

A Green Guide for Forum Participants



The Green Forum Initiative (GFI) seeks to engage all Forum partners, sponsors, and contributors to adopt an environmentally-sensitive approach to what they bring to the Forum's organisation and realisation.

We also invite each participant to exercise their individual social responsibility while participating at the Forum by acting to reduce their environmental footprint while in Istanbul.

What you can do

During Transport:

- Choosing the least polluting means of travel to Istanbul (train, boat or bus if travelling within Turkey or Europe);
- Using the Forum buses and Forum boats for commuting between the Forum venue and hotels/accommodations;
- Voluntarily compensate for your greenhouse gas emissions resulting from travel to/from Istanbul to the Forum. Either contribute to one of the offsetting companies listed in your registration confirmation email or, compensate emissions at one of the GFI stands at the Forum to receive a GFI/WWF pin. You will also be mentioned on the CO₂ Offset Honour Roll on the [GFI website](#).

At the Forum:

- Use the refillable and recyclable water bottle given out at registration to reduce plastic waste.
- Help us to reduce the amount of paper used by accepting to receive most Forum related documents and information electronically.
- Avoid bringing hard copies of documents to the Forum. Hand out small “business cards” or flyers that include web page links to key documents.
- If you bring documents, ensure they are printed double-sided on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified paper or on recycled paper and minimise packaging and waste as much as possible.
- Bring your laptop and/or a memory stick for easy electronic document exchange.
- Use the appropriate containers for the disposal of your waste and recycle as much as possible by making use of the venue’s paper, glass and plastic recycling services (e.g. Recycle your daily lunch bag in the paper recycling bins provided throughout the venues)
- Recycle your badge on your last day of participation in the badge collection bins.
- Use the venue’s dual flush toilets accordingly on-site.
- Encourage others to be more environmentally friendly by sharing experiences and ideas. If you have additional suggestions on ways for participants to reduce their environmental footprint while attending the Forum please email them to: gfi@worldwaterforum5.org



At your Hotel:

- Adjust the room's thermostat by a degree or so towards the outside temperature, and switch it off completely when you leave the room—both measures will make a big difference in energy consumption.
- Switch off lights and electric appliances when you are not using them.

Keep in mind other water-saving practices like turning the tap off when brushing your teeth, showering rather than bathing, turning off the shower when soaping, and avoiding excess toilet flushing.

- Take any unfinished toiletries offered by the hotel that you open with you to use up, and then recycle the packaging where possible.



- Request that towels and bedding not be changed on a daily basis.

- Utilize stairways instead of elevators where possible – and benefit from the exercise!

Around Istanbul:

- Taste Turkish fruits, vegetables, and delicacies – explore the rich Turkish culinary culture.
- Support local artisans from Istanbul if you would like to bring home a memory of your trip.



Thank you for helping to make the 5th World Water Forum a good example of a green conference.

The GFI Work Programme

We are working with the local waste management company İSTAÇ to set up a proper recycling system, to facilitate the reuse of Forum materials and to minimise energy and on-site water consumption. We encourage our suppliers and contractors to adopt the highest possible sustainability measures.

The GFI is working to reduce paper use before, during and after the Forum for example by sending most Forum information electronically where possible and by providing participants with documents saved on a USB key given out at registration.

Visit us at the GFI stands in Sütlüce (Foyer 4), Feshane, or in the Expo tent at our GFI Partners' Village to find out more about our activities.



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