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**SOCIAL GOOD SUMMIT İSTANBUL 2019  
"SHORTEST WAY TO GOOD "**



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## SELF-SUFFICIENT IS CITY-SUFFICIENT

*The United Nations GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) brought together public agencies, private sector and volunteers on solutions and practices developed by civil society organisations. Coordinated by Gökmen Argun, National Coordinator for the United Nations GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), the fair hosted 40 of the 310 projects undertaken by civil society organisations and partners supported by SGP, on the theme of “Self-sufficient is city-sufficient” with Ertan Karabıyık of Kalkınma Atölyesi (Development Workshop) as consultant and Selin Ayaeş as project coordinator.*

The GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) held its 2019 projects meetup in partnership with Kalkınma Atölyesi (Development Workshop) on 5-6 October at CerModern. The fair featured 40 of the 310 projects undertaken by civil society organisations and partners supported by SGP. Featured, in addition to civil society organisations displaying their projects at the fair, were the stories and activities of individual and collective ventures that created solidarity-focused, ecological and egalitarian alternatives in urban and rural areas to increase similar projects and make all sustainable.

“Self-sufficient is city-sufficient” fair was organised to promote locally developed solutions, boost similar work and make all sustainable for addressing such universal concerns as preservation and sustainability of biodiversity, climate change and soil degradation where the GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP) had direct or indirect influence on efforts.

The programme featured a series of talks themed “Speaking to Own City” on the second day. In his opening remarks, UNDP Turkey Resident Representative Claudio Tomasi noted that the SGP programme operating in Turkey for 26 years was critically important in supporting local solutions towards the Global Goals.

Further opening remarks were made by Fuat Uzun, Assistant Secretary-General of Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, and Akif Özkaldı, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry and GEF Administrative Focal Point.

Drawing much attention from high schools and universities in Ankara, “Self-sufficient is city-sufficient” fair marked a part of such collective story that endeavoured to recreate the sense of urbanity along an ecological perspective. Fourteen speakers who, by their stories, inspired various initiatives and projects shared own experience with an audience of largely young people. The idea was to enable the youth to find better solutions relying on the wealth of their own world, concepts and instruments specific to their time.

“Self-sufficient is city-sufficient” fair aims to produce a project output for the common perception and roadmap which it has been advocating all along. It presents a systematic framework starting up from the planning for the fair and including how key actors will be engaged in the process. Video outputs of speakers and the fair as well as the workframe will be posted on GEF website and social media accounts.

For more details:  
[instagram.com/kentineyet/](https://www.instagram.com/kentineyet/)



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# SHORTEST WAY TO GOOD



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*"In the whole universe,  
there is no other planet  
that we can live in so  
comfortably and  
healthfully."*

Organised annually since 2013 in Istanbul focusing on solutions for leaving no one behind, the sixth Social Good Summit was held on 25 October 2019 at Zorlu Performing Center by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and TBWA\FORGOOD.

With Halit Ergenç as the presenter of the full-day event, the First Lady Emine Erdoğan and Minister of Youth and Sports Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu as well as many famous figures focusing on social good and architects of change from Turkey and the world talked about the shortest way to good.

### Where do we stand at saving the world?

Presenting the Social Good Summit 2019 in Istanbul, Halit Ergenç in his opening speech said: "In the whole universe, there is no other planet that we can live in so comfortably and healthfully. On the other hand, five children die in every five seconds. Farmers commit suicide in India because of drought. Worrying or focusing on the negative side is not a solution. Do we have enough time? We have to focus on this." Posing the question "Where do we stand at saving the world?", Halit Ergenç invited everyone to offer a small solution as to make the world a more liveable place.





*"In what sort of a world do we want to live in 2030 and how can we achieve it?"*

UNDP Turkey Resident Representative Claudio Tomasi: "What sort of a world do we want in 2030?"

Indicating that leading experts from all around the world gathered in Istanbul for Social Good Summit in order to talk about the short-cuts for everybody to live more prosperously, happily and healthfully in a more sustainable world, UNDP Turkey Resident Representative Claudio Tomasi stated: "Indeed we are looking for an answer to a single question: in what sort of a world do we want to live in 2030 and how can we achieve it?"





Speaking in the 'Youth Power for the Good' session moderated by UNDP Turkey Communications Officer Faik Uyanık; Mehmet Muharrem Kasapoğlu, Minister of Youth and Sports, said: "The youth have great potential. We must bring out this potential. Whenever I meet with young people, we talk about voluntary contributions. Above all, as long as the youth have their hearts on that, they will stop at nothing." Following the session, Kasapoğlu came together and conversed with young people at the Ministry of Youth and Sports booth.

### **Emine Erdoğan: "We aim to provide jobs for 100,000 people through the Zero Waste Project"**

During her speech on Zero Waste Vision, the First Lady of the Republic of Turkey Emine Erdoğan noted that the participants convened in the Social Good Summit to find the shortest way to good for a better world. Ms. Erdoğan said: "With our initiative, we are designing several thousands of years ahead, not only for 2030 or 2050. The predictions of scientists for the near future should also shape our current behaviour. The most important warning is about the impending climate crisis."



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TBWA Istanbul CEO Burcu Özdemir Kayımtu stated in the panel: "Participants might ask themselves why an advertising agency is here and making this organisation. We met with Needs Map in 2015 and we thought how good things it did and we had to contribute to it. In that process our paths crossed with UNDP Turkey. We, as TBWA Istanbul Office, are aiming to contribute to increasing the impact of such good works. For that purpose, we initiated Social Good Summit. We aim for Turkey to show social awareness in every platform and broaden this movement to the masses."

**UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat: "It is possible to have fun together and leave no trace"**

Actor Mert Firat, UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador, and a co-founder of Needs Map, expressed in his speech at the panel 'Have Fun, Leave No Trace' that the festivals started to become punishments to cities due to the traces that they leave behind. He underlined that "It is possible to organise joyful festivals, have fun together and leave no trace!"








Musician Gökhan Özoğuz told about "25 Litres" documentary project in the panel. Özoğuz mentioned that water crisis is threatening the world's largest cities and said that everyone should "take action to save tomorrow's water" in order not to experience a drought in Istanbul in the future.

For those who missed the event, SGS 2019 sessions are available at [sgsistanbul.org](http://sgsistanbul.org) as recorded broadcasting in Turkish and English.





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CLIMATEERS TALK ABOUT  
“AGRICULTURE AND FOOD” AND  
“DISASTERS” IN THE  
CONVERSATIONS IN CLIMATE-ISH



## Agriculture And Food Discussed In Climate-Ish

Supported by UNDP Turkey and aiming to forge a common language in fighting the climate crisis, the second meetup of the Conversations in Climate-ish took place on 8 October 2019 at DasDas Ataşehir in Istanbul, hosted by UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat.

Aiming to bring together the experience of various social segments and vocational groups facing the climate crisis into a common language, the meeting's feature speakers were Durukan Dudu, Co-founder of Anadolu Meraları (Anatolian Pastures); Melike Kuş, Soil and Water Conservation Programme Coordinator of Nature Conservation Centre; and Olcay Silahlı, CEO of Fazla Gıda; with the event moderated by Mert Firat.

## Regenerative Agriculture For Turkey!

Devoting his opening remarks to the importance of agriculture and food for the future of humanity, Mert Firat hailed "both bread and ethics" for the common future of humanity, and stated that considering the ever-growing need for food and the climate crisis, the regenerative methods must be used in agriculture.







Of the panellists, Durukan Dudu, Co-founder of Anadolu Meraları (Anatolian Pastures), said: "Through our agricultural methods carried on for thousands of years, we have released the soil's carbon to the atmosphere. If we can give it back to soil, we can both reinvigorate the agriculture and substantially prevent the climate crisis. Regenerative agriculture means to heal the soil in all aspects while we engage in agriculture. Now the thing we must do is to heal, i.e. regenerate."

### We Dump One Third of Our Yield!

Olçay Silahlı, CEO of Fazla Gıda indicated that Turkey of 80 million is the top third country in Europe which produce food waste, and said: "The amount of waste dumped by Turkey into soil is 440 times that of Germany. Today, we dump every 30 of 100 units which we sow."

Melike Kuş, Soil and Water Conservation Programme Coordinator of Nature Conservation Centre said: "No method is perfect in the process of adapting to climate change. We must generate solutions" and underlined the importance of searching for joint solutions to and building partnerships against the climate crisis.



## Climateers Take a Look at Disasters From a Climate-ish Perspective

Aiming to forge a common language in fighting the climate crisis and supported by UNDP Turkey, the third of the Conversations in Climate-ish was held on Disasters on Tuesday 15 October 2019 in Istanbul. Having already conversed on Water on 24 September and on Agriculture and Food on 08 October, the third meeting of the Conversations in Climate-ish was again hosted by UNDP Turkey Goodwill Ambassador Mert Firat at Ataşehir Dasdas. The meeting's feature speakers were Erdem Ergin; an Expert on Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Management in UNDP Turkey; Azime Tezer, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Istanbul Technical University; and Seda Özdemir, Director of Strategy Development at Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.



## Impossible to Write the Story of Climate Crisis

The meeting's moderator Mert Firat stated: "The humanity has overcome countless disasters. And they have written the stories and sung the songs of those disasters. Since the Noah's Flood, they have warned next generations against those disasters. However, the climate crisis is not similar to any of those. Unless we are able to stop this self-made disaster, this time we will not be able to write the story of how the humanity has survived."





### Adaptation and Resilience in Climate Crisis

One of the speakers in the meeting, Seda Özdemir, Director of Strategy Development at Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality said that cities must pay attention to resilience against and adaptation to climate crisis, and added: "As IMM, we have put special emphasis on adaptation for the urgent action plan that we prepared for Istanbul. We have formulated adaptation methods for the sectors by identifying their vulnerabilities so that we can cope with disasters."

### Banks May Forgive But the Climate Will Not!

Erdem Ergin; an Expert on Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Management in UNDP Turkey pointed out that climate-induced extreme weather events were on the increase and said: "Throughout the history, civilisations collapsed due to spending more than what was available. Disasters are a reminder of the credits that we have taken from the nature. We are seriously taking credit from the nature. Undoubtedly, there will be pay-back. And these are the disasters. Banks may forgive but the climate will not."

### We Should Use the Space in a Multi-Purpose Manner

As the third feature-speaker of the Conversations in Climate-ish, Azime Tezer, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Istanbul Technical University, explained that the impact of the climate crisis has already reached such an extent that it can be observed in a lifetime of an individual human being and pointed out the solutions: "Coastal cities will sustain larger harm as a result of extreme weather events. Istanbul, at least, has the potential to produce sufficient amount of agricultural crop in time of crisis. We should think of how to utilise heating and irrigation in a multi-purpose manner. We should use the space in a multi-purpose manner, because the nature itself is multi-purpose. In the past, we used to heat the house and cook at the same time."

Started by UNDP Turkey in search of a common language in fighting the climate crisis to encompass various segments of the society, the last meeting of the Conversations in Climate-ish will be held on Tuesday, 05 November on Urban Life.





# A NEW CAMPAIGN FROM UNDP TURKEY FOCUSING ON HAPPINESS: #HAPPINESSIS

*United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), launched a new campaign telling stories of people of Turkey who were empowered by projects supported by UNDP, whose lives changed, who diffused such positive impact around and supported other people. The campaign titled "Happiness Is" is composed of six short films that remind us that focusing on what makes people happy could lead us to a better world.*

What humans live by? How important is happiness in human life? How do we become happy? How can we contribute to others living more happily? Answers to such questions since ancient times may seem simple but are indeed different for everyone.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Turkey which works for decent, better life for all and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, tells stories

of six people whose lives are touched by UNDP's activities in Turkey, in its new campaign "Happiness Is".

Six short films tell the stories of people of Turkey who were empowered by projects supported by UNDP, whose lives changed, who diffused such positive impact around and supported other people: Barış Yüksel from Antalya, Nimet Taş from Kilis, Nurettin Kılıç from Mardin, Rabia Aydemir from Isparta, Şirin Muhammed from Istanbul and Ulaş Tepe from Ordu.

At the end of each short film, we hear their responses to the question "What is happiness to you?"

With this campaign aiming at questioning how we can create the conditions necessary for people to be happy, the relation between the contribution of UNDP-supported work and happiness of people is investigated. In addition, it is aimed to remind that paying attention to people's happiness and its determinants may guide us towards sustainable development and lead us to a world of happier and healthier people.

Highlighting the importance of focusing on happiness in development interventions, Achim Steiner, the Administrator of UNDP says, "This year, the Human Development Report will paint a detailed picture of inequality, with new data that will go further beyond income and averages. If we want to understand how we progress, why we sometimes fail, and, ultimately improve the quality of all our lives, then the pursuit of happiness may offer an answer", in an article he penned earlier this year.

#HappinessIs  
[happinessis.undp.org.tr](http://happinessis.undp.org.tr)



## BARIŞ YÜKSEL

Mr. Barış Yüksel of Demre set out with fellow villagers to preserve the assets of his village and share them with guests with support from "Future is in Tourism" project; and over the years, they built a role-model break at the Lycian Way. A Historical Break on the Lycian Way Project is supported by "Future is in Tourism" implemented with partnership of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Anadolu Efes.

What is happiness for Barış Yüksel? View video to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5Y0Qdgdov4>

## NİMET TAŞ

Ms. Nimet Taş has been working as the manager in charge for 20 years at Kilis Multi-Purpose Community Centre (ÇATOM), where Social Cohesion between Syrian and Host Communities through Women's Empowerment Project is implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with GAP Regional Development Administration.

What is happiness for Nimet Taş? View video to find out.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU5aN\\_yiaDM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU5aN_yiaDM)

## NURETTİN KILIÇ

A lawyer registered with Mardin Bar Association, Mr. Nurettin Kılıç improved his work on disadvantaged groups after he participated in the training organised under "Support to the Improvement of Legal Aid Practices for Access to Justice for All in Turkey (SILA) Project".

SILA Project is implemented by the Union of the Turkish Bar Associations, the Ministry of Justice and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

What is happiness for Nurettin Kılıç? View video to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uM0d0eS63Xs>

## RABİA AYDEMİR

Ms. Rabia Aydemir is the President of Lavender Scented Village Women Entrepreneurs Cooperative at Kuyucak village that transformed into the "Lavender Scented Village" of Turkey with support from "Future is in Tourism". Lavender Scented Village Project is supported by "Future is in Tourism" implemented with partnership of the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Anadolu Efes.

What is happiness for Rabia Aydemir? View video to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i6MW1ljLs>

## ŞİRİN MUHAMMED

Ms. Şirin Muhammed, a Syrian of age 28, mother of three, has been learning Turkish since March 2019 at the Public Education Centre in Zeytinburnu district of Istanbul.

The "Adult Language Training Component" of the Turkey Resilience Project in Response to the Syria Crisis (TRP) is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the General Directorate of Lifelong Learning of the Turkish Ministry of National Education and the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

What is happiness for Şirin Muhammed? View video to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o1d8R9Md0I>

## ULAŞ TEPE

Having worked as a volunteer trainer in "I Can Manage My Money" project which is implemented by Habitat Association in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Visa Turkey, Mr. Ulaş Tepe, 29, serves as the Mayor of Gülyalı district of Ordu today.

What is happiness for Ulaş Tepe? View video to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEYZ-YltAM0>





## FIRST STEPS WERE TAKEN TO ESTABLISH ADANA VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

*The Centre will be a solution for the need of qualified labour force of the region.*

The project launch event was attended by Mr. Zeki Kivanç, Board Chairman of Adana Chamber of Industry (ADASO), Mr. Barış Dinçer, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Deputy Head of Turkey and Head of Office in Ankara, Mr. Claudio Tomasi, Resident Representative of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Turkey, Mr. Adnan Ünverdi, Board Chairman of Gaziantep Chamber of Industry (GSO) as well as respective

representatives of public institutions and organizations.

The project, which is shaped according to local needs and economic structure in Adana, aims to provide Adana Chamber of Industry (ADASO) with high calibre technical assistance and consultancy services for the establishment and functionalization of the Adana Vocational Training Centre.

The centre will also provide vocational training programs to meet the specific needs of SMEs. With the Vocational Training Centre to be established, both the people of the region and the Syrians under temporary protection will benefit from qualified vocational trainings to meet the economic needs of the region.

Mr. Claudio Tomasi, Resident Representative of UNDP Turkey said: "Adana Vocational Training Centre Project is also very important for being the very first financing agreement between the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the world."

Also, a cooperation protocol was signed between Adana Chamber of Industry and Gaziantep Chamber of Industry in order to share experience and vision, and to cooperate with Gaziantep Chamber of Industry Vocational Training Centre with regard to the training programs to be provided to increase qualified labour force.

Mr. Zeki Kivanç, the Chairman of the Board of Adana Chamber of Industry (ADASO) said "We will take an important step for the improvement and development of the industry of our region and our country within the framework of the protocol of cooperation between our Chamber and Gaziantep Chamber of Industry. We will join our forces".

Within the scope of Adana Vocational Training Centre Project, the current situation will be determined by means of sectoral and field-level analyzes to be conducted and the business model and plan of the Centre will be prepared. In addition, based on the needs of the local labour market and the demands arising from the SMEs in the region, customized training modules will be designed specific to Adana Vocational Training Centre and cooperation will be made with İŞKUR and KOSGEB for vocational trainings.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Deputy Head of Turkey and Head of Office in Ankara, Barış Dinçer said "As the first partnership between the EBRD and UNDP, the project will be a striking example in terms of demonstrating the compatibility of EBRD's development mission with the Sustainable Development Goals."

Adana Vocational Training Centre Project, on one hand, will contribute to the national strategies for quality labour force and quality vocational training, while on the other hand, will contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.

For more information: <https://www.tr.undp.org/content/turkey/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2019/09/AdanadaMeslekiEgitimler.html>





## KARTEPE SUMMIT MEETS FOR “HAPPY CITIES”

*The third Kartepe Summit, organised by Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality, was held on 25-27 October 2019 on the theme of “Urbanisation and Happy City”. In the summit, UN Turkey Resident Coordinator Alvaro Rodriguez was among the deliverers of opening speeches, whereas Sukhrob Khojimatov, Deputy Resident Representative for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Turkey, took part as a speaker in the session on “the Spirit and Vision of Cities”.*

**Alvaro Rodriguez: “Global Goals shed light on us”**

Alvaro Rodriguez pointed out the importance of discussing urbanisation and happy city concepts in the summit and indicated that the results would contribute to Turkey, the region and the entire world. Underlining that the Sustainable Development Goals shed light on their organisation for prioritising at social and

environmental levels, Rodriguez said: “Global Goals achieved recognition all around the world, such a thing had not happened in the world history. For that reason, it is of great importance. For the first time in the world history, this generation is making a common effort for fighting poverty. I am sure, along with that, we will take important steps in reducing the risks and solving problems of climate change and global warming.”

**Sukhrob Khojimatov: “Localization of SDGs is the key for happy cities and people around”**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tahir Büyükakın, Kocaeli Metropolitan Mayor; Sukhrob Khojimatov, Deputy Resident Representative for UNDP Turkey; Prof. Dr. Nabi Avcı, Eskişehir Deputy from the Justice and Development Party; and Prof. Dr. Şükrü Karatepe, Chief Advisor to the President of the Republic took part as speakers in the session on “Spirit and Vision of the Cities” moderated by Cengiz Özdemir, EkoTürk TV Executive Director.

Büyükakın stated: “We can achieve our goal of a happy city by finding solutions to the issues such as industrialisation, migration, traffic and earthquake.”

Underlining that happy urbanisation was a sustainable development process, Büyükakın drew a parallel between this approach and Mustafa Kemal Atatürk’s objective to reach the level of contemporary civilisations.

Sukhrob Khojimatov stressed that localizing the SDGs is at the centre of achieving the 2030 Agenda and happiness may be an important indication of success in this process. Khojimatov said: “Today some 55% of population live in urban areas; a proportion that is expected

to increase to 60% by 2030 and almost 70% by 2050. Cities today generate more than 80% of global GDP. They are powerful vectors for economic development; but they carry challenges too. They consume close to 2/3 of the world’s energy and account for more than 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions. And as they develop, their exposure to climate and disaster risk also increases. Many of the world’s poor now live in cities where the most pressing development challenges are found.

Localization of SDGs is the key for happy cities and people around. Localization means making the SDGs real for everyone, everywhere. It is a key strategy to advance inclusion; by ensuring that the needs of those who are being left behind are reflected in local strategies and budgets. Cities must be resilient to natural and man-made disasters and crises. Cities are at the forefront of the battle against climate change and environmental degradation. How cities grow and develop in the coming decades will play a significant part in determining whether the world can live within its planetary boundaries. Initiatives taken to scale through partnerships and strong urban leadership, will be critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and constitute happy cities.”



# NOV EMBER 2019 CALENDAR

**2-8 November**  
Children With Leukemia Week

**3-9 November**  
Organ Donation Week

**5 November**  
Conversations in Climate-ish "Urban Life"  
- Istanbul

**10 November**  
Commemoration of Atatürk Day

**10 November**  
World Science Day for Peace and  
Development

**16 November**  
International Day for Tolerance

**20 November**  
Universal Children's Day

**21-24 November**  
Sustainable Living Film Festival

**25 November**  
International Day for the Elimination of Violence  
against Women

**26-27 November**  
International Forum on Local Solutions to  
Migration and Displacement – Gaziantep





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