

# International Conference on Institutionalization of Child Rights in the Digital Future

Istanbul, Turkey, 16-17 October 2014

## ① Administrative Note

We welcome your participation in the **International Conference on Institutionalization of Child Rights in the Digital Future** that will take place in Istanbul, Turkey on 16-17 October 2014 at Istanbul University. This event is being organized to coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations General Assembly. UNICEF is making use of the anniversary both to celebrate the progress made over the past quarter of a century and to draw attention to outstanding inequity. The goal is to generate new ideas for upholding the rights of children – especially the most disadvantaged, excluded, and vulnerable – in the new and very different era that lies ahead.

The conference is organized in collaboration with the UNICEF CEE/CIS Regional Office, the UNICEF Turkey Country Office, Dublin Institute of Technology and the communications faculties of eleven Turkish universities – namely, Ankara, Anadolu, Bilgi, Gazi, Galatasaray, İstanbul, İstanbul Aydın, Kocaeli, Konya and Mersin.

The information on the conference is detailed in the web site [www.icrdf.org](http://www.icrdf.org) including conference topics, organization committee, conference registration and logistics.

Join us in Istanbul to give children a louder voice and to ensure greater respect for child rights in all kinds of national and local media, with benefits for child rights awareness and implementation at all levels of society at the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



## Conference Venue:

The Conference will be held at the Istanbul University, Communication Faculty, Conference Hall (Marked as A on the map below)

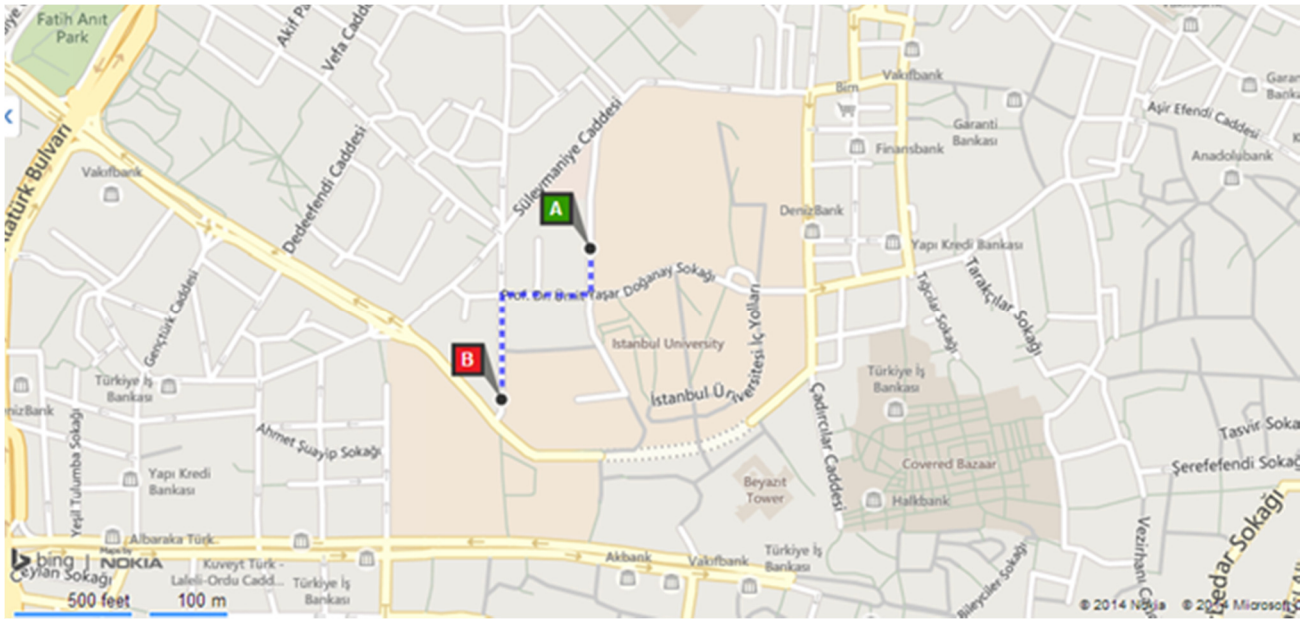
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The lunch during the conference and reception on 16 October 2014 will be held at Istanbul University, Congress and Culture Centre (Marked as B on the map below)

**Address:** İstanbul Üniversitesi Kongre Kültür Merkezi, Beyazıt – İstanbul, Turkey

*YANKI TRAVEL* will be responsible for the meeting arrangements and if requested will facilitate pick-ups and your stay in Istanbul. The assigned staff of the agency will be present at the venue throughout the conference.



**Registration:**

Please use the registration form on the website <http://www.icrdf.org/> Kindly be informed that there are limited places available in our conference due to the venue. Registration of participants will close on **1 October 2014**.

**Currency & Exchange:**

You can exchange your currency into Turkish Lira (TL) either at the exchange offices of the airport or any exchange office in town. Please also keep in mind that US dollars or Euro currencies in small denominations are accepted generally by taxis, restaurants, and shopping centres in Istanbul.

**Visas:**

Please refer to the official website of Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

**Security/Tracking:**

Turkish citizens and foreign visitors alike are required to carry some form of identification at all times such as a passport or driving license. You may be asked to show ID before entering some restaurants/bars. In Istanbul, like in any other cosmopolitan city, be careful of pickpockets in train stations, around money exchange offices, at open markets and stores.

## **Transportation and Accommodation:**

All participants are responsible for their own transportation and accommodation. Which means no block reservation has been made to any hotels. But if you need any assistance please contact with Yanki Travel Agency.

For Plane Tickets: Mr. Tunca Saylan [tunca@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:tunca@yankitravel.com.tr)

For Accommodation: Mr. Sinan Senem [sinan@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:sinan@yankitravel.com.tr)

## **Transportation from the Airport to the City:**

**Airport pick-up:** Yanki Travel can provide pick up service and meet participants at the airport. Information related to transportation fee will be communicated upon the requested destination. If you request this service, please contact with Mr. Erman Kılıçaslan [erman@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:erman@yankitravel.com.tr) or Mr. Sinan Senem [sinan@yankitravel.com.tr](mailto:sinan@yankitravel.com.tr)

**Taxi:** You may wish to consider taking authorised yellow coloured taxis with taxi meters (note: the license numbers should be printed on both sides of the car), which are available from the airport at all times. Taxis can request an additional fee for heavy baggage.

**Bus service "HAVATAS":** The buses depart from the Arrivals level of both the International and Domestic terminals at Atatürk Airport to Taksim. Buses leave the airport at 04:00, then every hour until 01:00. The cost is TL10.

## **Computers:**

You are encouraged to bring your own laptops for personal use.

## **Welcome Folders:**

Please note that this is a green conference. We are minimizing the printed documents. All documents including the admin note and presentations will be delivered to you with a flash drive.

## **Social Programme:**

Information on possible social activities will be made available to participants by Organization Committee.

## **Weather conditions:**

Day temperature in Istanbul in October varies between 14-21 C°.

## **Electrical Current and Appliances:**

The electricity supply in Turkey is 220 volts AC 50 cycles. Electrical appliances must have European plugs, (i.e. round-tipped, two-pinned), an international adapter is very useful.

## **Contact Numbers:**

### **Yanki Travel**

If you face any difficulties please do not hesitate to call Yankı Travel Agency staff for help. Yankı Travel Agency will also be at your service during your stay in Istanbul.

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**Emergency Numbers:** Police (free number): 155  
Ambulance (free number): 112

**Additional information:** Further details concerning workshop room, dining rooms, optional events, etc., will be provided upon arrival at the conference venue. Should you require any other information on restaurants, excursions, shopping etc., the following website could be useful  
<https://www.istanbul.com/en/travel>

Useful information also can be found at the following links:  
<http://www.istanbul.edu.tr/>  
<http://www.tourismturkey.org/>  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/tu.html>  
<http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/Turkey.html>

***We look forward to welcome you at the conference and wish you a wonderful experience and a pleasant stay in Istanbul!***