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## **CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES**

**“Raising awareness & employment opportunities”**

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**ISTANBUL, 26-28 October 2016**

**Venue:**

**Radisson Blu Conference & Airport Hotel**

**E-5 Karayolu (Yanyol) No. 2034295 K. Çekmece İstanbul**

**Conference languages: Turkish, English, French, Arabic**

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## Conference Plenaries

<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	
<b>8.30 – 9.30</b>	<b>Registrations</b>
<b>9.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ILO:</li>   <li>▪ İŞKUR: Mr, Mehmat Ali Özkan, Deputy General Director, Turkish Public Employment Agency</li>   <li>▪ DPB: Mr, Enes Polat, Deputy President, State Employment Agency</li>   <li>▪ SESRIC: Ambassador Mr, Musa Kulaklıkaya, General Director</li>   <li>▪ Organisation of Islamic Cooperation:</li>   <li>▪ İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality: Mr, Kadir Topbaş, Mayor</li>   <li>▪ Ministry of Family and Social Policies: Mrs, Dr. Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya, Minister (TR)</li> </ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30 – 13.00</b>	<p><b><u>First Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – General Framework and Employment Perspective</b></p> <p>Activities in the scope of support, implementation and monitoring the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the member countries of OIC will be discussed.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>The General Scope of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b> Doç. Dr. Selda Çağlar, Trakya University, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Legal Sciences, Department of Public Administration</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>The employment scope of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the process of creation of employment indicators</b> Keziban Uğuzer Karçkay, Family and Social Policy Expert, Department of Research, Development and Project, General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly, Ministry of Family and Social Policies</li> </ul>
<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Prayer Break</b>
<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	<p><b><u>Second Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Scene setting: The current situation and challenges of persons with disabilities in the labour market</b></p> <p>The state of play of employment of persons with disabilities will be discussed with a focus on labour market tendencies over the past years and after the economic crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Employment of persons with disabilities and labour market tendencies in Turkey</b> Mr. Ekrem Kayacı, Employment Expert, Turkish Public Employment Agency (İŞKUR)</li> <li>▪ <b>Persons with disabilities employed by the public sector</b> Mrs Hanife Özer, Head of Department, State Employment Agency (TR)</li> <li>▪ <b>Supported employment in Turkey- Join to Work Join to Life Project</b> Doc. Dr. Necdet Karasu, Gazi University, Faculty of Education, Department of Education of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Project coordinator</li> <li>▪ <b>Sheltered workshops in Turkey</b> Sinan Gergin, Family and Social Policy Expert, Employment and Social Security Department, General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly, Ministry of Family and Social Policies</li> </ul>
<b>16.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>
<b>16.30 – 17.30</b>	<p><b><u>Third Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Services regarding vocational training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities</b></p>

	<p>Activities regarding vocational training and rehabilitation which are the integral part of employment of persons with disabilities will be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Vocational training and rehabilitation services under Turkish Public Employment Agency</b> ....., Public Employment Agency</li> <li>▪ <b>Vocational training opportunities in local administrations– A sample from İstanbul Grand Municipality, Disability Center- ISEM</b> Mrs. Yeliz YILDIZ KÖKENEK, Director, İstanbul Grand Municipality, Directorate of Health, Disability Center</li> </ul>
<b>19.00-21.00</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	
<b>9.30 – 11.00</b>	<p><b><u>Fourth Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Perspectives from different sectors of the labour market</b></p> <p>Representatives from self-employment, sheltered employment and supported employment will bring their testimony and analyse what are obstacles, levers for change and how each sector could better facilitate access to employment for persons with disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Self-employment- A sample from Ankara</b> .....</li> <li>▪ <b>Sheltered workshop application- GÖKCEM “Konya Down”</b> Yasemin Devocioğlu, Owner of the workshop</li> <li>▪ <b>Employer experience from Join to Work Join to Life Project from Turkey</b> .....</li> <li>▪ <b>Employee experience from Join to Work Join to Life Project</b></li> </ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>

11.30 – 13.00	<p><b><u>Fifth Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Opinions and recommendations from different sectors regarding employment of persons with disabilities</b></p> <p>Representatives from different sectors will share their opinions and recommendations on how to enhance the participation of persons with disabilities into labour market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supported Employment in Turkey- A sample from an NGO, I am Independent because I am Working Project and recommendations for NGOs.</b> Fulya Ekmen, Vice Chairman of the Board, Association of Down Syndrome</li> <li>• <b>Implementation of Work and Occupation Counselling and future recommendations</b> Sinan Temur, Head of Work and Occupation Counselling Department, Turkish Public Employment Agency</li> <li>• <b>Persons with disabilities and human resources counselling- Sample from BRC and future recommendations</b> Aslı Alparslan, Director, BRC Managing and Counselling</li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.30	<b>Lunch &amp; Prayer Break</b>
14.30-18.00	<p><b>Study Visits and Social Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>İstanbul Grand Municipality Disability Center</b></li> <li>• <b>Bağcılar Municipality Disability Palace</b></li> <li>• <b>Yatch Tour</b></li> </ul>
18.30 – 20.30	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b>	
9.30 - 11.00	<p><b><u>Sixth Plenary</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing Remarks</b></li> </ul>
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>