

# ISTANBUL CANDIDATE CITY FOR CARBON 2020





**Dear President and Dear AACG Board Members**

I am pleased to invite you to the magnificent city of Istanbul and I announce hereby its candidacy for hosting the International Conference on Carbon in 2020

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# TURKEY IN BRIEF

A country of in depth history and culture, the Turkish Republic is located where the three continents of the old world Asia, Africa and Europe, are closest to each other and straddle the point where Europe and Asia meet.

Because of this geographical location, the mainland Anatolia has witnessed the mass migration of diverse peoples, shaping the course of history. Home to countless civilizations, Anatolia has developed a unique synthesis of cultures, each with its own distinct identity, yet each linked to its predecessors through insoluble threads. As a modern nation in an ancient land, Turkey today is the inheritor and conservator of such an essential, shared heritage of humanity.



# ISTANBUL IN BRIEF

## **GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, WEATHER & POPULATION**

In its south stretches the Marmara Sea and in its north is the Black Sea. Its western part is in Europe and eastern in Asia. The strategic and aesthetic strait that separates the two coasts of Istanbul together with the two continents is the Bosphorus which is the first gate from the Black Sea to the Aegean and then onto the Mediterranean. Istanbul is the unique city in the world bridging two continents, Europe and Asia.

Surface Area: 5.512 km

Population: 15.000.000 (aproximately)

Summer is one of the pleasant season in Istanbul with a warm climate approximately 25-30 Celsius degrees and sun shining during the day.

## **MEETING FACILITIES & ACCOMMODATION**

Istanbul is one of the world's most exciting conference destinations and is an increasingly popular choce for the world's leading international associations and meeting planners. Istanbul is home to numerous members of the ICCA, the International Congress and Convention Association, which is the most extensive and prominent meetings organization in the world. According to ICCA statistics, Istanbul ranked 7th market share in 2010.



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## SOME OF THE HISTORICAL PLACES TO VISIT IN ISTANBUL

Istanbul is a destination visited by approximately 28 million tourists in a year with the contribution of its 78 museums, 9 palaces and natural beauties.

Please find below as a short list of where to visit in Istanbul;

- Topkapı Palace
  - Dolmabahce Palace
  - Beylerbeyi Palace
  - Hagia Sophia
  - Basilica Cistern
  - Maiden's Tower
  - Galata Tower
  - St. Irene
  - Caria Museum
  - Spice Bazaar
  - Grand Bazaar
  - Archeology Museum
  - Modern Art Museum
- and many more to discover...



# MEETING DESTINATION ISTANBUL

## MOVING UP IN THE LIST OF TOP MEETING DESTINATIONS

- √ 6th MOST POPULAR CITY IN EUROPE and 7th IN THE WORLD AS MEETING DESTINATION
- √ 109 MAJOR INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS and 46,374 DELEGATES IN 2010
- √ WELL-BALANCED PRICE AND EXCELLENT QUALITY FOR THE MEETING FACILITIES AND FOR THE DELEGATES
- √ HOUSING CAPACITY FOR 95.000 GUESTS
- √ 6TH MOST VISITED HOLIDAY DESTINATION IN THE WORLD OVER 28 MILLION TOURISTS (INFO BY TURKSTAT & UNWTO 2010)
- √ 78 MUSEUMS and 9 PALACES
- √ UNIQUE CITY IN THE WORLD BRIDGING TWO CONTINENTS, EUROPE and ASIA!
- √ BLEND OF EAST and WEST with MEDITERRANEAN and ASIA
- √ CAPITAL OF THREE ANCIENT EMPIRES OVER THE CENTURIES: ROMAN, BYZANTINE and OTTOMAN
- √ FASCINATING, ORIENTAL and UNIQUE as well as DYNAMIC and MODERN
- √ APPROXIMATELY A POPULATION OF 15 MILLION
- √ DYNAMIC CITY RUNNING MEGA EVENTS, FESTIVALS, CONCERTS
- √ TRADE CENTRE of TURKEY

## SOME OF THE EVENTS IN ISTANBUL

- √ WORLD WATER FORUM - 2009, 33.058 participants
- √ THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDC-IV) - 2010, 27.000 participants
- √ HABITAT II-SECOND UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS - 1996, 20.000 participants
- √ IMF (INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND) ANNUAL MEETING - 2009, 15.000 participants

# TRAVEL AND VISA INFORMATION

Turkish Republic Istanbul is located where the three continents of the world, Asia, Africa and Europe, are closest to each other and straddle the point where Asia and Europe meet.

Istanbul is accessible from all corners of the World & Direct flights from 190 Major Worldwide Cities such as Beijing , Chicago, Frankfurt, London, Los Angeles, New York, Paris, Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo, Toronto...

Some countries are exempt from visa regulation some could obtain visa at Turkish airports/border gates for further detailed information please visit the official website of Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[www.mfa.go.tr](http://www.mfa.go.tr)



## INFORMATION ABOUT

- Conference location options
- Proposed conference hotels
- Social Events & Venues
- Sightseeing & Pre-Post Tours

Will be given or coming AACC meetings.

