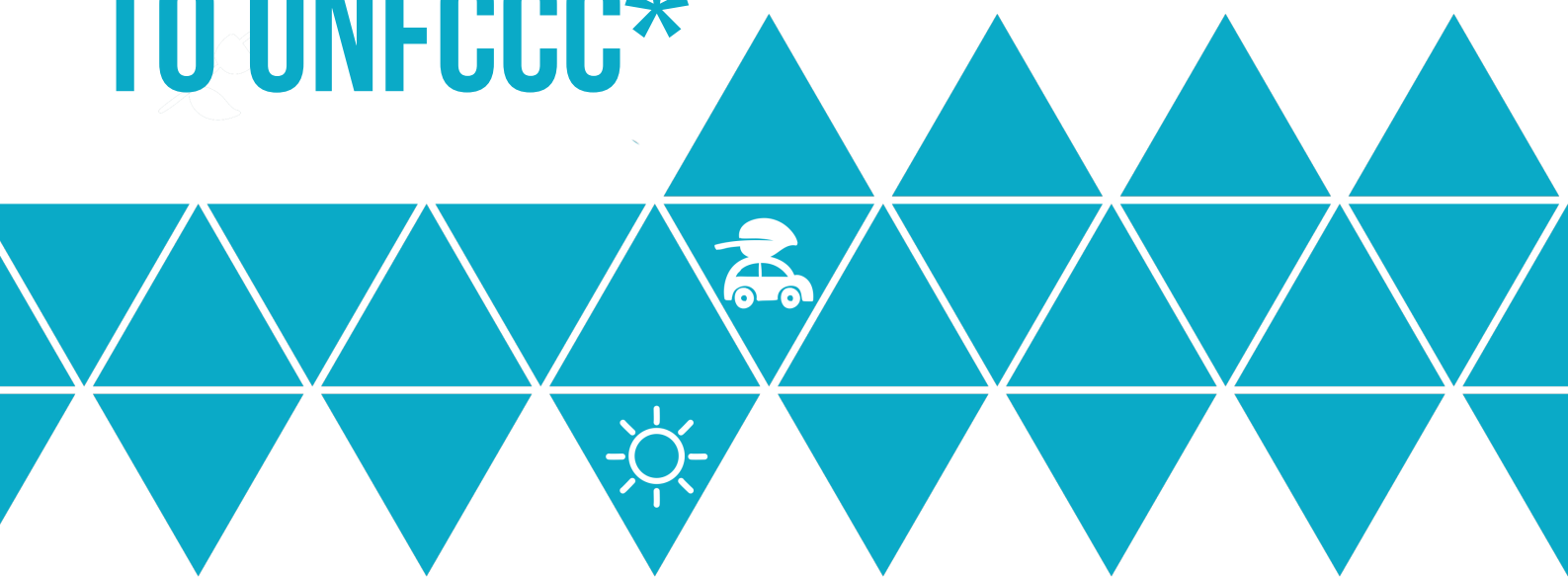
Participants visited the stands where the members of GAP Organic Agriculture Cluster displayed their organic products such as mulberry molasse, almonds, honey, dib roman, grapes, olive oil, lentils and chickpeas.

The Organic Agriculture Forum for Sustainable Development was organised in collaboration by the GAP Development Administration, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and GAP Organic Cluster Association (GAP ORKUDER).





TURKEY SUBMITS THE THIRD BIENNIAL REPORT TO UNFCCC*



*United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

According to the decisions taken during 17th Conference of Parties (COP 17) meetings which were held in Durban, in 2011, Annex I countries to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are requested to submit their Biennial Reports (BRs) to the UNFCCC Secretariat every two years. Annex I countries include the industrialized countries that were members of the OECD in 1992, plus countries with economies in transition (the EIT Parties), including the Russian Federation, the Baltic States, several Central and Eastern European States.



Biennial Reports outline Annex I countries' progress in achieving Greenhouse Gas emission reductions and the provision of financial, technology, and capacity-building support to non-Annex I countries. The first and second Biennial Reports of Annex I countries have been submitted in January 2014 and 2016 respectively. As an Annex I Party to UNFCCC, Turkey submitted its Joint First & Second Biennial Report in 2016. In January 2018, Turkey's Third Biennial Report (3rd BR) to the UNFCCC through has been submitted by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization as the National Focal Point for Turkey.



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND URBANISATION

The Report gives an update of Turkey's GHG emission inventory according to the requirements of UNFCCC, while providing improvements compared to the Joint First & Second Biennial Report based on its Technical Review Report. Both Joint First & Second and Third Biennial Reports have been prepared and submitted with technical assistance from UNDP Turkey Country Office.

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