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TURKS IN ACTION NOW FOR WATER IN FUTURE

#Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) dumping polluting waters, impacting health, and endangering wildlife
#Increase Urban Tree Canopy Coverage and Protect Forested Land for Ground Water
#Nutrient Pollution #Stop using harmful fertilizers and pesticides polluting waters and endangering wildlife and develop methods to improve farming practices to produce more with less water
#Use Alternative Energy Sources at Coastal Area- Mucilage Buildup in the Oceans

Our Commitments:

- Educate our community
- Create Awareness
- Get Actionable Commitments
- Develop Measurable Key Performance Indicators
- Track and Report Result

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CLAIRE DESHAIES | ELA GÖKÇİÖDEM | YÜCEL BURDURLU TAVOLARA

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 | 6:00pm-8:00pm ET | Türk Evi Center | 821 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

UN 2023 Water Conference Side Event

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“TURKS IN ACTION NOW, FOR WATER IN FUTURE”

23 March, 2023 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm ET

Organized by: Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), Associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications & Special Accredited Organization to the #UN2023WaterConference. Partnering with The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Org (LMGlobal.Org, NY) and Empowering the Turkish American Community (etacusa.org, CA) and Turkish Women’s League of America Inc (atkb.org, NY).

In support of the #UN2023WaterConference and in connection with the **INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE THEME 5 – Water Action Decade (2018 – 2028)**: Accelerating the implementation of the objectives on the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General’s Action Plan.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Olcay Ünver discussed:

World Economic Forum (WEF) 2023 Global Risks Report, “Last Call”

- Water Resources:
- What is taking place now?
- What needs to be done next decade?

Four core #WaterAction ideas toward contributing in #WaterQuality and #WaterSustainability

1. **Dr. Kartik Chandran** - Proposed #WaterAction ideas #Municipal Used Waste Management and future small and efficient plant proposal, with zero waste and multiple source solutions
2. **Alev Wieland & Dr. Mesude Özyürekoğlu**- Proposed #WaterAction ideas #Increase Urban Tree Canopy(UTC) Coverage and Protect Forested Land for Ground Water
3. **Claire Deshaies**- Proposed #WaterAction ideas # Stop using harmful fertilizers and pesticides polluting waters and endangering wildlife and develop methods to improve farming practices to produce more with less water
4. **Ela Gökçiğdem**- Proposed #WaterAction ideas #Use Alternative Energy Sources at Coastal Area- Musilage Buildup in the Oceans

ATAA will organize a Webinar Series to educate members, raise awareness, get actionable commitments, develop Measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Track and Report Results.

ATAA Water Action Decade Actionable Items are two-fold:

1. We will seek for commitments from our members for the following actions
2. We will write letters to our local government to impact policy change



Identify + Recruit + Collaborate + Implement → Result

 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	 QUALITY EDUCATION	 GENDER EQUALITY	 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
Healthy Body & Mind We are committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform • Educate • Promote well being 	Today's Youth Tomorrows Leaders We are committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Language Education • STEM Programs • Scholarship 	Embrace Gender Equality We are committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Rights • Equal Education • Workplace diversity Youth Forum Mentorship Program	Turks in Action Now for Water in Future We are committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate • Create Awareness • Get Actionable Commitments • Track Performance 	Responsible Purchasing, Waste Reduction, Recycling We are committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce plastic use • Reduce harmful chemical use • Recycle



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