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Growing Green Futures

Rural Youth, Skills and the Green Transformation of Work

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Saturday, 14 November 2026 · 16:00–16:45 · Türkiye Pavilion, Room 1 (B125)



Prof. Dr. Bülent Gülçubuk

Moderator · Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, Ankara University

Works on rural development, agricultural policy and rural sociology, and has served as director of Ankara University's Development Studies Application and Research Centre (AKÇAM). He will frame the panel, bring young people's views into every stage of the discussion and share the main points of the outcome statement at the close of the session.



Suat Dede

Deputy Director General for Labour, Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Has served as Deputy Director General for Labour since December 2024, after heading the Department of Employment Policies. The Directorate General is preparing Türkiye's National Just Transition Strategy with the ILO. On the panel he will discuss how the green transformation of work and just transition policies will reach rural areas, and which public policy tools can reach rural young people.



Chizuru Iwata

Adolescent Development and Participation Specialist, UNICEF Türkiye

Works at UNICEF Türkiye on adolescent development and participation. On the panel she will address how the climate crisis affects rural children's and young people's access to education and skills, international experience in the transition from education to work, and youth participation.



Cem Ertal

Executive, TOPRAQ AI

TOPRAQ is a Turkish agritech company that offers farmers data-driven services for irrigation, plant nutrition, soil and leaf analysis and farm management, using sensors, satellite data and artificial intelligence. On the panel he will share the opportunities that digital transformation in agriculture creates for rural young people, examples from the field and where this transformation is heading.



Uğur Gülderer

General Director, Genç Hayat Foundation

Genç Hayat Foundation has worked with children and young people aged 11–18 since 2008 and has reached more than 85,000 children and young people in 34 provinces. The Foundation places young people's meaningful participation in decision-making at the centre of its strategy. On the panel he will share findings from our perception survey with rural young people and observations from the field.

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