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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**

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Promoting **Values-based Tech Use for Global Communities' Growth & Well-Being**

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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



**HON. DR. MAITHA  
ALSHAMSI**  
Minister of State  
(UAE)



**HON. MEHMET  
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## Summit President



**IRENE NATIVIDAD**  
President, Global  
Summit of Women  
(USA)



**HON. MAHINUR  
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**HON. KANTHA PHAVI**  
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Affairs (Cambodia)



**HON. MAIMOUNA  
DIEYE**  
Minister for Family,  
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Solidarity (Senegal)



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PENICAUD**  
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ileo Global (France)



**HON. ELMA SAIZ**  
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Social Security and  
Migration (Spain)



**HON. MARIE-THERESE  
ABENA ONDOA**  
Minister for Women's  
Empowerment  
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EMEIA Area Managing  
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**LESZEK WACIRZ**  
CEO, Nestle  
Turkiye  
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**HON. DELIA DOMINGO-ALBERT**  
Former Secretary of Foreign Affairs (Philippines)



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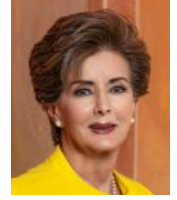
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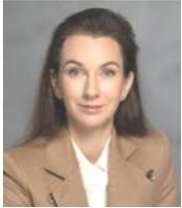
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# 2026 SUMMIT PROGRAM

## 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



REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.GLOBEWOMEN.ORG/GLOBALSUMMIT](http://WWW.GLOBEWOMEN.ORG/GLOBALSUMMIT)

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

**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.**

## ISTANBUL HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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)**

**Rooms are limited** and delegates are urged to make reservations as soon as possible. The link to reserve at the special rate will be sent only upon receipt of your Summit Registration.



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