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Uluslararası
Sürdürülebilir
Kalkınmada
Kadın Derneği

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



New Beginnings, Strong Steps

As we celebrate the 102nd anniversary of our Republic, we at USKD are also standing on the threshold of a new era. We have officially leased our association's main office, purchased our furniture, and are meticulously working to make it ready for use in a short time. This office will not only serve as a workspace but will also become a meeting point for women, ideas, and sustainable transformation.

102nd Anniversary of Our Republic – In the Footsteps of Atatürk

We proudly and gratefully celebrate the 102nd anniversary of our Republic, the legacy of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, who bestowed upon us freedom, equality, and modernity. As USKD, we will once again participate in the wreath-laying ceremony and the Republic Parade this year. The more members we stand together with, the stronger we will demonstrate our commitment to Atatürk and the values of the Republic. This special day will be not only a commemoration but also a reaffirmation of women's faith in an enlightened Turkey.

An Inspiring Meeting on Sustainability

At our October members' meeting, we had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Filiz Ceritoğlu Şengel, Mayor of Efes Selçuk, a leader who successfully implements the principles of sustainable development in practice. Her insights shed light on the crucial role of local governments in achieving sustainable development and served as a strong source of inspiration for our members.

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Time for Growth – November Workshop

We are eagerly preparing for our 2nd Development Workshop, which will take place in November.

With the active participation of all our members and the guidance of our consultant mentors, we will redefine our association's goals and strengthen our shared vision.

This workshop will not only be a meeting, but a turning point where each of us transforms our potential into collective strength.

Stronger Together

Today, USKD is more than just an association; it is a movement that unites women's leadership, social justice, and sustainable development under one vision.

You are the heart of this movement. Every contribution, every idea, and every participation brings us one step closer to our goals.

With the values of our Republic, the power of solidarity, and the vision of women, we are building the future together.

Because we know: when women are empowered, society transforms and when society transforms, the world becomes a better place.

Ayla Alkan

President

International Women in Sustainable Development Association (USKD)

Chairwoman of the Board

CELEBRATING OUR HAPPY MOMENTS

• 6 SEPTEMBER

ARINÇ ADIVAR

• 8 SEPTEMBER

ÜLGEN YASAKÇILAR

• 1 OCTOBER

ZÜBEYDE NACAR

• 10 OCTOBER

CEREN TEKİN

• 21 OCTOBER

GAMZE UÇAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The first Board of Directors meeting of October was held via Zoom on 16th of October.



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Our second Board of Directors meeting was held on October 28, 2025.



DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MEETING

The USKD Workshop Team held a meeting on October 15, 2025, as part of the 2nd Development Workshop preparations.



OUR ACTIVITIES

Representing our association, Chairwoman of the Board Ayla Alkan, Secretary General Ebru Taga Tanrıöğen, and Founding Members Huriye Serter and Özlem Ünsoy attended the 21st Anniversary event of TÜRGÖK and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ahmet Şerif İzgören.



OUR ACTIVITIES

USKD Monthly Members' Dinner

Our USKD Monthly Members' Dinner was held with the participation of Ms. Filiz Ceritoğlu Şengel, Mayor of Selçuk Efes, whose vision, work, and strong leadership continue to inspire us all.

Ms. Şengel shared valuable insights about the Efes Farm Life Village Project, an exemplary model in sustainable agriculture practices and local development.

This visionary approach, which supports the power of women in production, environmental protection, and the local economy, strongly aligns with the sustainability goals of our association.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Ms. Şengel for her valuable contributions and to all our members for their participation.

We would also like to thank our Chairwoman of the Board, Ms. Ayla Alkan, for her opening speech highlighting USKD's vision and projects, as well as our Network and Organization Committee, who carefully planned every detail and made this meaningful event possible. Here's to many more inspiring gatherings centered around sustainability and solidarity.



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OUR ACTIVITIES

On October 29, USKD members participated in the Republic Day Parade, celebrating the 102nd anniversary of the Republic with pride, enthusiasm, and unwavering faith as they once again walked in the footsteps of Atatürk.



REFLECTIONS ON SUSTAIBABILITY

“The Sustainable Legacy of the Republic”

On October 29, 1923, as a nation rose from its ashes, the proclamation of the Republic of Türkiye marked not only the establishment of a new system of governance but also the beginning of a profound social transformation.

The Republic laid the foundations of modernization, equal opportunity in education, enlightenment, and social justice. Today, reading this legacy through the lens of sustainability does more than bridge the past and the future—it demonstrates how both a nation and the world can shape their destinies through reason and knowledge.

“The truest guide in life is science.” — *Mustafa Kemal Atatürk*

Could there be a more timeless expression of the very essence of a sustainable future?

Today, our world faces many challenges—from the climate crisis to energy transition, from income inequality to social justice. Yet, if we look closely, we can see that the early reforms of the Republic were, in essence, the first steps toward sustainable development. Nationwide education campaigns, investments in local industry, and the empowerment of women in every sphere of life have all formed the cornerstones of a sustainable society

We can clearly observe that the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—such as science-based progress, social equality, quality education, and gender equality—were embraced by our Republic decades ago.

Atatürk’s vision represents an early embodiment of a human-centered approach, which lies at the heart of sustainable development. But placing humanity at the center does not mean placing it above nature. It means seeking harmony between people and the environment, not exploiting it without limits.

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Within this “harmony with nature” vision of modernization, Atatürk Forest Farm was designed not merely as an agricultural site but as a symbol of *producing while preserving nature*. In Atatürk’s world, nature was not a resource to be consumed—it was a living legacy entrusted to the future. One of the most graceful examples of this philosophy was relocating a building’s construction site just to avoid cutting down a single tree.

Atatürk’s revolutionary spirit at the foundation of the Republic not only broke the chains of the past but also instilled future generations with the courage to pursue change. Today, showing the same courage in addressing the climate crisis, green energy transition, and social equality is how we honor that legacy.

Because sustainability is, in its essence, the Republic’s inherent desire for progress—The Republic itself is sustainability.

October 29 is not merely a date; it is a celebration of renewal, reflection, and the determination to build something better.

Atatürk’s words — *“My mortal body will surely turn to dust one day, but the Republic of Turkey will live forever.”* — embody the soul of this sustainable legacy.

Leaving a livable world to future generations is the Republic’s most noble duty.

The Republic is a journey of hope guided by reason, science, respect for nature, and conscience. And that hope blossoms anew every October 29.

Irmak NURAL

USKD NEWS

In order to carry out the activities of our association more effectively and efficiently, the USKD Office has been officially leased. Our new office will not only serve as a workplace but also as a shared home where we will create, share, and grow together.

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USKD NEWS

“Sustain, Transform, Empower”

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SÜRDÜR, DÖNÜŞTÜR, GÜÇLEN

USKD 2. Gelişim Çalıştayı

- Vizyonumuzu ve Misyonumuzu Gözden Geçirmek,
- İç İletişimimizi Güçlendirmek,
- Komisyonlarımızın Çalışmalarını ve Planlarını dinlemek ve Fikir Alışverişinde bulunmak,
- Üyelik ve Aidiyet Bilincimizi Arttırmak,
- Derneğimizi İleriye Taşıyacak Yeni Projeler Üretmek,
- Ve En Önemlisi Dostluklarımızı Pekiştirmek ve Güzel Anılar Biriktirmek için Çalıştayımızda Buluşalım...



 Cumartesi
23 Kasım 2025

 Unique Life Style Hotels
Kuşadası



USKD NEWS



İLK YILA ÖZEL KUTLAMA

Uluslararası Sürdürülebilir Kalkınmada Kadın Derneği (USKD) kuruluşunun birinci yılını Alsancak Küçük Kulüp'te kutladı. USKD Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı Ayla Alkan, sürdürülebilir bir gelecek için 40 kurucu üyeli çıktıkları bu yolda her geçen gün daha da güçlendiklerini söyledi. Alkan, kadın haklarının yanısıra eğitim ve istihdama ağırlık verdiklerini vurguladı.

ALKAN'DAN TEŞEKKÜR

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USKD AİLESİ BİRİNCİ YILINI KUTLADI

Uluslararası Sürdürülebilir Kalkınmada Kadın Derneği (USKD), kuruluşunun birinci yılını Küçük Kulüp'te hizmet veren Alliance restaurantta düzenlenen davette kutladı.

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ALPHAN MANAS SUNUM YAPTI

İnsanlığı insana dönüştüren bu yolda diğer kadınlar ve erkeklerle birlikte yürüyen USKD üyeleri 1'inci yaş pastasını alkışlar eşliğinde kesti.



USKD hizmet yolculuğunda BİR YILI GERİDE BIRAKTI

Uluslararası Sürdürülebilir Kalkınmada Kadın Derneği (USKD) kuruluşunun 1'inci yılı kutlaması kapsamında Tekno-

Fütürist & Seri Girişimci, İş İnsanı Alphan Manas'ı ağırladı. Alsancak Küçük Kulüp'te düzenlenen etkinlikte konuşan Alphan Manas, Geleceğe Ne Kadar Hazırız?

Başlıklı sunumuyla geleceğe dair geniş bir projeksiyon çizdi. USKD Yönetim Kurulu Başkanı

Ayla Alkan, sürdürülebilir bir gelecek ve üretim için 1 yıldır önemli projeler geliştirdiklerini söyledi. İzmirli iş kadınları olarak, diğer kurumlar ve STK'larla işbirlikleri geliştirdiklerini belirtti; kadın haklarının yanısıra eğitim ve istihdama yönelik çalışmalar ağırlık verdiklerini vurguladı. Alphan Manas da, "Tarım sektörünün önemi çok artacak. Su tasarrufu için bitki temelli et ve dikey tarım öne çıkacak. 2018'de yapılan bir araştırmaya göre Türkiye gıda sürdürülebilirlik endeksinde 67 ülke arasında 58'inci sırada yer alıyor. Tarım alanında mutlaka modern uygulamaların yaygınlaşması gerekiyor" ifadelerini kullandı.



Alphan Manas-Ayla Alkan

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS



Ebru TAGA TANRIÖĞEN
Landscape Architect /
Insurance Specialist

Landscape Architect Ebru Taga Tanrıöğen graduated from the Landscape Architecture Master's Program at Ege University in 2005. She has contributed to the creation of livable environments through numerous landscape projects in both the public and private sectors, focusing on sustainable environments and ecological development.

During her studies, she obtained BES and SEGEM licenses through financial training programs and advanced to a managerial position in the finance sector, where she excelled in sales and marketing. In 2010, she founded Taga Insurance Brokerage Services, establishing a strong presence in the sector with a commitment to accurate information and quality service. She continues her successful work in collaboration with Allianz Group, one of the world's leading financial institutions.

Actively involved in non-governmental organizations since 2016, Tanrıöğen has been serving as the Secretary General of the International Women in Sustainable Development Association (USKD) since September 2024. In 2019, she signed the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) during the UN Global Compact Summit in İzmir, demonstrating her dedication to supporting women's empowerment in the business world.

Ebru Taga Tanrıöğen continues her work with determination, guided by volunteerism and the principles of Atatürk.

OCTOBER | NOTABLE DAYS& WEEKS

- **October 29 – November 4** Red Crescent Week
- **November 1 – 7** Turkish Alphabet Reform Week
- **November 2 – 8** Childhood Leukemia Awareness Week
- **November 3 – 9** Organ Donation and Transplantation Week
- **November 10** Commemoration of Atatürk's Death Anniversary
- **November 10 – 16** Atatürk Week
- **November 12** Disaster Preparedness Education Day
- **November 20** World Children's Rights Day
- **November 24** Teachers' Day

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

- **Instagram: @uskdglobal**
- **Linkedin: USKD ((Association for Women in**
 - **International Sustainable Development)**
- Project Social Media Accounts:
 - **Instagram: @surdurulebilirkalkinmaprojesi**
 - **X: surdrlblrklknma**