

Turkey Delegation



Alparslan Bayraktar, who was appointed to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, was appointed in the new cabinet. Alparslan Bayraktar, who served as the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources in the new government, completed his undergraduate education at the Mechanical Engineering Department of Istanbul Technical University. Bayraktar holds MA degrees in Economic Law from Bilkent University Faculty of Law and in International Relations from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He completed his PhD in Energy Economics and Policy at Middle East Technical University, Department of Earth System Sciences.

Between 2016-2018, ETKB Deputy Undersecretary and General Directorate of Foreign Relations and European Union; He served as a Board Member at the Energy Market Regulatory Authority between 2010-2016. Before his public duties, he worked in the private sector at home and abroad.

Bayraktar, who has worked in the field of energy management and regulations within international organizations, has served as the President of the Energy Regulators Confederation (ICER) and the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA). Bayraktar is currently the Türkiye President of the World Energy Council.

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	Date	Time	Event	Location
			Arrival at YYC	YYC Airport
	Sunday, September 17th	16:00	Arrival at Mayors Reception	MacLeod Hall – Telus Convention Centre
	Sunday, September 17th	18:00	Arrival at Opening Ceremonies	Telus Convention Centre
	Monday, September 18th	17:30	Arrival at Ministerial Reception	Fairmont Palliser
	Monday, September 18th	17:45	White Hat Ceremony Minister Group Photo	Fairmont Palliser – Oval Room
	Monday, September 18th	18:00	Ministerial Reception Program Starts	Fairmont Palliser – Crystal Ballroom
	Tuesday, September 19th	10:15	Ministerial Session – MS6	Auditorium 3 – BMO Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	17:15	Canada Night Event - Ticketed	Nutrien Western Event Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	20:00	Arrive at Cirque de Soleil Event	Lot 6 – Stampede Park
	Wednesday, September 20 th	16:15	Ministerial Roundtable - MRT4	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
	Thursday, September 21st	14:45	Closing Ceremonies	Big 4 Main Hall A&B
			Departure from YYC	YYC Airport

Legend	
Common Event	
Country Specific Event	

Ministerial Session – MS6	
Date	Tuesday, September 19th
Time	10:15 – 11:15
Location	Auditorium 3 – BMO Centre
Session Title	<i>Turkey</i>
Session Description	

Ministerial Round Table - MRT 4	
Date	Wednesday, September 20th
Time	16:15 – 17:15
Location	Auditorium 1 – BMO Centre
Session Title	<i>Governments Role in Promoting Innovation</i>
Session Description	<i>In the pursuit of energy transformation, innovation is prevalent throughout every area of endeavor. Technical innovation will be the main driver in the shift toward a low-carbon economy, and the pace of innovation will drive the rate of progress and the timeline required to reach net zero emissions. The key element that may be applied in creating an innovative culture is collaboration. How can</i>

	<i>government collaborate effectively with academia and industry to create an optimum environment for innovation.</i>
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Protocol Tips: Turkey

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Turkey, you will require a high level of cultural sensitivity. Here are some important considerations to keep in mind:

Research and Preparation: You will find the biography of the leader of your delegation in this Handbook. Please feel free to research the delegation's background, including the individuals' positions and roles. Understanding their specific interests and objectives will help you tailor your interactions effectively.

Formal Greetings and Respect: Address delegation members using their appropriate titles and honorifics, such as "Bey" (Mr.) or "Hanim" (Mrs./Ms.). In Turkish culture, handshakes are common but wait for delegation members to initiate. Physical contact between genders might be limited in certain situations. Begin meetings with a warm welcome and expressions of gratitude for their visit.

Dress Modestly: Dress in a professional, modest manner, especially if you're meeting delegation members of the opposite gender. Women should consider wearing loose-fitting, modest attire that covers the arms and legs.

Communication Style: Be diplomatic and patient in your communication. Turks often appreciate indirectness and diplomacy. Use a friendly and open body language to create a welcoming atmosphere. Maintain good eye contact during conversations to convey respect and engagement.

Hierarchy and Titles: Turkish society values hierarchy and age. Show respect for senior delegation members by acknowledging their status and age.

Dining and Hospitality: Given that meals such as the opening ceremonies are part of the program, inquire about any dietary restrictions or preferences within the delegation. While dietary inquiries were made as part of the delegate registration process the information provided may be incomplete. Be prepared to guide delegation to halal options wherever possible. Please note that in most cases these will be the vegetarian option.

Personal Space and Physical Contact: Turks value personal space, especially when it comes to the opposite gender. Avoid extended eye contact with individuals of the opposite gender, and refrain from physical contact unless initiated by the Turkish delegation.

Privacy Concerns: Be cautious about taking photographs, especially of delegation members without their permission, as privacy is highly regarded.

Cultural Taboos: Pointing at people or objects with your index finger can be considered impolite. Be mindful of discussing sensitive political or religious topics, as these can be considered taboo.

Turkish Language Tips

The official language of Turkey is Turkish. Here are some common phrases that a Liaison Officer might find useful when interacting with Turks:

Hello - "Selamün Aleyküm" (used as a greeting among Muslims, more formal)

Welcome - "Hoş geldiniz" (formal) or "Hoş geldin" (informal)

Please - "Lütfen"

Thank you - "Teşekkür ederim" (formal) or "Teşekkürler" (informal)

Yes - "Evet"

No - "Hayır"

Goodbye - "Güle güle" (used when someone is leaving)