

Zero Waste Forum

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THE ZERO WASTE FORUM (ZWF) – PRESS KIT

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: October 17–19, 2025

Venue: Hilton Bomonti Hotel, Istanbul, Türkiye

Organizers: Zero Waste Foundation

Website: <https://globalzerowasteforum.org>

FORUM THEME

Zero Waste Movement: People. Places. Progress.

This theme encourages collective action among individuals, institutions, and communities in response to the global waste crisis. It aims to promote a human-centered transformation focused on reducing environmental impacts, creating sustainable living spaces, and enabling systemic change.

THE ZERO WASTE FORUM

The Zero Waste Forum is a multi-stakeholder, high-impact platform designed to develop sustainable solutions to the global waste crisis.

The forum brings together policymakers, local governments, private sector representatives, academics, and civil society organizations to foster knowledge exchange and collaboration in areas such as waste management, circular economy, climate action, and resource efficiency.



Objectives:

- Promote the implementation of zero waste policies at both urban and household levels
- Disseminate innovative best practices
- Develop locally adapted financing models
- Strengthen global solidarity through regional and sectoral cooperation

EVENT COMPONENTS

- 25+ Sessions and Workshops: Covering topics from recycling to climate resilience
- Multilingual Broadcasting: Live streaming in Turkish, English, and sign language
- Online Participation: In addition to on-site attendance, enabling broader global access
- Networking Areas: Opportunities to connect with policymakers, researchers, and practitioners
- Expected Participation: Over 10,000 attendees from more than 100 countries

FORUM DIALOGUES – KEY TRACKS

- Defining Zero Waste
- Food Waste
- Retail Consumption and Behavior Change
- AI for Zero Waste 10.0
- Academia and Scientific Contributions
- Reuse and Repair
- Compostable Packaging
- Women's Transformative Role in Zero Waste
- Zero Waste Lifestyle
- Local Solutions and Waste Pickers



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- United Nations and International Organizations
- Intercontinental and Regional Structures
- City Networks and Local Government Bodies
- Think Tanks, Foundations, and NGOs
- Development Banks and Financial Institutions
- Private Sector Platforms

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

ZWF serves as a central hub for anyone committed to sustainable transformation. It offers a global platform for policy dialogue, knowledge exchange, innovation sharing, and building new partnerships. The first-ever International Zero Waste Awards will also be presented to honor pioneering individuals and institutions.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Reaffirmation of zero waste lifestyle commitments at local and global levels
- New partnerships addressing policy innovation and access to finance
- Contribution to the “ZWF Final Report 2026” to be submitted to the UN Secretary-General

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