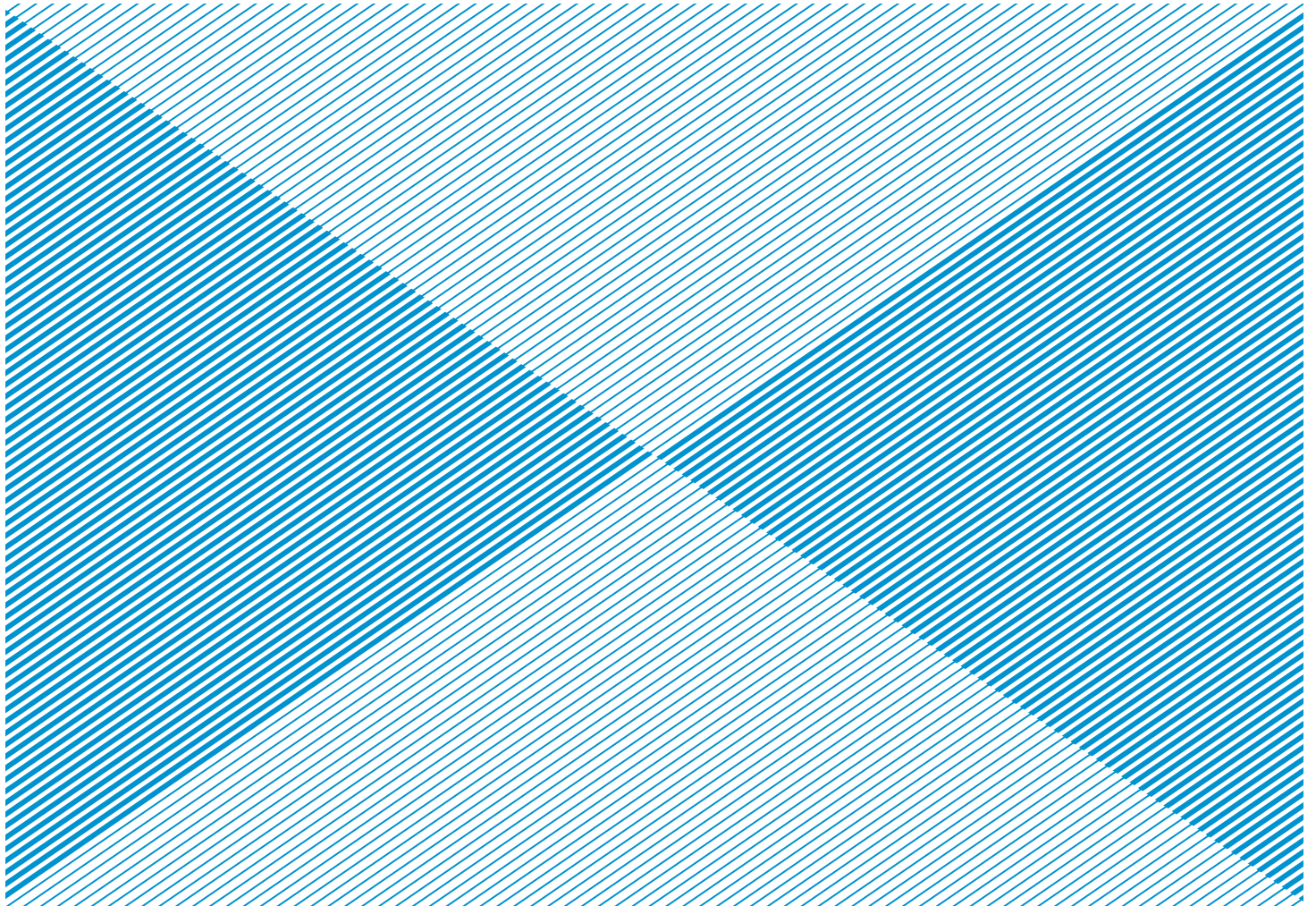


Regional Agenda

Special Meeting on Unlocking Resources for Regional Development Meeting Overview

Istanbul, Turkey 28-29 September 2014



Meeting Overview

Turkey is a vivid example of the historic economic, political and social changes that are underway in countries of the three rapidly transforming regions at whose intersection it lies – Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The changes and pace of transformation in countries in the region are demonstrating fundamental impact on their economic trajectory and outlook for growth and investment. Following Turkey's first-ever direct presidential elections in August, Turkey will assume presidency of the G20 in December, creating new opportunities for shaping both the domestic and international agendas.

This World Economic Forum Special Meeting is an opportunity for senior global and regional stakeholders to better understand, adapt to and shape these national and regional transformations by engaging with key economic decision-makers and other leaders from business, government and civil society. Over the two days of the meeting in Istanbul, participants will have the chance to build national and cross-regional initiatives and alliances, thereby unlocking underemployed economic resources for the benefit of all.

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Programme Objectives

Against the backdrop of local and regional transformations across Europe, Eurasia and MENA, the meeting will be structured on four thematic pillars, reflecting shared challenges and areas where collaboration can create positive change.

The Future of the Region and Turkey's Forthcoming G20 Presidency

Following its first direct presidential elections in August, Turkey will assume presidency of the G20 in December. Not only does this demonstrate the increasing influence of emerging economies in global economic cooperation and policy coordination, but it will also give Turkey the opportunity to reflect on its own economic and social transformations.

- What agenda should Turkey advance during its G20 presidency to address the world's most pressing economic challenges?
- How can cross-regional integration enable economic development, encourage trade between neighbours and deliver long term/sustainable growth?
- How can the dramatic expansion of political engagement across all age groups, regions and socioeconomic backgrounds be harnessed to strengthen the resilience, transparency, prosperity and inclusiveness of society?

Shifting Energy Dynamics across the Region

Emerging technologies, shifting geopolitical relationships and new sources of hydrocarbons are changing the regional energy landscape. How is this impacting the sustainability, affordability and security of energy in Turkey and the surrounding regions?

- What are the regional energy implications of a changing geopolitical and technological landscape, and how are stakeholders responding?
- How can new forms of engagement and collaboration between regional partners unlock value in a shifting energy landscape?
- What components of innovative regulation can help ensure an optimal energy and technology mix to guarantee competitiveness, sustainability and security of supply?

Building Entrepreneurial and Inclusive Economies

To build stable and prosperous societies across Europe, Eurasia and MENA, unemployment must be reduced and everyone should have the opportunity to realize their aspirations.

- How will the changing nature of the labour markets affect human capital planning of governments and business?
- What corporate strategies and public policies have helped businesses to increase the participation of women in the labour force and close economic gender gaps? How can progress be scaled up and accelerated?
- How can new forms of collaboration between large and small, old and young companies drive both firm and economy-wide growth?

Infrastructure as a Platform for Physical and Digital Growth

Infrastructure, both physical and digital, is key to economic growth, and creates new ways for industries to thrive and means for public services to meet needs.

- How might a more strategic and fuller lifecycle view help develop infrastructure more effectively and efficiently?
- What type of investments, policies and platforms linked to digitally-driven economies can unlock resources and drive growth?
- What are the key factors that would increase the efficiency of key processes and unlock underemployed sources of private capital?

FAQs

Where will the meeting take place?

The meeting will take place at the Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel.

Where will I stay?

A block reservation has been made at the Hilton Istanbul Bomonti Hotel. When you register for the meeting, you will have the option to ask for assistance with your hotel booking. If you request this, you will receive a hotel booking form.

What does registration include?

The registration fee (CHF 3,500 for Forum members, CHF 5,000 for non-members) includes access to all sessions.

What is the working language of the meeting?

The official language of this Special Meeting is English. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Turkish will be provided for the plenaries, interactive sessions and televised debates.

Arabic and Russian will be provided for certain sessions, as indicated in the programme.

No interpretation is provided in the WorkStudio sessions, which will be conducted in English.

By when do I need to register?

We recommend that you register before 10 September 2014.

Do I need a visa?

Check with your nearest Turkish embassy for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum is not responsible for providing visas.

Where do I find additional information about the programme?

Information about the programme can be found on the Forum website at <http://www.weforum.org/events/world-economic-forum-special-meeting-turkey>. When you register you will receive access to TopLink, the Forum's new online collaboration and interaction platform.

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Programme at a Glance

Sunday 28 September

08.00 - 21.00 **Registration**

08.00 - 22.00 **Private Industry and Constituent Meetings**

17.30 - 18.00 **Welcome Address**

18.00 - 19.00 **Welcome Plenary**

19.00 - 20.30 **Welcome Reception**

Monday 29 September

07.00 - 19.30 **Registration**

09.00 - 10.30 **Plenary Session**
- unlocking resources

10.45 - 12.15 **Interactive Sessions**
- infrastructure agenda
- humanitarian crisis

10.45 - 12.15 **Workshop**
- g20 impact
- human capital

11.15 - 12.15 **Televised Session**
- cnn türk/energy outlook

12.15 - 13.00 **Community Lunch**

13.00 - 14.30 **Interactive Session**
- income inequality

13.15 - 14.30 **Interactive Session**
- regional integration

13.00 - 14.30 **Workshop**
- empowering women
- innovative entrepreneurship

13.15 - 14.15 **Televised Session**
- al arabiya/market infrastructure

14.30 - 15.00 **Community Break**

15.00 - 16.00 **Interactive Sessions**
- energy partnerships
- digital infrastructure
- geopolitical challenges

15.00 - 16.00 **Televised Session**
- cnbc/eu region

16.15 - 17.00 **Community Break**

17.00 - 17.30 **Plenary Session**
- special address/Europe

17.30 - 18.00 **Plenary Session**
- special address

18.00 - 19.30 **Farewell Reception**



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