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PROGRAMME AND CONCEPT NOTE



**SIDE EVENT at the Third International Conference on
Financing for Development (FfD)**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | 13 July 2015 (15:30 PM - 18:00 PM) |
Sholla 1, Radisson BLU Hotel**

**Priorities of the Turkish G20
Presidency**

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Turkish G20 Presidency

in collaboration with Civil-20, Think-20 and
Network of Southern Think-Tanks (NeST)

2015 is a pivotal year for international development agenda. Under Turkey's presidency, the G20's priorities for 2015 are defined within the framework of inclusiveness, implementation and investment, with a focus on low income developing countries (LIDCs) for strong, sustainable and inclusive growth in the global economy. In this context, the Turkish G20 Presidency has placed development at the center of its agenda.

Programme:

15:30-16:15 High Level Section

This section will provide the opportunity for FfD Conference participants to discuss the development work being undertaken by the G20 in 2015, with particular reference to the G20's support to the global development agenda.

Opening Remarks by Ambassador Ayşe Sinirlioğlu, Turkey's G20
Sherpa

Keynote Address by Mr. Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

High-ranking representatives from LIDC representatives will be invited to participate in the discussion on the concrete ways and means in which the G20 is contributing to the global development agenda. Discussion topics will include the G20's work on tax, remittances, infrastructure, food security, human resource development and Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SMEs).

These topics are also part of the FfD process. As such, it will provide added value to the Conference for the G20's work on these issues to be discussed by interested stakeholders.



16:15-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Panel Section: Addressing Inequalities and Inclusive Growth within Financing for Development

Panel Discussion will be organized in collaboration with Civil-20, Think-20 and the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST).

The panel discussion aims to create a participatory platform for discussion of the linkages between issues such as sustainable infrastructure, investment, increasing productive capabilities, and inclusive growth at national, regional and global levels.

Specifically, the discussion will explore the overlap between Sustainable Development Goal 17, which focuses on strengthening implementation and revitalization of the global partnership for sustainable development, and the agendas of both Financing for Development and the G20 in 2015.

To this end, sub-issues that fall within Sustainable Development Goal 17 will form a critical part of the discussion in this event. These issues include enhancing North-South, South-South and triangular regional/international cooperation; access to science, technology and innovation; and ideas for increasing the productive capabilities for sustainable development.

Mechanism for driving public as well as private investment to LIDCs, bridging the infrastructure gap and effective regulatory frameworks for sustainable development will be among issues to be investigated in the panel discussion.

Key-note Address by Amar Bhattacharya, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institution

Panelists:

- Zeynep Bodur Okyay, C20 Chair
- Ussal Sahbaz, T20, Director of G20 Studies Center, TEPAV
- Neissan Alessandro Besharati, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)
- Dr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi, AFRODAD

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SPEAKERS



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALI BABACAN

Ali Babacan was born in Ankara in 1967.

He graduated first in the Class of 1985 from the TED Ankara High School.

In 1989, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in Industrial Engineering from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, where he ranked first among the graduates of that year.

In 1990, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and attended the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he received his Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing, Organizational Behavior and International Business in 1992.

From 1992 to 1994, he worked at a Chicago-based company providing financial consulting services to top executives of major banks in the United States.

Subsequently, he returned to Ankara to run his family business from 1994 until 2002.

In 2001, he became a Founding Member and Board Member of the Justice and Development Party (AK Parti), a position which he still retains.

In November 2002, he was elected to Parliament and appointed as the Minister of Treasury, a cabinet position he retained until August 2007.

In addition to his tenure as Minister of Treasury, in June 2005, Mr. Babacan was appointed as the first Chief Negotiator for Turkey's accession negotiations with the European Union.

Between August 2007-May 2009, he served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

He has been serving as the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs since May 2009.

He is also a member of National Security Council.

Mr. Babacan is married with three children.



AMBASSADOR AYŞE SINIRLIOĞLU-TURKEY'S G-20 SHERPA

Ambassador Ayşe Sinirlioğlu was born in Nevşehir in 1956.

In 1977, she received her Bachelors Degree (BS) in Economics and Administrative Sciences from Marmara University in Istanbul. She received her Masters Degree on European Integration Law from University of Amsterdam in 1988 and her PhD degree in Political Science from Boğaziçi University in 1996.

She started her career in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1984 as third secretary in Directorate General for Bilateral Economic Affairs. Between 1985-1990, she served as Vice-Consul in Turkish Consulates in Rotterdam and Aleppo. From 1990 to 1992 she was the first secretary in the Directorate for West European and OECD Countries and in Turkish Deputy Prime Ministry.

From 1992 to 1996, she served as consul in Turkish Consulate General in New York. Between 1996-1999, she served as section head in the Department for Balkan Countries and Department for Central Asia and Caucasus in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 1999 she was appointed as the first counselor at the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the UN Office in Geneva and in 2002, as the first counselor in the Turkish Embassy in Amman. Between 2004-2008, Ms. Sinirlioğlu served as the Head of Department and Deputy Director General in the Directorate General for Bilateral Economic Affairs in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Ayşe Sinirlioğlu was the Ambassador of Turkey to Romania from 2008 to 2011 and Ambassador of Turkey to Spain from 2011 to 2014.

She has been serving as the Deputy Undersecretary for Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Turkey's G20 Sherpa since September 2014. Mrs. Sinirlioğlu is married and has two children.



ZEYNEP BODUR OKYAY

She was born in Istanbul in 1964. After her graduation from Italian High School in 1985, she enrolled in the Department of Management Engineering, Istanbul Technical University where she completed her studies in 1989. Between 1990 and 1992, she attended the graduate management trainee program at Harvard University.

Between 1992 – 1993, she assumed several positions as a management trainee at the manufacturing units of Çanakkale Ceramics Factories located in Çan, a district of Çanakkale, including production planning and production management. In 1995, she was appointed as the Executive Board Member and President of Kale Group's marketing firms. Since July 2007, she has been appointed as President and CEO of Kale Group.

Zeynep Bodur Okyay is playing active roles in many non-governmental organisations, associations, foundations and chamber boards, including the President of the Council for Istanbul Chamber of Industry (İSO); Vice President of the Economic Development Foundation (İKV); Board Member of Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK); President, DEİK EU Relations Council and Chairperson of DEİK/Turkish-Italian Business Council; Member of Turkish Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association (TÜSİAD); Member of the Board of Trustees of Turkish Education Foundation (TEV); and Chairperson of the Council of Ceramics and Refractors at Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB).

Zeynep Bodur Okyay has been appointed as the chair of The C20 Turkey Steering Committee under the Turkish G20 Presidency in 2015.

She has also contributed to founding the Turkish Chair at Harvard University, having carried out activities in the Harvard Alumni Association, of which she is among the founders.

At Kale Group, as the Chairperson of Dr. İbrahim Bodur Kaleseramik Health and Social Welfare Foundation, she has contributed to scientific, cultural and art activities in Turkey.

Having been honored with the medal of “Cavaliere di Lavora” by Italy in 2006 for her contributions and services to Turkish-Italian relations, Zeynep Bodur Okyay has also been decorated with the order of “Ufficiale Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana” in 2014.

Thanks to her contributions to the relations between Turkey and EU Member States, she was granted in 2010 the Turkey In Europe-Franco Nobili Award. In the same year, she was extended by the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TBMM) an Outstanding Service Medal, an order of merit awarded to those who provide superior services for Turkey at national and international levels, by contributing significantly to Turkey’s promotion, citizens’ welfare, education, prosperity and social development.

Zeynep Bodur Okyay is fluent in both Italian and English. She is a mother of one and married to Osman Okyay, Technical Group President of Kale Group.



USSAL ŞAHBAZ

As of November 2014, Ussal Sahbaz is appointed as the director of G20 Studies Center at the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), and independent think-tank in Ankara. At this capacity, he leads the content provision for Business 20 and Think Tank 20 outreach groups for Turkey's G20 presidency in 2015.

Since 2010, Ussal Sahbaz has managed programs on technology, entrepreneurship and foreign economic relations at TEPAV. Some of these activities include starting the Global Entrepreneurship Program Turkey, a program of the U.S. State Department; creating GARAJ Entrepreneurship Center, an accelerator program and a meeting space for the entrepreneurial community in Ankara. As the academic adviser to the TOBB Venture Capital Industry Assembly, Ussal played a catalyzing role for government's new tax incentives to angel investors and a venture capital fund of funds program.

Ussal Sahbaz graduated from Harvard Kennedy School with a master's degree in public administration and international development program in May 2010. He holds a BS degree from the Middle East Technical University (2003) and an MA from Bilkent University (2005), both in economics. He worked as a consultant to the World Bank in Washington D.C. and as a case officer at the Turkish Competition Authority.



NEISSAN ALESSANDRO BESHARATI

Neissan Alessandro Besharati is a programme manager at the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) and a research associate at several prominent international development think-tanks. He is a doctoral research fellow and a part-time lecturer at the Wits School of Governance, as well as a senior M&E technical specialist for the Anglophone Africa Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results (CLEAR-AA). He provides regular policy advice and consulting services to various government departments, bilateral donors, international institutions and corporate social investors. He has worked for over 15 years in the international development industry on five continents serving on senior management and advisory positions with governments, NGOs and various United Nations agencies at headquarters and in a number of low-income, middle-income and post-conflict countries. His areas of expertise include development policy, aid effectiveness, south-south and international development cooperation, monitoring and evaluation.



DR FANWELL KENALA BOKOSI

Dr Fanwell Kenala Bokosi is the Executive Director at AFRODAD since November 2014. He has also served as the Policy Advisor (Economic Governance and Development) for AFRODAD; Dr Bokosi holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Kent (UK) as well as a BSc and an MSc in Agriculture Economics from the University of Malawi. He is an experienced manager in economic development, and has worked in senior management levels in Malawi, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe and Liberia among others in international development organisations such as the Action Aid International, the Council of NGOS in Malawi and Save the Children, UK. Dr Bokosi background experience and skills include economic development policy and advocacy, economic research and governance, budgeting and budgetary control, monitoring and evaluations systems and procedures, organisational/institutional capacity development and rights based approach to development amongst his other accolades.

