



HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE on FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND MEDIA FREEDOM in TURKEY

5 February 2013
JW Marriott Hotel, Ankara

PROGRAMME

09.30 – 09.40 Introduction of the Project on “Freedom of Expression and the Media in Turkey” and Progress Achieved

Nurdan Okur

Director General of International Law and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Justice

09.40 – 10.30 Opening Speeches

Thorbjørn Jagland
Sadullah Ergin
Hüseyin Karakullukçu
Ali Alkan
Haşim Kılıç

Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Minister of Justice
President of the Council of State
President of the Court of Cassation
President of the Constitutional Court

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break and Family Photo Session

11.00 – 12.30 Session 1 - Freedom of Expression: The Founding Pillar of Democracy

Moderator: Philippe Boillat

Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Taha Akyol
Serap Yazıcı

Journalist
Professor of Law at Istanbul Şehir University,
Member of Human Rights Board

Civan Turmangil
Burhan Kuzu

Head of Division, European Court of Human Rights
President of Justice Commission of Turkish Grand National Assembly

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Session 2 - Toward Better Protection of Media Freedom

Moderator: Nesibe Özer *President of the 2nd Chamber of High Council of Judges and Prosecutors*

Speakers:

Davut Dursun *President of Supreme Council of Radio and Television*
Mithat Sancar *Professor of Law at Ankara University*
Sedat Ergin *Journalist*
Dunja Mijatovic *The OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.45 Session 3 - Incitement to Hatred and Violence: Limits of Freedom of Expression

Moderator: Sedat Bakıcı, *Head of the 8th Criminal Chamber, Court of Cassation*

Speakers:

Mar Aguilera Vaques *Professor of Law at University of Barcelona*
Kerem Altıparmak *Assistant Professor at Ankara University*
Yusuf Ziya Cömert *Columnist*
Vedat Ahsen Coşar *President of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations*

16.45 – 17.00 Closing Remarks

Kenan Özdemir *Deputy Undersecretary of Ministry of Justice*
Philippe Boillat *Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*