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Greening a Forum



The Green Forum Initiative is being implemented by 5th World Water Forum Secretariat to examine and address the environmental impacts

of organizing a large event in Istanbul. It includes the preparatory process of the forum, internal meetings, secretariat operations, and the Forum itself as well as the partners, service providers and sponsors. The GFI, in this sense, is a joint effort of all relevant stakeholders with the goal of creating an environmentally-friendly forum. The GFI's four key issue areas are: energy use and CO₂ offsetting, water use efficiency, waste management and recycling, and chemicals use.

5th World Water Environmental Policy

The organizers of the 5th World Water Forum are committed to minimizing the environmental impact of the 5th World Water Forum. We will accomplish this, in general terms, through:

- Decreasing the amount of solid waste produced by the event;
- Reducing energy and water consumption at the event;
- Minimizing or off-setting harmful emissions resulting from vehicular transportation and energy consumption associated with the event;
- Disposing of solid and liquid waste in an environmentally responsible manner;
- Eliminating the use of harmful chemicals at or for the event.

Some other GFI activities

Planting one tree per Forum participant: A barren terrain in the Istanbul region will be green at the end of the Forum through the commitment of the Ministry of Environment and Forests that a tree will be planted per participant as a step toward balancing out the ecologically harmful effects of the Forum.

Forum Greening Hall of Fame: This virtual Hall on the GFI web page is dedicated to profiling Forum sponsors and partners that are committed to greening their participation at the Forum.

GFI Hotel Survey: In order to leave a lasting impact of greening policies, the hotels collaborating with the Forum have been asked about their commitment to the environment. Hotels will be asked to comply with a minimum set of environmental standards. The questionnaire is the first step towards greener accommodation in Istanbul.

Saying No to Plastic: Both within the Forum Secretariat and during preparatory meetings, in order to reduce waste, a policy to minimize plastic use is being followed.

Small plastic water bottles avoided at prep meetings



Cups and glasses: washed after use at the Secretariat

Partnering with experts: The GFI is interested to work with organizations who have an interest in raising awareness of local environmental issues and greening the Forum. Contact us to explore the possibilities.