



AMCHAM EVENTS & COMMITTEES | 4th QUARTER

Newsletter

AmCham ★ Turkey
American Business Forum In Turkey

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American business in Turkey”***

UPCOMING EVENTS

March | Healthcare Sector Luncheon

March | ICT Sector Luncheon

March 9th | AmCham Turkey/ABFT International Women's Day Event

2018 2H | AmCham Turkey/ABFT 13th Anniversary Gala

March | Sustainability Committee Meeting

March | Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee Evaluation Meeting

March | Digital Economy Committee Meeting

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

AmCham NEWS

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Acting Executive Director Elif Demircan-Hüttemann has been selected as a **Young Society Leader** of **The American Turkish Society (ATS)**!

The **Young Society Leaders (YSL)** is a key program of the Society that recognizes the most outstanding young leaders accomplished in their respective fields such as business, law, medicine, journalism, international affairs, academia, the arts and design.

The YSL program has three objectives: to build a diverse community of peers; to nurture and support the next generation of leaders for The Society and the community at large; and to positively influence issues that impact matters related to the American-Turkish community.

Elif Demircan-Hüttemann has been selected to join this select group to contribute to the greater dialogue in the American-Turkish relations, in line with her area of expertise.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE SERIES

November 17 | Roundtable with Nihat Zeybekci, Minister of Economy, Republic of Turkey

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a roundtable meeting with Nihat Zeybekci, Minister of Economy, as the guest of honor. The meeting hosted 50 high-level attendees including Nail Olpak, President of DEİK (*Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey*), representatives from the Ministry of Economy and TAIK (*Turkey-US Business Council*), AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members and member company representatives. The discussions focused on Turkey's economic potential and investment prospects between Turkey and the U.S.



AMCHAM BOARD EVENTS

November 10 & December 19 | AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Meetings

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members meet regularly to evaluate the activities, financials and membership status in the past term, as well as the future events and committee activities.

October 5 | Farewell to US Ambassador John Bass

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members had a farewell meeting with the U.S. Ambassador John R. Bass, who was confirmed as the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey by U.S. Senate in September 2014 and bid farewell upon completion of his tenure in Turkey in October 2017.

October 25 | AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members Luncheon with Myron Brilliant, Executive Vice President & Head of International Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members hosted Myron Brilliant, Executive Vice President and Head of International Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, as well as U.S. Chamber of Commerce representatives at a roundtable luncheon as part of U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Turkey delegation visit. The meeting focused on further cooperation opportunities between the two institutions to take U.S.-Turkey economic and commercial relations to the next level.

November 17 | Meeting with Nihat Zeybekci, Minister of Economy, Republic of Turkey

AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Members hosted an evaluation meeting with Nihat Zeybekci, Turkish Economy Minister, following the roundtable with AmCham member representatives. The meeting focused on discussions around investment prospects between Turkey and the U.S.



AMCHAM BRIEFING SEMINARS

November 30 | TAREKS Workshop in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a workshop on issues around product safety, inspections and the TAREKS system, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy, at Baker & McKenzie premises. A delegation, from the Ministry of Economy, Directorate General (DG) Product Safety and Inspection, led by Kaan Köktürk, Head of Department, gathered with members for briefing and discussions on issues with respect to TAREKS system, inspections and beyond.



December 12 | International Compliance Regulations & Internal Investigations Seminar with Kabine Law and Linklaters

AmCham Turkey/ABFT, in cooperation with Linklaters & Kabine Law Office organized a briefing seminar on *International Compliance Regulations & Internal Investigations* to share views, experiences & best practices. The discussions focused on various cases multi-national companies operating in different jurisdictions may face, concerning laws with extraterritorial application. The session featured panel discussion with Tom Lidstrom, Partner at Linklaters; Dr Mehmet Karlı and Tuvan Yalım, Founding Partners at Kabine Law Office.



AMCHAM EXCLUSIVE EVENTS

December 18 | AmCham Turkey/ABFT New Year Event

AmCham Turkey/ABFT members and colleagues gathered to celebrate the success stories of the previous year and share their good wishes and commitment for the year to come. Members showed motivation and shared commitment to further strengthen the investment and economic ties between Turkey and the US for the coming year. The event sponsored by 3M as the main sponsor, and Cargill, Papa John's and Verifone as sponsors, was concluded by a gift lottery supported by member companies.



MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS & GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

October 4 | AmCham Turkey/ABFT Ankara Visit

AmCham Turkey/ABFT had several meetings in Ankara with a focus to discuss further cooperation opportunities between the institutions. The meetings included representatives from the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance and the U.S. Embassy.

October 24 | Meeting with Dr. Hasan Bağcı, Deputy Secretary General, AIFD

AmCham Turkey/ABFT held a meeting with Dr. Hasan Bağcı, Deputy Secretary General of AIFD (*Association of Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies*) for discussions on potential cooperation areas of mutual interest for both institutions.

December 5 | Attendance to XIII. Swiss Turkish Economic Forum

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members attended Swiss Chamber's 13th annual economic forum focused on "*Rethinking Tomorrow's Business Models: How to Stay Competitive in the Digital Age*". The event discussed why industrial revolutions are revolutionary, digital world and future professions.



MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS & STAKEHOLDERS

October 24-25 | Media Partner of 3rd PPP Healthcare Summit in Turkey

AmCham Turkey/ABFT became a media partner to the 3rd PPP Healthcare Summit in Turkey, that brought together key stakeholders in the Healthcare PPP Ecosystem including those working on successful PPP projects in North America, Europe and Asia. From establishing the legal framework and securing financing to operating and maintaining a profitable hospital, the event explored the entire lifecycle of the agreement from the perspective of all parties.

October 24 | Participation to EBRD Private Sector & Think-Tanks Meeting, Ankara

AmCham Turkey/ABFT participated to EBRD's (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) business associations and think-tanks roundtable meeting in Ankara, as part of EBRD Board of Directors' periodic visits to the countries of operations to observe progress of economic transition and the impact of the Bank's activities on this process.

October 24 | Meeting with William Czajkowski, Commercial Counselor, U.S. Embassy

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended a meeting with William Czajkowski, Commercial Counselor, U.S. Embassy for discussions on potential cooperation opportunities between the two organizations to further increase bilateral trade and investments.

November 6-7 | Media Partner of 3rd National Patent Fair

AmCham Turkey/ABFT became a media partner to the 3rd National Patent Fair, organized by USIMP (*University-Industry Collaboration Network Platform*), at Harbiye Military Museum. The fair hosted several technology transfer offices, industry representatives and investors.

November 8 | Meeting with TEiD

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team members organized a meeting with representatives from TEiD (*The Ethics and Reputation Society*) for discussions on potential cooperation opportunities amongst the organizations, particularly within the scope of developing a program on 3rd party risks for multinationals.

November 13 | Teleconference with US Consulate Public Affairs Team

AmCham Turkey/ABFT team conference had a conference call with the US Consulate Public Affairs team to discuss potential areas for cooperation focusing on the cultural aspect of Turkish - US relations.

November 28 | Attendance to Sabancı University CDP Turkey's Climate Change Seminar

AmCham Turkey/ABFT attended to the launch of "*Climate Change 2017 Report*" organized by Sabancı University's CDP Turkey (Carbon Disclosure Project) platform, which works to transform the way the world does business to prevent dangerous climate change and protect natural resources.

November 28 | Teleconference with the World Bank

AmCham Turkey/ABFT organized a teleconference meeting with the World Bank's Sector Manager for Health, Nutrition & Population, responsible for Europe and Central Asia, with a focus on possible cooperation areas on Turkish healthcare and life sciences industry.

COMMITTEES

November 21 | Public Affairs Committee (PAC) Meeting with the attendance of Dr. Bahadır Kaleağası, TUSIAD Secretary General

Committee Chair: İhsan Necipoğlu, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & The Dow Chemical Company President of Turkey & Central Asia



October 3 | Digital Economy Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Committee Chair: Defne Tozan, AmCham Turkey/ABFT Board Member & IBM Turkey General Manager

October 20 | Digital Economy Committee Follow-up Meeting on legal & sectoral issues of the eco-system

