

## ICYP ACTIVITIES AT THE UN MEETINGS

# THE TURKISH HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN THE RECOVERY FROM FEBRUARY 2023 EARTHQUAKE IN TÜRKIYE

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SIDE EVENT AT  
THE 2023  
ECOSOC  
YOUTH FORUM

APRIL 25, 2023

NEW YORK CITY

TUESDAY

ICYP PRESIDENT H.E. TAHA AYHAN ATTENDED THE 2023 ANNUAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC) YOUTH FORUM IN NEW YORK WHICH RAN UNDER THE THEME "ACCELERATING THE COVID-19 RECOVERY AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA WITH AND FOR YOUTH.



THE 3-DAY SERVED AS A PLATFORM FOR THE YOUTH TO PRESENT THEIR ASSESSMENT, VISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBER STATES' CONSIDERATION AHEAD OF THE SDG SUMMIT IN SEPTEMBER 2023.

ON THE MARGINS OF THE EVENT, ICYP IN COORDINATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE'S PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZED A SIDE EVENT AT THE TURKISH HOUSE IN NEW YORK UNDER THE THEME "THE TURKISH HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN THE RECOVERY FROM THE FEBRUARY 2023 EARTHQUAKE IN TÜRKIYE".

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TÜRKIYE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, H.E. SEDAT ÖNAL, REAFFIRMED TÜRKIYE'S UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND WORLDWIDE DURING HIS OPENING REMARKS.



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IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, PRESIDENT AYHAN EMPHASIZED THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE YOUTH IN FACILITATING RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES THAT HIT TÜRKIYE IN FEBRUARY. HE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TOWARDS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT TOWARD THE AFFECTED REGIONS.

THE SIDE EVENT FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEECHES FROM H.E. MR. HAMEED AJIBAIYE OPELOYERU, THE PERMANENT OBSERVER FOR THE OIC TO THE U.N., AND H.E. MR. MUHAMMAD AMIR KHAN DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN TO THE U.N.



A PANEL DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD AS PART OF THE SIDE EVENT WITH THE PARTICIPATION WHERE MR. SİNAN KARŞIYAKA, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE AT ICYF ELABORATED HOW ICYF'S CAPACITY BUILDING EFFORTS FOR THE YOUTH HAVE BORE FRUIT AS SEEN BY THE YOUTH'S SWIFT RESPONSE IN THE RECENT EARTHQUAKES.



MUSIAD YOUTH BRANCH VICE PRESIDENT MR. MEHMET KÜÇÜK EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE VARIOUS RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS FROM TÜRKIYE AND ABROAD, FELLOW MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT AND AID DELIVERED TO THE AFFECTED AREAS DURING THE DISCUSSIONS.

MS. BETÜL DEMİREL, A TURKISH MASTER'S STUDENT AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ALSO SHARED HER EXPERIENCE WITH THE YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES DURING THE COORDINATION OF DONATIONS AND RELIEF AID FOR THE AFFECTED PEOPLE.



# COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA

MARCH 17, 2023

VENUE: PALAIS DES NATIONS – GENEVA

FRIDAY

ICYF PRESIDENT, H.E. TAHA AYHAN, PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL DAY TO COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA COMMEMORATION HELD AT THE PALAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA ON FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2023. DURING HIS SPEECH AT THE EVENT, PRESIDENT AYHAN EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR COLLABORATION AMONG PEOPLE TO HEAL THE ONGOING TRAUMAS RESULTING FROM VARIOUS ISLAMOPHOBIC INCIDENTS. HE ALSO CALLED FOR ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES OF ISLAMOPHOBIA, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER FORMS OF RACISM AND HATE SPEECH, WHICH STEM FROM THE SAME SOURCE.

