Davos of Turkish Working Life:

JOINT DIALOGUE FORUM’S FIRST MEETING WAS HELD IN ANTALYA

Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TİSK) has initiated the Davos of Turkish working life “Joint Dialogue Forum – JDF” with its first meeting held between 11-13 October 2019 in Antalya.

The Forum based on social dialogue, with its motto “Together Possible Turkey” has brought together public sector, labour and employer representatives for the first time and concluded important decisions on environment, elderly, disabled people, women and children. A special session on ‘Occupational Health and Safety’ was also held at the Forum.
The meeting was held with the participation of Family, Labour and Social Services Minister Mrs. Zehra Zümrüt Selçuk, the Presidents of the Confederation of Turkish Trade Unions (TÜRK-İŞ), HAK-IS Confederation of Trade Unions (HAK-İŞ), Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions of Turkey (DİSK) and top representatives of trade unions, employer associations and the Ministry. International Organisation of Employers (IOE) President Mr. Erol Kiresepi, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Deputy General Secretary Mr. Owen Tudor, International Labour Organization (ILO) Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia Mr. Heinz Koller and World Economic Forum (WEF) Managing Director Mr. Murat Sönmez have also participated to the Forum.
Final Declaration

Around 400 participants have formed working groups on environment, elderly, disabled people, women and children which concluded 15 recommendations in total. Under each recommendation, a concrete action was voted by all participants and committed to take action on by the social partners. In this context, to plant 10 million trees in 5 years, electing at least one woman member at managing boards of each and every confederation/trade union until 2023, providing vocational trainings to 10,000 disabled people until the end of 2020, to form educational and capacity building platforms for elderly and to educate the families for their children’s substance addiction have been committed as the final decisions of 2019 meeting of the Forum.

The President of Turkish Confederation of Employer Associations (TİSK) Özgür Burak Akkol has stated that the Forum has focused on the social groups which have been affected the most by fourth industrial revolution. Akkol reiterated that all partners gave the message for acting together for Turkey and that with all partners they will work on creating and contributing for a more prosperous country.