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2026 Global Summit of Women

Women: Building Bridges to a Bold Tomorrow

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Fostering Women's Cross-Border Trade Through Technology



Linking Women Entrepreneurs to the Global Market

Developing Leadership Skills for the Workplace of the Future

Enabling the Growth of the Next Generation of Women Business Leaders

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2026 GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN

WOMEN: BUILDING BRIDGES TO A BOLD TOMORROW



2019 Summit in Basel, Switzerland

WHAT THE SUMMIT OFFERS

- ◆ *Inspirational role models* from every continent among our impressive roster of over 80 presenters;
- ◆ Ample *networking opportunities* at breakfasts, lunches, and receptions throughout the event;
- ◆ Information on *doing business in Turkiye and the region*;
- ◆ Insight into *women driving business growth* as consumers and business leaders;
- ◆ Numerous sessions to help 'grow' your leadership skills, your business, and your network.

SUMMIT FEATURES



Pre-Summit Roundtable for **Women Government Ministers** on best practices in public/private sector partnerships for advancing women's economic opportunities;



Plenary sessions which cover Regional and Global Megatrends that impact economies around the world;



Discussion Forums with Male CEOs and Women CEOs;



Creative tips from women entrepreneurs succeeding in the global economy;



Skills-building sessions in Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development as well as navigation of Workplace Issues.

ABOUT TURKIYE

DID YOU KNOW ...

🌐 *Istanbul is the only city in the world to straddle two continents, both East and West.*

🌐 *Women are leading Turkiye's start-up community in areas of fintech, e-commerce, and artificial intelligence.*

🌐 *Turkiye's strategic location, young population, and skilled workforce attracts significant foreign direct investment .*

🌐 *Women corporate leaders in top management positions are spearheading Turkiye's technological progress.*

🌐 *38 companies listed on the Istanbul Stock Exchange have a woman CEO.*

MEET SOME OF THE LEADERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 GLOBAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN



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Minister of State (UAE)



HON. MEHMET SIMSEK
Minister for Finance (Turkiye)

Summit President



IRENE NATIVIDAD
President, Global
Summit of Women (USA)



HON. MAHINUR OZDEMIR GOKTAS
Minister for Family and Social Services (Turkiye)



HON. KANTHA PHAVI
Minister for Women's Affairs (Cambodia)



HON. MAIMOUNA DIEYE
Minister for Family, Social Action, and Solidarity (Senegal)



HON. MURIEL PENICAUD
Former Minister of Labor; Board Director, Manpower, Galileo Global (France)



HON. BAIBA BRAZE
Minister of Foreign Affairs (Latvia)



HON. MARIE-THERESE ABENA ONDOA
Minister for Women's Empowerment (Cameroon)



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2026 SUMMIT PROGRAM

WOMEN: BUILDING BRIDGES TO A BOLD TOMORROW

SUMMIT VENUE: HILTON BOMONTI HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN ENGLISH, TURKISH, and FRENCH

JUNE 3, 2026 (WEDNESDAY)

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. SUMMIT REGISTRATION

JUNE 4, 2026 (THURSDAY)

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. SUMMIT REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: Public/Private Sector Partnerships Advancing Economic Opportunity for Women and Girls (session is open only to government ministers)

3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. DOING BUSINESS IN TURKIYE

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. OPENING CEREMONY

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. WELCOME DINNER: *Hosted by Hon. Mahinur Ozdemir Goktas, Minister for Family and Social Services, Turkiye*

JUNE 5, 2026 (FRIDAY)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. NETWORKING BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. GLOBAL MEGATRENDS

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. MALE CEO FORUM: "VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP"

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 2026 GLOBAL WOMEN-ON-BOARDS REPORT: "DO WOMEN CEOs MAKE A DIFFERENCE?"

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. LUNCHEON PROGRAM: WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FORUM

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

* ENHANCING YOUR BRAND THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

* BEYOND DEI: Turkish Perspectives: Engaging Women in Non-Traditional Employment

* STARTING YOUR AI LEARNING JOURNEY I -- Microsoft

(limited to first 50 participants, laptop required)

* MENTOR FORUM I (limited to first 50 participants)

4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

* STRATEGIES FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

* YOUTH FORUM: NEW GENERATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP

* STARTING YOUR AI LEARNING JOURNEY II -- Microsoft

(limited to first 50 participants, laptop required)

* MENTOR FORUM II (limited to first 50 participants)

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. GLOBAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARDS GALA DINNER

JUNE 6, 2026 (SATURDAY)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. BUILDING MENTAL WELLNESS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. WOMEN CEO FORUM: "LEADING COMPANIES IN TURBULENT TIMES"

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. INTER-GENERATIONAL DIALOGUE: REDEFINING WORK

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. NAVIGATING DIGITAL CURRENCIES

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. LUNCH PROGRAM: "SMART HEALTH: REAL-WORLD IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS III

* WOMEN ON BOARDS FORUM

* GROWING FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES

* MENTOR FORUM III (limited to first 50 participants)

4:15 p.m.—5:45 p.m. INVESTING IN YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. CLOSING PROGRAM

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. CLOSING DINNER



SUMMIT REGISTRATION



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Registration Type	Registration Rate
Corporate (for participants from large corporations)	1100
Non-profit, NGO, government, and small business	725
Family (admittance to evening events only)	400

Please Note: The listed fee amounts are per delegate. Fee amounts are in **EUROS (€)** for delegates based inside the European Union, and in **USD (\$)** for delegates from the rest of the world. **The Summit Registration Fee includes the three-day conference, all meals from evening of June 4 to closing on June 6, simultaneous interpretation from and into English, Turkish, and French for all sessions, and all program materials.**

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The [Official Hotel and Venue](#) for the 2026 Summit is the Hilton Bomonti Hotel and Conference Center, the site for all Summit meetings.

Special rates are available for Summit delegates as follow:

- * Single Room: 180 Euros+ 12% VAT (approx US\$234 inclusive of taxes and fees)
- * Double Room: 195 Euros+ 12% VAT (approx US\$254 inclusive of taxes and fees)
- * Executive Room: 240 Euros+ 12% tax (approx US\$312 inclusive of taxes and fees)



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RAFRO Horizon (Cameroon)

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