



8th INTERNATIONAL
**CAPACITY
BUILDING
PROGRAM**
OF GREEN CRESCENT
ISTANBUL, 30 APRIL - 2 MAY 2025



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About the 8th International Capacity Building Program of Green Crescent

The **8th International Capacity Building Program of Green Crescent** is organized by the **International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC) hosted by the Turkish Green Crescent Society**, and supported by contributing sponsors.

This year's program brings together representatives of the Green Crescent family from around the world for a meaningful in-person gathering. It serves as a continuation of our shared efforts to strengthen prevention, recovery, and advocacy practices worldwide.

In recent years, both the Capacity Building Programs and the online trainings organized under the umbrella of the IFGC have aimed to build a shared foundation of knowledge and to strengthen collaboration between local and global experts. Building on that foundation, this year's event shifts the focus toward **regional and national needs**, with an emphasis on **achievable, action-oriented outcomes**.

The three-day program includes:

- Presentations from international experts and Green Crescent representatives
- Interactive training sessions
- Discussion groups aimed at collaboration and strategy-building

Sessions in the **Main Hall** will be delivered with **simultaneous interpretation in French and Turkish**. Sessions in the **parallel Meeting Rooms** will be conducted **in English only**.

Due to **limited capacity** in training rooms, **pre-registration was required** for each session. Participants are kindly asked to attend only the sessions they are registered for.

This year, the program proudly hosts participants from **over 60 countries**, reflecting the growing reach and collective impact of our network.

Day 1 (30 April) Wednesday

Time	Main Hall Glass Pavilion (max.130 participants)			
09.00 - 09.30	OPENING	Registration		
09.30 - 09.50		Opening Remark - Turkish Green Crescent Society Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Dinç, President of the Turkish Green Crescent Society		
09.50 - 10.05		Opening Remark - International Federation of Green Crescent Alhaji Audi Kongila Muhammad, President of Green Crescent Health Development Initiative - Nigeria Green Crescent		
10.05 - 10.20		Volunteering for Humanity: Building Resilient Communities through Civil Engagement Amb. Dr. Mehmet Güllüoğlu, Vice President of the Turkish Green Crescent Society		
10.20 - 10.30		Building Global Alliances for Sustainable Prevention Esbjörn Hornberg, Executive Director of Movendi International and Chair of the Istanbul Initiative.		
10.30 - 10.40		Global Public Health Prevention Dr. Hamad Al Ghafri, President of International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)		
10.40 - 11.00		From Addiction to Recovery: Sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope Veysel Boy, Recovery Consultant of the Green Crescent Counseling Center (YEDAM)		
11.00 - 11.30	PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTION	Coffee – Break		
11.30 - 11.55		Global Strategy and Alcohol Action Plan Dr. Dzmitry Krupchanka, Medical Officer at the WHO Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Unit		
11.55 - 12.20		UNODC’s Global Prevention Response Karen Peters, Global Programme Officer of the UNODC		
12.20 - 12.50		Alcohol and Substance Use Among Migrant and Displaced Populations Guglielmo Schinina, Head Mental Health Psychosocial Support and Intercultural Communication of IOM- UN Migration		
12.50 - 13.00		Strengthening Public Health through Science, Education, and Solidarity Prof. Necdet Ünüvar, Rector of Ankara University		
13.00 - 14.30	TREATMENT & RECOVERY	Lunch		
14.30 - 14.55		Main Hall Glass Pavilion (max. 20 participants)	Meeting Room 1 Mazhar Osman (max.15 participants)	Meeting Room 2 Kösem Sultan (max.12 participants)
14.55 - 15.15		Continuum from Drug Use Prevention to Treatment and Social Integrationy Dr. Oriol Esculies, International Commissioner Association "Proyecto Hombre"	WORKSHOP Orienting Humanitarian Actors who work with Communities on Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders – Developing and Field Testing an Orientation Guide Dr. Karen Paul, IASC Reference Group for MHPSS & Dr. Dzmitry Krupchanka, Medical Officer at the WHO Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Unit *Pre-registration is required.	WORKSHOP How to Create a Project Proposal Afra Sena Günaslan, Project and Program Development Senior Expert of Turkish Green Crescent Society *Pre-registration is required.
15.15 - 15.35		Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for Substance Use Disorders Dr. Alexandre Kieslich da Silva, President of Conectados Pela Vida - Green Crescent Brasil		
15.35 - 16.00		The Transformation of Addiction Clinics in Indonesia Dr. Era Catur Prasetya, President of Yayasan Green Crescent Indonesia		
16.00 - 16.10	Challenges of Treatment Programs Ashwaq Omar, Board Member of Al Huda			
16.00 - 16.10		The Importance of Prevention During in Emergency Dr. Rudwan Yahya Ibrahim, President of Sudanese Green Crescent Society		
16.10 - 16.15		Closing Remarks of the 1st Day Prof. Muhammed Tayyib Kadak, Vice President of Turkish Green Crescent Society		
16.45 - 21.00		Bosphorus Tour and the Gala Dinner at Cemile Sultan Korusu		
		Day 1 Moderator:Cristina von Sperling Afridi, Chairperson of Karim Khan Afridi Welfare Foundation		

Day 2 (1 May) Thursday

Time	Main Hall Glass Pavilion (max.130 participants)		Meeting Room 1 Mazhar Osman (max.15 participants)		Meeting Room 2 Kösem Sultan (max.12 participants)		Meeting Room 3 Hanzade Sultan (max. 12 participant)	
09.30 - 09.50	POLICY & ADVOCACY	<i>Strengthening Tobacco Control Through International Partnerships and Policy Dialogue</i> Cornel Radu-Loghin , Secretary General of the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP)	WORKSHOP	<i>Workforce Development in the Area of Substance Use and Addictive Behaviors</i> Dr. Dzmitry Krupchanka , Medical Officer at the WHO Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Unit <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	DISCUSSION GROUP	<i>Reducing Stigma in Treatment and Recovery Processes</i> Phaedon Kaloterakis (BRE,MWS) , Managing Director of World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC) and President of European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC) & Serra Postacı , Clinical Psychologist at Green Crescent Counseling Center (YEDAM) <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	WORKSHOP	<i>How to Get Involved in International Collaboration and Advocacy</i> Esbjörn Hornberg , Executive Director of Movendi International and Chair of the Istanbul Initiative. & Dilşah Nur Kanmaz , Deputy Manager Of the Advocacy Department, Turkish Green Crescent Society & Tuba Balçıklı , International Collaboration Senior Expert of Turkish Green Crescent Society <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>
09.50 - 10.20		<i>Policy Coherence for Prevention: The Need for Equal Ambition in Alcohol and Tobacco Control</i> Florence Berteletti , Secretary General of European Alcohol Policy Alliance (EUROCARE)						
10.20 - 10.40		<i>The Role of Civil Society in Strengthening International Cooperation for Drug Prevention</i> Dr. Mousa Daoud , President of The Jordan Anti Drugs Society - Jordan Green Crescent						
10.40 - 11.00		<i>Best Practice of Sustainable Addiction Prevention in Nigeria</i> Dr. Tajudeen Abiola , Director of Clinical Services, Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital Kaduna. Secretary General of the Green Crescent Health Development Initiative - Nigeria Green Crescent						
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee - Break							
11.30 - 11.45	BEHAVIORAL ADDICTION	<i>Multisectoral Collaboration for Health</i> Dr. Tasnim Atatrah , WHO Representative and Head of Mission to Turkey	WORKSHOP	<i>UNODC Family Program</i> Karen Peters , Global Programme Officer of the UNODC <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	DISCUSSION GROUP	<i>Emerging Tobacco Products and the Future of Regulation</i> Cornel Radu-Loghin , Secretary General of the European Network for Smoking and Tobacco Prevention (ENSP) <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	WORKSHOP	<i>Understanding and Responding to Addictions Workshop of Green Crescent</i> Afra Sevde Çelebi , Expert Psychologist, Education Management Department of Turkish Green Crescent Society <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>
11.45 - 12.10		<i>Balancing Technology Use in Childhood: Risks and Prevention</i> Dr. Fernanda Gabriel Santos da Silva , Universidade Federal de Santa Maria						
12.10 - 12.35		<i>Excessive Buying and Pathological Buying Addition: Recent Issues in Research</i> Prof. Dr. Sunghwan Yi , University of Guelph						
12.35 - 13.00		<i>Technology Addiction: Causes and Consequences</i> Pujan Sharma , Secretary General at Everest Green Crescent Nepal						
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch							
14.30 - 15.45	WORKSHOP	<i>Developing an Action Plan for Managing Challenges</i> Carlton Hall , President and CEO of Carlton Hall Counsulting LLC (CHC)						
15.45 - 16.00		<i>Strengthening Evidence-Based Prevention and Global Collaboration in Addiction Response</i> Memory Usaman , President of Rwanda Youth Impact - Rwanda Green Crescent						
16.00 - 16.30	GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Break						
16.30 - 18.00		5th General Assembly of the International Federation of Green Crescent (IFGC)						
18.00 - 18.10		Remarks of IFGC New Members						
18.10 - 18.15		<i>Closing Remark of the 2nd Day</i> The President of IFGC						
		Day 2 Moderator: George Odalo Ochieng, <i>President of Slum Child Foundation</i>						

Day 3 (2 May) Friday

Time	Main Hall Glass Pavilion (max.130 participants)		Meeting Room 1 Mazhar Osman (max.15 participants)	Meeting Room 2 Kösem Sultan (max.12 participants)
09.30 - 09.45	OPENING	<i>The Role of Educators in Fostering Prevention and Recovery</i> Sümeyye Ceylan , Vice President of the Turkish Green Crescent Society	<i>Life Skills Training of Green Crescent</i> , Merve Fidan , Developmental Psychologist, Education Department, Turkish Green Crescent Society <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	<i>Volunteering and Youth Work at Green Crescent</i> Şule Yüstra Bozkuş , Assistant Specialist, Volunteer Management Department of the Turkish Green Crescent Society <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>
09.45 - 11.00	WORKSHOP	<i>Workshop on Sustainable Financing Strategies</i> Jan Peloza (MBA) , Managing Director of Impact Hub Ljubliana		
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee - Break			
11.30 - 11.45	INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION & BEST PRACTICE	<i>UNODC's Integrated Approach to Drug Policy and Capacity Building</i> Koen Marquering , Acting Deputy Representative of UNODC ROSEE	<i>How to Advocate for Stronger Alcohol Policy</i> Florence Berteletti , Secretary General of European Alcohol Policy Alliance (EUROCARE) <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>	<i>Introduction to the Green Crescent Counseling Center Model and Workshops</i> Sude Beyaz Tobay , Clinical Psychologist at Green Crescent Counseling Center (YEDAM) <i>*Pre-registration is required.</i>
11.45 - 12.00		<i>Gender Sensitive Approach</i> Mustafa Çadır , Programme Specialist at the UNWOMEN Türkiye		
11.00 - 12.10		<i>Collaboration Opportunities with Maarif Schools Arounda the World</i> Sule Toyran , Primary Education Coordinator at the Maarif Foundation		
12.10 - 12.20		<i>Cultural Dialogue and Collaboration in Practice: Introducing African House</i> Zeliha Sağlam , the Chairperson of the African Culture House		
12.20 - 12.35		<i>Stardom Association's Approach to Addiction Prevention in Lebanon</i> Yassmin Marwan Sabih , Board Member of Stardom Association- Lebanon Green Crescent		
12.35 - 12.50		<i>Breaking Chains: Empowering Youth to Overcome Addiction and Thrive Mentally</i> Dr. Mohd Radzniwan A.Rashid , Pertubuhan Bulan Sabit Hijau Malaysia - Malaysia Green Crescent		
12.50 - 13.00		<i>Effect of Health Empowerment on Community Participation for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention in Communities</i> Patimoh Nimah , President of Thai Green Crescent		
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch			
14.30-15.30	Shuttle transfers to Atatürk Cultural Center (Taksim) <i>*Guests will be transferred from the Green Crescent Headquarters to the Atatürk Cultural Center to attend the program, which will take place with the esteemed presence of the President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan.</i>			
15.30-18.00	<i>Participation of the President of the Republic of Türkiye</i> H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan , President of the Republic of Türkiye			
	Day 3 Moderator: Shuhaida Adam, Board Member of Green Crescent South Africa			



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