



Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) Bi-Yearly Report

January ,2024

Current TWLA UN Relations Committee

Executive Committee

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The Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) was officially associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications as of December 10, 2021. Our association was announced in the United Nations Department of Global Communications Civil Society press release on December 21, 2021. Shortly thereafter, The Turkish Women's League of America's UN Relations Committee was formed.

Within short period of time our Executive committee:

- Identified volunteers to work on the committee.
- Developed operational guidelines.
- Identified projects.
- Agreed with partner organizations to work together.

TWLA Expectations

The purpose of the TWLA Committee on UN Relations is to identify and implement UN projects within TWLA collectively with the Associate Organizations. Be the liaison between TWLA-UN-DGC relations and take an active part in promoting our projects and issues that concern Turkish Americans in UN-DGC.

Committee's Vision:

- Engage with the United Nations, on issues of global concern and in line with UN priorities.
- Empowered as the voice of Turkish American's in the UN .
- Communicate, educate, and find solutions to the problems impacting our community and sustain.

Committee's Mission:

- Turkish Women's League of America's mission is to unite the Turkish Women living in the United States of America under one roof to provide solidarity and strength among them. To establish strong relationships between the Turkish People and the American people with the belief in mind that all people are equal and brotherly regardless of religion, language, or race. By organizing cultural and art events, our goal is to share Turkish customs and traditions with various other cultures to establish friendships.
- Identify inspiring projects to implement that relative to our community members from 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Identify and collaborate with other CSO organizations within the UN.

Committee's Operational Guidelines

- Identify following year's projects to be implemented, leaders and communicate to members in December of each year.
- Each project details are posted on the website under the UN page.
- Each project announcement to be submitted to UN to be published in the Newsletter.
- Inform members about the project via email and on social media platforms.
- Ensure TWLA Partners and Community youth are involved in projects.
- Provide links to recorded programs on website UN page.

TWLA Partner Organizations are:

- Assembly of Turkish American Associations. (ATAA)
- The Light Millennium. (LM)
- Empowering the Turkish American Community. (ETAC)
- Consortium for sustainable urbanization. (CSU)

2022 Projects Completed

- 2/20/2022 International Mother Language Day (ARES-56-262)-Webinar

Topic: Learning Turkish and Turkic Languages on Digital Environment in the United States

With: ATAA, The Light Millennium

İnternet'te öğrenim alan Türkçe ve Türk Dilleri Öğretimi



ASSEMBLY OF TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS (ATAA); THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM, CHARITABLE GLOBAL HUMAN ADVANCEMENT ORG (LMGLOBAL); TURKISH WOMEN LEAGUE OF AMERICA (TWLA), ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS; AND ASSOCIATION OF TURKISH AMERICANS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (ATASC) GURURLA SUNAR:



**ULUSLARARASI
ANADİL GÜNÜ
KUTLAMASI
(21 ŞUBAT)**



ANA KONUŞMACILAR
GÜLGÜN FEYMAN
HABER SUNUCU, YAZAR, DİKSİYON EĞİTİMİ
DR. FERİDE HATİBOĞLU
AMERİKAN TÜRK DİLLERİ ÖĞRETMENLERİ DERNEĞİ BAŞKANI

AMERİKA BİRLEŞİK DEVLETLERİ'NDE DİJİTAL ORTAMDA

**TÜRKÇE VE TÜRK
DİLLERİNİ ÖĞRENMEK:
ZORLUKLAR ve FIRSATLAR**



PANELİSTLER
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ULUSLARARASI İLİŞKİLER, MICHIGAN STATE ÜNİVERSİTESİ
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DR. GÜLİZ KURUOĞLU
TÜRK DİLLERİ VE DİL BİLİMİ ÖĞRETİM ÜYESİ

20 ŞUBAT 2022 PAZAR

12:00PM-2:30PM ET | 11:00AM-1:30PM CT | 9:00AM-12:00PM PT
17:00-19:30 UK | 18:00-20:30 GR | 20:00-22:30 TR

WEBINAR DİLİ: TÜRKÇE VE İNGİLİZCE



MODERATÖRLER
BİRCAN ÜNER, M.A.
KURUCU VE BAŞKAN, THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM (LMGLOBAL)
PROFESÖR SİBEL EROL
ORTA DOĞU ÇALIŞMALARI BÖLÜMÜ, NEW YORK ÜNİVERSİTESİ

ONLINE KAYIT: us02web.zoom.us/join/wn_1ASj21erSdyRru7sDxXoZQ



KATKIDA BULUNAN KURULUŞLAR:
ASSOCIATION OF TURKISH AMERICANS - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO (ATASC-SD)
SPECIAL PROJECT CHAPTER-ATATÜRK MEMORIALS CHAPTER (ATAMLA)
EMPOWERING THE TURKISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY (ETAC-USA)
TURKISH AMERICAN CULTURAL ALLIANCE (TACA)
TURKISH AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER & ENTERTAINMENT (TARTE)



#IMLD2022 #A_T_A #LMGLOBAL #TWLA #NYATATURKOKULU #MOTHERLANGUAGE DAY #UNESCO #MULTILINGUALISM #UNWITHCIVILSOCIETY #UNDGC_CSO

[Learning Turkish and Turkic Languages on Digital Environment in the US: Challenges and Opportunities \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

- 3/6/2022 International Women Day

Topic: Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow

TURKISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

International Women's Day



Gender Equality Today For A Sustainable Tomorrow



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RED PEPPER
ASSOCIATION



TENDÜ YOĞURTÇU, PhD
CHIEF
TECHNOLOGY OFFICER
PRECISELY

MODERATOR: **IŞILAY BARAN** AT&T, Director



6 MARCH



12:00 PM



**PERA RESTAURANT 303 MADISON
AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10017**

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjmgN_TpKvQ

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- 4/23/2022 National Sovereignty and Children's Day, UNESCO World Art Day



- On April 23, 2022, we celebrated 102nd. anniversary of the April 23rd. National Sovereignty and Children's Day, Commemorating the foundation of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. The day was proclaimed a national holiday in 1921. April 23 was celebrated as Children's Day for the first time in 1927 under the auspices of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) and New York Atatürk School organized a painting contest across the United States to celebrate April 23rd. National Sovereignty and Children's Day and to contribute to the UNESCOS World Art Day. The Theme of the contest was "World Peace" based on the Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's foreign policy vision of "Peace at Home, Peace in the World." The contest was held among the students of New York Atatürk School and the children living in the USA, between the ages of 6-11 years old. The shortlisted paintings were exhibited at the Turkish House in April 2022. On November 20, 2022. Due to the special occasion of UN World Children's Day, we Exhibited Children's paintings at the United Nations Headquarters. The exhibition was continued for a week starting November 14th to November 21st.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSu1lDA53AQUNHeadquarters>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6RfHrBd1P4&t=7s> Turkish House

- 5/26/2022 International Tea Day



The poster is for an event titled "INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY" held at the "TURKISH HOUSE AUDITORIUM". The event is organized by the "TURKISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA", which is "ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS". The event is scheduled for "May 26th, Thursday" from "4:00pm-6:00pm". The poster features a central graphic of a white teacup with a green plant growing out of it, set against a green background with a world map. To the left of the central graphic is the "TURKISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA" logo, which includes a globe and the year "1958". To the right of the central graphic are four circular portraits of women, each with a name below them: "ALİVE PEKİN ÇELİK", "BUKET ŞAHİN", "ÇAĞLA URAL", and "DEMET DEMİRKAYA". The text "TEA TIME" is written at the bottom left of the poster.

TURKISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF AMERICA
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO CELEBRATE
INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY

TURKISH HOUSE
AUDITORIUM
821 United Nation Plaza, NY 10017

INTERNATIONAL TEA DAY

May 26th, Thursday
4:00pm-6:00pm

TEA TIME

ALİVE PEKİN ÇELİK
BUKET ŞAHİN
ÇAĞLA URAL
DEMET DEMİRKAYA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Olpk1n-powA&t=73s>

- 9/20 September 2022 UN World Habitat Day

Topic: Urban and Arch October on Women and Sustainable Urbanization

With: CSU



You can reach to UN World Habitat Day reach out to speaker video:

<https://youtu.be/5SLVd1-sA94> you reach press

<https://atkb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/5-Ekim-women-sustainable-urbanization-press-last1-1.pdf>

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- December 5 /2022

We celebrated Unesco World Heritage Turk Coffee Day at Times Square.



In December 2013, Turkish coffee was recognized as a "cultural heritage in need of protection" on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Together with the Turkish Coffee Lady Foundation, the world's first coffee diplomacy platform, and the Turkish American Federation and TWLA organized the introduction of Turkish Coffee in New York with the students of the NY Ataturk School, which is part of our association, performing our local dances in NY Times Square.

<https://youtu.be/VWe4azJanOw>

<https://youtu.be/bFzPrFBRwaQ>

2023 Projects Completed

- 1/24/2023 International Day of Education

Associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications

**Celebrating
International Day of
Education**
to invest in people, prioritize education

Jan 24
5pm-7pm

Please RSVP by Jan 23rd to twla@newyork@gmail.com or (516) 234-5015

Our program was announced with Un newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/e35c39301a8f/announcements-for-civil-society-16-january-304218?e=%5BUNIQID%5D>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RSitry2HuE>

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- 3/11/2023 International Women Day



Our lives depend on strong technological integration: attending a course, calling loved ones, making a bank transaction, or booking a medical appointment. Everything currently goes through a digital process. However, 37% of women do not use the internet. 259 million fewer women have access to the Internet than men, even though they account for nearly half the world's population. Bringing women into technology results in more creative solutions and has greater potential for innovations that meet women's needs and promote gender equality. Their lack of inclusion, by contrast, comes with massive costs. The United Nations Observance of IWD, under the theme "Digit ALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality", recognizes and celebrates the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SX0ZDaiPAk> (introduction)

<https://youtu.be/NGWrBg-uKE4> 9 (all program)

- 3/23/2023 UN Water conference

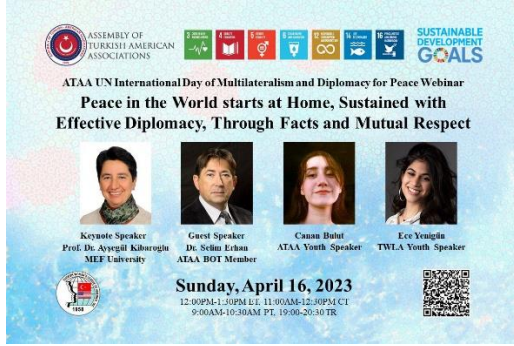


Our side event for Un Water conference has been published in UN newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/un/announcements-for-civil-society-20march2023-304526?e=461c8e47e9>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BUHjQHxkiE>

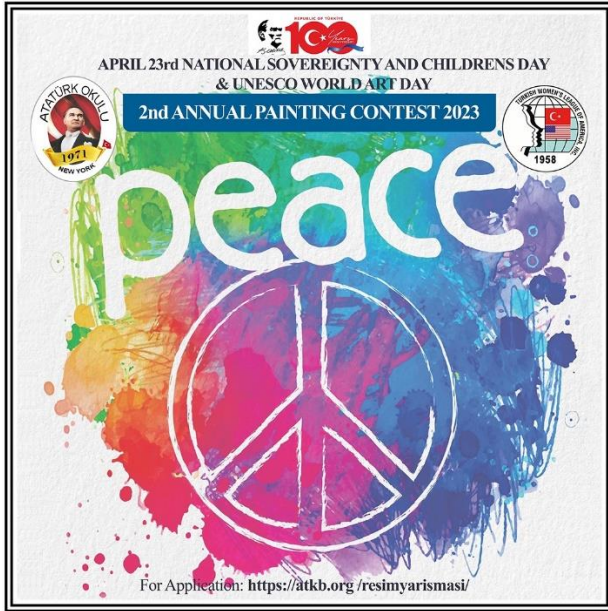
- 4/16/2023 International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy



The Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA) and the Turkish Women's League of America, in official conjunction with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC), presented a virtual event entitled International Multilateralism Day and Diplomacy for Peace Webinar. This program was organized in support of four of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development goals #3 Good Health and Wellbeing, #4 Quality Education, #6 Clean Water and Sanitation, #16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace on April 24th. Our young representative Ece Yenigun represented our association at the webinar.

[April 24, International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace Webinar - YouTube](#)

- 4/23/2023 National Sovereignty and Children's Day, UNESCO World Art Day



On April 23rd. National Sovereignty and Children's Day, the Turkish Women's League of America (TWLA) and New York Atatürk School organized the 2nd annual painting contest across the United States to contribute to UNESCO World Art Day. The theme of the contest was "World Peace" based on the vision of Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of the Republic of Turkey, "Peace at Home, Peace in the World". The contest was held among the students of New York Ataturk School and the children living in the USA, between the ages of 6-11 years old. The shortlisted paintings were exhibited at the Turkish House in April 2023.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcEn1GTt5Jw>

- 12/9/2023 what is the commitment Human right 75?

Invitation

WHAT IS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS at 75?:

On Equality, Fundamental Freedoms, Peace Education and Justice For ALL

Logos: LIGHT MILLENNIUM, ETAC, HUMAN RIGHTS 75, TACA, and others.

HUMAN RIGHTS AT 75 #UDHR75

Opening Remarks (Video):
Mr. RAMU DAMODARAN

• Keynote Speaker:
Ambassador RODRIGO A. CARAZO
• F. VILDAN YİRMİBEŞOĞLU, Esq.

#UDHR75 Commitment by
Emeritus Prof. GARY M. GROSSMAN

• Youth: Ms. KAVISHA AMANDI JAYARATHNE

• Opening & Closing Performances
by ETAC Children Choir

Moderators: Ms. BİRCAN ÜNVER & Mrs. HÜLYA KOÇ

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Mr. LUCAS RUTHERFORD
Mr. ALP ŞENAY
Ms. DERİN ŞENAY
Mr. MEHMET TAŞCIOĞLU
Ms. ECE YENİĞÜN

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Contributing Organizations: TACA-Chicago, FTAA-Florida, ATAA-DC

DATE: On Saturday, December 9, 2023 | **TIME:** 10:00 a.m. PT | 12:00 p.m. Costa Rica | 1:00 p.m. EST
REGISTER: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUrcqhrjsiHNpNIP7Pxbp5BW0U8x_kkh

The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization, *In collaboration with:*
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The our event for Un Human Right 75 has been published in UN newsletter.
<https://mailchi.mp/un/announcements-for-civil-society-4december2023-305870> Un young leaders gave a speech at the program. In addition, graduates of our school chose an article from the Declaration of Human Rights and commented on it in the program.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/zB8YDCSva5U?si=QvYCueaFleJvSJVW>

