Human Development Report 2016
Human Development for Everyone

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Istanbul Regional Launch Conference
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UNDP’s 2016 Human Development Report
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Overview

A regional launch of UNDP’s 2016 global human development report Human Development for Everyone (HDR) will be held at Istanbul Technical University’s Technological and Economic Development Research Centre during 19–20 June 2017. In addition to launching the HDR, this two-day event will convene experts from Turkey and middle-income countries of Europe and Central Asia who are doing policy-relevant research on social inclusion in a sustainable development context.

The HDR’s messages about the importance of extending human development gains to the poor, vulnerable, and other at-risk-groups are intensely relevant for these countries. They also go to the heart of UNDP’s support for national efforts to implement the global Agenda 2030 for sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in this region, to help ensure that “no one is left behind”.

In addition to publicizing these messages, this two-day event will:

• Consolidate UNDP’s partnerships with universities, think tanks, and other knowledge centres, in Turkey and in the region more broadly;

• Raise awareness among regional social policy experts/specialists about the SDGs, in order to deepen their substantive engagement in the national implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs; and

• Support regional sustainable development research networking, and advocacy.
Event Programme

Monday 19 June

• 9.00 – 9.30: Registration and welcome coffee

• 9.30 – 9.45: Welcoming remarks
  - Mehmet Karaca, Rector, Istanbul Technical University (TBC)
  - Rastislav Vrbensky, Deputy Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS

Session 1: Human Development for Everyone: Leaving No one Behind
Moderator: İpek Ilkcaracan, Istanbul Technical University

• 9.45 – 10.45: Presentation of UNDP’s Human Development Report:
  - Milorad Kovacevic, Chief Statistician, UNDP’s Human Development Report Office
  - Bharati Sadasivam, UNDP Regional Gender Team Leader
  - Ben Slay, UNDP Senior Advisor

• 10.45 – 11.30: Commentary
  - Alpay Filiztekin, Özyeğin University, Istanbul
  - Nilüfer Çağatay, UN Women Regional Economic Policy Advisor and University of Utah, USA
  - Bakhodur Eshonov, Senior Consultant, FAO, Ankara

• 11.30 – 12.00: Discussion

• 12.00 – 13.30: Lunch (Arikovanı Restaurant, ITU Maçka Social Facilities)

Session 2: The Future of Social Protection in the Region
Moderator: Sheila Marnie, UNDP Regional Sustainable Development Advisor


• 13.50 – 14.10: Ben Slay, UNDP senior advisor, “Financial Sustainability of State Pension Funds: The Case of Azerbaijan”

• 14.30 – 14.40: Commentary—Serdar Sayan, TOBB-ETU University

• 14.40 – 15.10: Discussion

15.10 – 15.30: Coffee break

Session 3: Poverty risk and vulnerability analysis—Research results from Albania, Belarus, and Turkey
Moderator: Şebnem Burnaz, Istanbul Technical University, Director of Institute for Social Sciences


• 15.50 – 16.10: Eno Ngela, UNDP-Albania, Tirana, “Transitions in to and Out of Poverty in Albania”


• 16.30 – 16.40: Commentary —Elena Danilova-Cross, UNDP Regional Advisor on Poverty and Inequality

• 16.40 – 17.00: Discussion

17.00: Concluding remarks: Lerzan Özkale, Istanbul Technical University

17.30: Evening dinner with speakers and participants (Havuzbaşı Restaurant, ITU Maçka Social Facilities)
Tuesday 20 June

• 9.00 – 9.30: Registration and welcome coffee

Session 4: Social care economy
Moderator: Gülay Günlük-Şenesen, Istanbul University


• 10.10 – 10.30: Tamar Khitarishvili, Levy Economics Institute, New York “Gendered Employment and Time-use Patterns in Central Asia”

• 10.30 – 10.40: Commentary—Nilüfer Çağatay, UN Women Regional and University of Utah

• 10.40 – 11.00: Discussion

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee break

Session 5: Labour Markets and Social Exclusion: Migration, Informality, and Regional Disparities
Moderator: Ahmet Atı Aşıçı, Istanbul Technical University

• 11.30 – 11.50: Tatiana Karabchuk, United Arab Emirates University and Eurasian Monitor, Moscow, “Migration from Central Asia and informal employment in Russia”

• 11.50 – 12.10: Hasan Tekgüz, Kadir Has University (with Doruk Cengiz, University of Massachusetts-Amherst), Istanbul, “Labour Market Outcomes of Syrian Refugees in Turkey”

• 12.10 – 12.30: Gökçe Uysal, Bahçeşehir University and BETAM (with Ozan Bakiş, BETAM), Istanbul, “Labor Market Status of Syrian Refugees in Istanbul”

• 12.30 – 12.40: Commentary—Sezgin Polat, Galatasaray University

• 12.40 – 13.00: Discussion

13.00: Closing remarks: İpek İ lkarakaracan, Istanbul Technical University; Ben Slay, UNDP senior advisor
Speaker Bios

Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı

Ahmet Atıl Aşıcı is an Associate Professor of Economics at Istanbul Technical University’s Faculty of Management. He got his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Geneva, in 2007. His current research concentrates on environmental economics, notably ecological footprint-economic growth relationships and happiness economics. Aşıcı is a member of the European Society of Ecological Economics, and an editorial board member of the International Journal of Green Economics.

Serdal Bahçe

Serdal Bahçe holds Msc and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from METU. Since 2006 he has been working at the Department of Public Finance in Ankara University. His research areas are income distribution, poverty and public finance.

Sebnem Burnaz

Sebnem Burnaz is professor of marketing and director of the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences at Istanbul Technical University. Her research interests are in the fields of Marketing, Retailing, Decision Making, and Business Ethics. She has published articles appearing in Advances in International Marketing, the Journal of Business Ethics, Sex Roles: A Journal of Research, Qualitative Marketing Research: An International Journal of Product & Brand Management, and the Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis.

Nilüfer Çagatay

Nilüfer Çagatay is Economic Policy Advisor at the UN Women’s Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia. She is also Professor of Economics at the University of Utah, (currently on leave) and a Research Associate at the Levy Economics Institute. Her research has focused on Gender and Macroeconomic Policies; Feminist Fiscal Policy, International Trade and Gender; Gender and Poverty; Gender and Labor Standards in the World Economy, Export Oriented Growth and Feminization of Labor Force, Post-Keynesian Macroeconomics.

Alexander Chubrik

Alexander Chubrik is a CASE Research Fellow, and former director of the Institute of Privatization and Management in Minsk. Since 2014 he is a member of the Advisory Board at the National Bank of Belarus. His research interests are in economic growth, poverty and social inclusion, labor markets, macro-econometric modeling, and sustainable development.

Elena Danilova-Cross

Elena Danilova-Cross works as a Programme Specialist on Poverty and Inequality in UNDP’s Istanbul Regional Hub. Her main areas of expertise are in regional trends in
poverty, inequality, and vulnerability, measuring and monitoring multidimensional poverty, social inclusion, inequality, and sustainable human development, including in SDGs, national development strategies, and human development reporting.

Bakhodur Eshonov

Bakhodur Eshonov is an expert in development policy in Central Asia, who has worker inter alia on the Government of Uzbekistan’s first national medium-term Welfare Improvement Strategy and Vision-2030. He is currently working as a Policy Expert with the FAO sub-regional office for Central Asia based in Ankara.

Alpay Filiztekin

Alpay Filiztekin is a professor of economics and currently serves as the Dean of the Faculty of Business at Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Turkey. His recent research interest is mostly in empirical studies of regional disparities in economic development, labor market frictions, education, and inequality. He has also conducted research on price dynamics and productivity.

Gülay Günlük-Şenesen

Gülay Günlük-Şenesen is Professor of Public Finance at Istanbul University’s Faculty of Political Sciences, . She is also the Director of the Istanbul University Research Center for Global Politics and Administration (GLOPAR). Her publications are in the areas of gender (gender budgeting, women’s employment and glass ceiling), input–output modelling, and security expenditures. She recently co-authored “Cities without Women: Municipal Policies and Budgets from a Gender Perspective.”

İpek İlkkaracan

İpek İlkkaracan is Professor of Economics at ITU’s Faculty of Management, a Research Associate at the Levy Economics Institute, and an associate editor of the Feminist Economics journal. Her research areas include the macroeconomics of unemployment and wages, labor market inequalities, work–life balance policies, time use, the care economy, and sustainable growth. She served on the Board of the Middle Eastern Economics Association and as the country expert on Turkey in the European Network of Experts on Gender Equality. She is also a founding member of the Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics GEM–Europe network; Women for Women’s Human Rights, and the Women’s Labor and Employment Initiative Platform in Turkey.

Tatiana Karabchuk

Tatiana Karabchuk is a professor at the Department of Sociology, CHSS, UAE University and coordinator of Social Research Unit (UAE), as well as vice-director for Eurasian Monitor (Moscow). She has actively participated in more than 22 research projects, has
completed more than 10 research grants, and has authored 35 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Her research interests include labor migration, migration and integration, Central Asia, cross-country comparative sociology, economic sociology and labor market studies.

**Tamar Khitarishvili**

Tamar Khitarishvili is a research scholar in the Gender Equality and Economy program at the Levy Economics Institute of Bard College. Her research area includes gender economics, the economics of time use, and the economics of transition countries. Tamar previously taught economics at Bard College and Carleton College.

**Milorad Kovacevic**

Milorad Kovacevic is Chief of Statistics in UNDP’s Human Development Report Office. Milorad has been doing research and teaching in the area of survey sampling, analysis of complex survey data, analysis of longitudinal data, estimation of inequality, polarization and poverty, finite population inference, composite measures of progress and success, and international comparison.

**Sheila Marnie**

Sheila Marnie currently works as Programme Advisor with UNDP’s Istanbul Regional Hub, with a focus on socio-economic issues in the Europe and CIS region. Her main areas of expertise include: integrated approaches to employment, social protection, and social inclusion, as well as the integration of sustainable development approaches into national and local development planning.

**Gordana Matković**

Gordana Matković is a Professor at the Faculty of Economics, Finance and Administration in Belgrade and Program Director of Centre for Social Policy. From 2000 until 2004 she served as the Minister of Social Affairs in the first democratically elected Government of Serbia. She has also worked as a consultant for the World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP, USAID and international agencies.

**Emel Memis**

Emel Memis is associate professor of economics at Ankara University specializing in macroeconomics, gender and economic development, and feminist economics. She is also affiliated with the Ankara University Women’s Studies Program and serves as a research associate in the Gender Equality and the Economy program at the Levy Economics Institute. She is an associate editor of the journal Feminist Economics and has
been involved in the International Working Group on Gender, Macroeconomics, and International Economics and the Initiative for Women’s Labor and Employment in Turkey.

Eno Ngjela

Eno Ngjela works as a Programme Specialist at UNDP Albania. He has more than 17 years of experience in policy analysis and advising, strategic planning, statistics, capacity development, and economic governance, as well as employment and skills creation. He has been responsible for conceptualising, designing, resource mobilising and delivering more than two dozen programmes and projects for UNDP in Albania in close partnership with government officials, development partners, academia, civil society and the private sector. He has also overseen the production of four National Human Development Reports for Albania, and authored several articles and research papers on Albania’s development challenges.

Selin Pelek

Selin Pelek currently works at the Department of Economics at Galatasaray University. She holds a PhD degree from University of Paris Sorbonne–Cité. She completed a MA in Macroeconomic Politics and Quantitative Analysis from University of Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne, and a BA in Economics from Galatasaray University. Her main research interests are in minimum wage, wage structure, social assistance benefits, and informal employment.

Sezgin Polat

Sezgin Polat is currently an Associate Professor in the Economics Department of Galatasaray University, Istanbul. He holds a BA in Economics from that institution and an MPhil from the E.H.E.S.S., Paris. He received his PhD in Economics from University of Paris X, Nanterre. His research involves labor economics, political economy and institutions.

Bharati Sadasivam

Bharati Sadasivam leads the Gender Equality Team in the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub. Formerly, she was Team Manager of the Civil Society Division at UNDP. Prior to joining UNDP, Bharati worked as a researcher in the Policy and Planning Division of UNICEF and in the Division for Social Policy and Development in the UN. She has published on development, gender and human rights issues.

Serdar Sayan

Serdar Sayan is a Professor of Economics and Dean of the Graduate School of Social Sciences at TOBB University of Economics and Technology. He concurrently directs the Centre for Social Policy Research at the same university, which closely monitors
developments on the Turkish labour market. He has written extensively on
demography/labor economics, development economics, and international economics.
He also writes op-ed and popular economics pieces for general readers, and frequently
gives interviews to print and broadcast media in Turkey and abroad.

Ben Slay

Ben Slay is working as a senior advisor in UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Europe and the
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Demonopolization and Competition Policy in Post-Communist Economies and the co-
edited volume Beyond Transition: Development Perspectives and Dilemmas. He has held
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Hasan Tekgǔç

Hasan Tekgǔç ince September 2015 he has been teaching at Kadir Has University. His
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vulnerability to poverty in the presence of food consumption from own production. He
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as gender issues in labor markets in Turkey. His research has been published in the
Review of Economics of the Household, Agribusiness, The Developing Economies, and the
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Gökçe Uysal is currently an assistant professor at Bahcesehir University Department of
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Her most recent project concentrates on the labor market integration of young Syrians in
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