

WE SHOULD CREATE SMART ENERGY POLICIES TO MAKE THE WORLD A MORE LIVABLE PLACE

We all know that the world's resources are running out every single day. We must all accept this fact and think about it. We should create sustainable precautions for the sake of the future of our children.

But today, environmental problems have reached such a degree that, your own efforts are no longer sufficient. That is to say, in today's situation, cleaning your own house is not enough. To save the world, global solutions are required. That's why, energy policies are of utmost importance. Apart from its meaning for the future of our world, the energy sector is so powerful that it can affect not only our country, but also the whole world. Also, when we think of geographical location, Turkey is found at a very critical point - at the juncture of energy resources.

The truth of the matter is, it would take thousands of pages to explain the value of energy policies both for our country and the world. But shortly we may say that, the scope of these policies is essential for next generations and for our development rate.

At this very point, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality is honored to support an international organization – as it always supports every step taken for the sake of Istanbul and Turkey. It is a pleasure for us to act as the host of the 31.IAEE International Conference in İstanbul organized jointly by Turkish Association for Energy Economics (EED) and International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE). Yet the most important of all is that this conference gives us hope in its search for a global solution for the world's problems in energy politics. We believe that such a global meeting which will gather top level government officials, representatives of academics and private sector will be in our favor.

As the mayor of İstanbul, one of the biggest metropolises in the world, I would like to state that I respect every individual that feels responsible for the soils he is living on, posterity and innocent children and makes his efforts for these. I support every step that is taken and every move that is made for the benefit of the mankind without hesitation. Therefore I congratulate everyone individually that worked hard for the organization of this energy conference which will search the unknown future of our world.

Now it's the time for everyone to take responsibility to save and support our world which is fading away. Let us appraise the energy conference as a chance and produce rationalistic, permanent and mutual energy politics for our tomorrow, future and today...



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