

AMCHAM EVENTS & COMMITTEES | 3rd QUARTER

Newsletter

AmCham ★ Turkey
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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18th | AmCham Turkey/ABFT New Year Reception

December | Healthcare Sector Luncheon

December | ICT Sector Luncheon

2018 1H | AmCham Turkey/ABFT 13th Anniversary Gala

March 2018 | AmCham Turkey/ABFT International Women's Day Event

December | Defense, Aerospace and Security Committee Meeting, *Ankara*

December | Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee, Rehearsal & Preparatory Meeting

December | Healthcare and Life Sciences Policy Meeting

December | Digital Economy Committee Meeting

December | Sustainability Committee Meeting

MEETINGS & EVENTS

EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE SERIES

July 6 | Roundtable with Naci Ağbal, Minister of Finance, Republic of Turkey

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a roundtable meeting with Naci Ağbal, Turkish Finance Minister, as the guest of honor. AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members and 50 member company representatives attended the meeting focusing on economic highlights and investment prospects between Turkey and the U.S.



September 14 | Roundtable Meetings with the U.S. Delegation, Trade and Investment Agreement (TIFA) between the U.S. and Turkey

AmCham Turkey organized two separate roundtable meetings with the U.S. Delegation visiting Turkey for the 10th term meeting of TIFA (Trade and Investment Framework Agreement). Mark Libby, Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs of the U.S. Department of State attended the meetings with a delegation from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The first roundtable focused on private sector consultation on healthcare sector related issues. The second roundtable, organized with the attendance of AmCham Public Affairs Committee members covered topics on the business and investment climate in Turkey and the economic partnership opportunities between Turkey and the U.S.

September 26 | Roundtable Meeting with Hüsni Dilemre, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, Republic of Turkey

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a roundtable meeting with the attendance of Hüsni Dilemre, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, Republic of Turkey as the guest speaker. The meeting attended by AmCham Public Affairs Committee members, provided highlights on trade and investment relations, post TIFA meetings, modernization of the Customs Union with the EU, TTIP and the prospects for a broader economic partnership with the U.S.

**AMCHAM BOARD EVENTS****July 6 | Meeting with Naci Ağbal, Minister of Finance, Republic of Turkey**

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members hosted an evaluation meeting with Naci Ağbal, Turkish Finance Minister, following the roundtable with AmCham members. The meeting focused on discussions around investment prospects between Turkey and the U.S.



AMCHAM TURKEY AS A MEMBER OF AMCHAMS IN EUROPE & U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 10 | Meeting with U.S. Chamber of Commerce

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members held a meeting with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S.-Turkey Business Council (USTBC). The meeting featured discussion on potential cooperation areas between the two organizations for future events and activities.

July 11 | Attendance to USTBC Strategy Meetings

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended two separate strategy meetings organized by USTBC, focusing on medical device sector and information & communications technologies.

July 31 | Teleconference with BlueBay Asset Management

AmCham Turkey/ABFT participated to USTBC's teleconference which hosted Timothy Ash, Head of Emerging Europe, Middle East & Africa Strategy, BlueBay Asset Management as the guest speaker.

September 11 | Private Sector Consultation Roundtable Meeting

AmCham Turkey/ABFT, in cooperation with USTBC, organized a roundtable meeting among members, ahead of TIFA meetings to discuss investment and trade prospects between the two countries.

September 26 | ACE Policy Call

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members participated to a policy call organized by AmChams in Europe, which focused the Transatlantic Economy Report 2018, trade and transatlantic relations, digital economy and tax issues.

AMCHAM EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

August 22 | AmCham Jazz Night Event

AmCham Turkey/ABFT hosted a networking event in cooperation with its member, the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Istanbul.

Members gathered for the jazz night event at the Ritz-Carlton and enjoyed the live performance of the Turkish jazz singer Su Soley.



MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS & GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

July 10 | Teleconference with Missouri State Trade & Investment Office

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended a teleconference meeting with Missouri State Trade & Investment Office to evaluate and discuss potential cooperation areas.

July 19 | Attendance to British Chamber of Commerce's Summer Reception

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members attended to the summer garden party organized by the British Chamber of Commerce (BCCT) at the British Consulate.



August 4 | Meeting with the Swiss Chamber of Commerce

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a meeting with the Executive Director of the Swiss Chamber of Commerce. The meeting featured discussion on potential cooperation areas for future events and activities.

September 7 | Meeting with Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT)

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a follow-up meeting with ISPAT to further evaluate and discuss investment prospects, future events and activities.

September 19 | Participation to International Chamber's Luncheon

AmCham Turkey/ABFT participated to a luncheon attended by the International Chambers in Turkey. The meeting focused on collaboration options between the Chambers.

September 21 | Attendance to TUSIAD's Seminar

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended TUSIAD's (Turkish Industry and Business Association) seminar on global trade, focusing on trends in global trade and factors affecting Turkey's trade policies.

September 27 | Meeting with International Chambers

AmCham Turkey/ABFT participated to a meeting with the International Chambers to discuss cooperation opportunities at the University Industry Cooperation Centers Platform's (USIMP) patent fair.

MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS & STAKEHOLDERS

August 3 | Meeting with Turkish-Win

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a meeting with TurkishWin representatives for a discussion of potential areas of cooperation on AmCham's Women Leadership Network program.

August 3 & 4 | Meetings with the U.S. Embassy

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a meeting with Erika Olson, Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy and Mary Elizabeth Madden, Deputy Economic Counselor, U.S. Embassy with a focus to discuss potential cooperation areas for future events and activities.

August 4 | Meeting with the World Bank

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members held a meeting with Johannes Zutt, World Bank's Turkey Representative in Ankara to discuss possible collaboration on joint reports.

August 5 | Meeting with Business Council for Sustainable Development (BCSD)

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members visited Konca Çalkıvık, Executive Director of BCSD Turkey, to meet with the team with a focus to evaluate potential cooperation areas in the sustainability area.

August 10 | Meeting with the new Commercial Counselor of the U.S. Embassy

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a meeting with William Czajkowski, the new Commercial Counselor of the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. The meeting featured discussion on potential cooperation areas between the two organizations.

August 24 | Participation to Economic Development Foundation's Seminar

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended Economic Development Foundation's (IKV) seminar featuring discussions on Turkey - EU relations and customs union modernization.

September 11 | Participation to U.S. - Turkey Private Sector TIFA Consultations in Ankara

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members participated to U.S.-Turkey Privat Sector consultations in Ankara, as part of the 10th term of the TIFA meetings.

September 15 | Meeting with Mark Libby, Director, Southern European Affairs Office, U.S. Department of State

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a meeting with Mark Libby, Director of the Office of Southern European Affairs of the U.S. Department of State to discuss potential cooperation areas.

September 14 | Participation to Baker and McKenzie's 20th year anniversary reception

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members attended to its member Baker & McKenzie's 20th year anniversary reception.

September 25 | Participation to Sağlam Kobi project working group meeting at UNDP Turkey office

AmCham Turkey/ABFT participated to the working group meeting of the CSR Project "Sağlam Kobi" (Strong SME). "Sağlam Kobi" is an initiative for SMEs to get prepared for disasters. The program launched in 2013, coordinates working group meetings to share best practices.

COMMITTEES

July 20 | Public Affairs Committee Meeting

Committee Chair: *Ihsan Necipođlu, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & The Dow Chemical Company President of Turkey & Central Asia*

September 14 | Public Affairs Committee Roundtable Meeting with the U.S. Delegation visiting Turkey for TIFA meetings

September 26 | Public Affairs Committee Roundtable Meeting with Hüsnu Dilemre, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy, Republic of Turkey, on trade and investment relations, post TIFA meetings, modernization of the customs union with the EU, TTIP and the prospects for a broader economic partnership with the U.S.

September 27 | Healthcare & Life Sciences Committee Meeting

Committee Chair: *Mine Öztürk, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & Baxter International General Manager*

September 14 | Healthcare & Life Sciences Committee Roundtable Meeting with the U.S. Delegation visiting Turkey for TIFA meetings

July 27 & August 2 | Digital Economy Committee Strategy Meetings

Committee Co-Chairs: *Defne Tozan, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & IBM Turkey General Manager & Yalım Eriřtiren, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & Intel Turkey General Manager*

August 21 & September 18 | Digital Economy Committee Strategy Steering Meetings with IBM & Intel teams

July 7 | Infrastructure, Real Estate and Transport Committee Strategy Meeting

Committee Chair: *Canan Özsoy, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & GE Turkey President & CEO*