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Aim of the Congress;

The expressions, green and capital, come up as a range of values befitting human, civilization, social life and esthetic attitude and warning humanity.

We wish to discuss deep technical and social values including a chain of meanings, then examine these as common values of humanity on a platform to be constituted by participants and bring people of science and experience together on a common ground to discuss upon what these values may mean by moving them forward. In the province of Konya, we aim to gather together the cities, which used to be or still are the capitals, in order to discuss the common values of humanity. Konya has a special place as a centre in respect of reflecting the abovementioned characteristics and senses. In addition to the changes and aesthetic developments it prove it happen within international realms, Konya actually had already been the capital city of the Anatolian Seljuk State. Today, with its population over 2 million people, historical and cultural values, aesthetic breakthrough, orderly urbanization, robust transportation facilities, environmental investments, green spaces available, agricultural and industrial innovations, as well as its location, mission and especially peace, Konya is determined to maintain all these values as a livable world metropolitan city.



In this context, we invite large and small green cities from all over the world, who were capitals throughout history or are capitals now and who had proven themselves with their green-fields, esthetic values and social structure, to this congress. During the 5-day congress on the first day opening and protocol speeches, on the second, third and fourth days academical discussions and last day evaluations and a Konya tour will take place.





What is a green city like?

- ▶ When it is mentioned of being green, it shouldn't come to our minds solely for having plants, parks or green areas. Of course all of these are representations are green surroundings. On the other hand, all of the natural resources that have been heavenly granted to us in the universe could only be protected by the utilization balance, in which a city is additionally formed in a holistic sense by means avoiding the destruction of nature, keeping up with the present day technology, with its industry, economy, infrastructure and upper structure opportunities, architectural construction, and sources of nutrition.
- ▶ Furthermore, while all these particular issues are being realized, the level of welfare and habitability, in which the future urban planning is included, should be regarded as in ever-increasing centres of civilization. As the Turkish-born scholar Ibn Khaldun said, "Cities have a spirit as well. From a characteristic point of view, people living in the same city are identified with the spirit of the city they live in."



- ▶ In spite of intensive urban growth they have undergone, “green cities”, which are referred to similar subcategories under many different concepts such as “Eco-city”, “Sustainable city”, “Compact city”, “Livable city”, fundamentally aim to bring about a more environmentalist and sustainable approach.
- ▶ It is very important to increase green surroundings in cities with regards to respiration. In this sense Hz. Muhammad (S.A.V) has a striking hadith in terms of humanity and world history:
- ▶ *If the Hour (the day of Resurrection) is about to be established and one of you was holding a palm shoot, let him take advantage of even one second before the Hour is established to plant it.”*



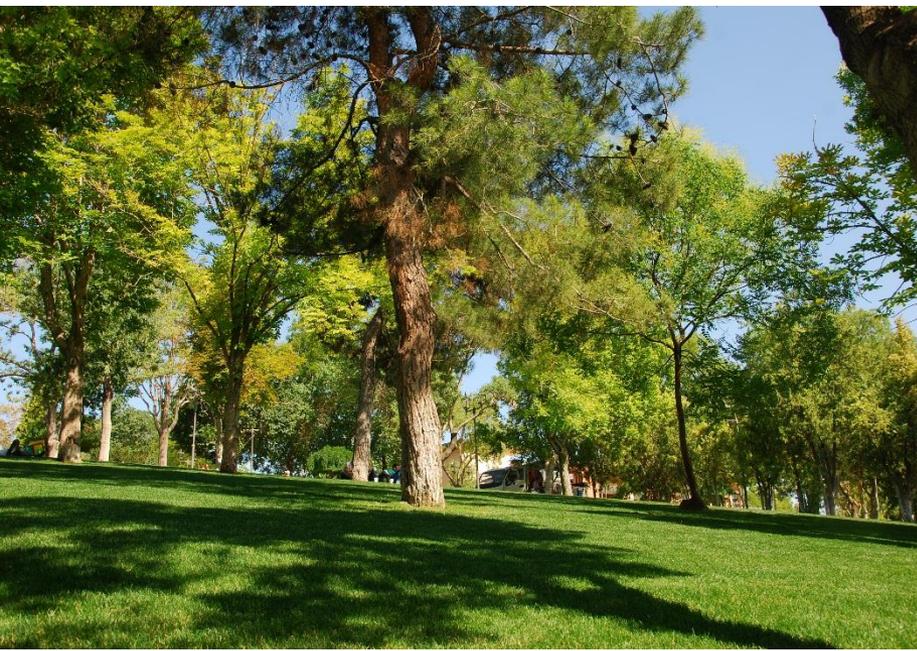
During the congress, which we are going to host between 8-12 May 2018, it is aimed that green tone of our Konya and cornerstones forming the city's life quality are put on the agenda and that a comprehensive city vision for the future, by examining the city's livability with a projection of 10 to 100 years, is created.



Our Konya has enlarged its greenfield area, which was 20.336,700 m² in 2004, to 69.536,369 m² in 2016 through the policies developed consistently over years.

Our Konya, as a leading city in municipalism, with alternative means of transportation, air quality, natural habitat and recreation areas, bicycle network and usage of bicycles, usage of renewable energy sources, environmental investments, contribution to social and cultural life as well as Purple Line irrigation system, has been taking remarkable steps in several areas in addition to all these criteria.





The topics to be discussed in the congress;

1- Climate Change

- Global Warming
- Greenhouse Gases and Carbon Emission
- Desertification and Agriculture

2- Sustainable Local Transportation

- Cycling Lanes
- Pedestrianization
- Organization of Pavements For People With Disabilities
- Electrical and Biofuel Vehicles

3- Urban Green-Field

- Urban Esthetics
- Urban Design and Transformation
- Green-Field Rates
- Urban Decoration
- Green Roofs and Vertical Gardens
- Natural and Artificial Vegetation

4- Sustainable Land Usage

- Combined Land Usage
- Geological and Topographical Obstacles
- Sinkholes

5- Nature and Biological Diversity

- Endemic and Natural Vegetation and Adaptation to Natural Life
- Natural Habitat of The City
- Green and Forest



6- Environment

- Air Quality and City
- Noise Quality
- Waste Production and Management
- Water Management (Rainwater Recovery, Fresh Water Network)
- Soil Quality
- Waste Water Management

7- Eco Innovation and Sustainable Employment

- Natural Cities
- Migration and City
- Green Valley and Cities (Eco-Cities, Eco-Villages, Eco-Agriculture)

8- Energy Productivity

- Sustainable Energy Sources (Wind, Sun, Geothermal, Hydraulic)

9- Integrated Environment Management

- Education and City
- Historical Artifacts as Heritage of Cities and Environment
- Burdenless Cities
- Culture and Tourism
- The Child and City

10- Peace and City

- Spirituality and Cities
- Peace and Green
- Human and Squandering