

Reflections from UN Türkiye: Zero Waste Initiatives and Inclusive and Sustainable Development

The United Nations system in Türkiye has been a strong supporter of the zero-waste movement, recognising its potential to deliver on multiple Sustainable Development Goals at once from climate action and biodiversity protection to public health and economic opportunity. By working in close partnership with the Government of Türkiye, civil society, and the private sector, the UN country team has played a pivotal role in mainstreaming zero-waste as part of national strategies and local initiatives.

This session will highlight the experience of UN agencies in Türkiye as a model for collaboration. It will explore how joint action at the country level can help embed zero-waste into broader development priorities, ensuring that the approach is not a stand-alone initiative but an integrated part of social, economic, and environmental progress.

This session will ask:

- What lessons can be drawn from the UN's collaboration with Türkiye in advancing zero-waste nationally and locally?
- How can UN country teams elsewhere replicate this type of partnership to accelerate progress?
- In what ways can the UN system leverage its convening power to mobilise finance and technical expertise for zero-waste initiatives?
- How can zero-waste become a cross-cutting priority within the UN's work on climate, health, and sustainable cities?

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