

## World Chamber Federation Europe & Asia Summit

**İstanbul-Türkiye**

**15-16 October 2024**



### **October 15, 2024**

**9:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Registration**

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Opening Speeches**

**12:00 PM – 12:45 PM: *Enhancing Global Cooperation in Accelerating Net Zero Transition***

The global energy crisis, exacerbated by geopolitical challenges and the pandemic, demands urgent decarbonization efforts. This session will focus on accelerating the development and commercialization of clean energy technologies through coordinated policies and expanded clean energy projects. It will discuss the need for the business community to drive net-zero transitions and create clear pathways to decarbonize supply chains in alignment with the Paris Agreement.

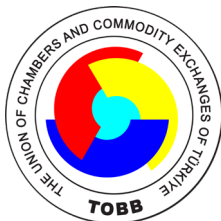
**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: *Lunch Break***

**2:00 PM - 2:45 PM: *Improving Climate Finance & Decarbonizing Supply Chains***

Climate finance is critical for achieving net-zero emissions, yet current funding levels are insufficient. This session will explore new and expanded low-cost financing options, focusing on SME support and SME-financing schemes to decarbonize supply chains. It will also address the role of multilateral development banks (MDBs) in supporting energy transitions through reformed operations and increased risk tolerance.

**2:45 PM - 3:30 PM: *Harnessing Technology & Circular Economy for Sustainable Development***

Innovation in technology is essential for sustainable development. This session will highlight advancements in clean energy technologies, digital transformation, and the circular economy. Key topics include the role of emerging technologies such as hydrogen, carbon capture, and battery storage in achieving net-zero emissions. The panel will discuss the importance of public-private partnerships.



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**3:30 PM – 4:00 PM: *Coffee break***

**4:00 PM - 4:45 PM: *Chamber Leadership Panel***

Leadership is pivotal in driving the initiatives that chambers of commerce undertake to foster sustainable economic growth. This session will feature insights from four chamber presidents who will share their experiences, challenges, and strategies for leading their organizations in times of global economic and environmental shifts. They will discuss the role of leadership in promoting international cooperation, innovation, and sustainable practices within the business community. This panel aims to inspire current and future leaders to adopt visionary approaches that align with global sustainability goals.

**7:30 PM - 10:30 PM: *Dinner (By invitation-only)***

**October 16, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 11:30 AM: *Women in chambers (Hosted by WCF Women Council)***

The participation and leadership of women in chambers of commerce are crucial for fostering inclusive and diverse economic growth. This session will explore the unique challenges and opportunities faced by women in leadership roles within chambers. It will highlight successful strategies for empowering women, promoting gender equality, and creating supportive environments that enable women to thrive. The discussion will also focus on the impact of women leaders in driving innovative practices, enhancing organizational performance, and contributing to sustainable development. This panel aims to inspire and equip current and aspiring women leaders with the insights and tools necessary to succeed.

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM: *B2B Meetings (in parallel)***

**2:00 PM: *Guided City tour of Istanbul's historical finance district (By registration)***