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### CIFAL Istanbul - 2025 Legacies of Women Forum

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Deadline: 16 Dec 2025

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| Type:                    | Conference  |
| Location:                | Istanbul, Türkiye   |
| Date:                    | 17 Dec 2025   |
| Duration:                | 1 Days  |
| Programme Area:          | Decentralize Cooperation Programme  |
| Website:                 | <a href="https://bau.edu.tr/blog/en/18997-the-%E2%80%9Clegacies-of-women-forum%E2%80%9D-...">https://bau.edu.tr/blog/en/18997-the-%E2%80%9Clegacies-of-women-forum%E2%80%9D-...</a> |
| Price:                   | \$0.00  |
| Event Focal Point Email: | cisil.sohodol@bau.edu.tr  |
| Partnership:             | CIFAL Istanbul  |

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#### BACKGROUND

This forum focused on the critical role of women's leadership and inclusive growth in driving sustainable transformation. It aimed to connect young people with strong role models while providing a platform for top female executives to share insights on leading through uncertainty. The event also served as a precursor to the 2026 Global Summit of Women in Istanbul.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Emphasize the role of universities in driving sustainable and inclusive growth.
- Provide visibility for women leaders and share global data on gender representation in leadership.
- Connect youth and the university community with successful female role models.
- Highlight the upcoming Global Summit of Women to amplify Turkish leadership stories globally.

By the end of the forum, participants will be able to:

- Identify global trends and data regarding women's representation in top leadership positions.
- Describe the challenges and responsibilities of leading large organizations during eras of uncertainty.
- Explain how emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence are creating new opportunities for leadership.
- Recognize the importance of work-life balance and evolving leadership approaches in modern sectors.
- Reflect on individual career journeys and the practical application of leadership strategies in diverse industries.

## CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The forum was structured as an interactive learning session combining keynote addresses with a multi-sector executive panel:

1. Opening & Keynote: Global Perspectives on Leadership
  - Welcoming Remarks: Addressing inclusive growth and the academic role in sustainability.
  - Global Data Presentation: A deep dive into the current status of women leaders worldwide and the importance of visibility.
2. Executive Panel: Leading in an Era of Uncertainty (Applied Learning)
  - Career Journeys: Real-world examples of overcoming professional challenges from CEOs in Cosmetics, Technology, and E-commerce.
  - Future Trends: Discussions on the impact of AI and evolving leadership styles.

### 3. Interactive Reflection (Engagement and Consolidation)

- A moderated discussion allowing participants to draw lessons from the speakers' inspiring experiences regarding balance and resilience.

## METHODOLOGY

- Keynote addresses with data-driven insights
- Moderated executive panel discussion
- Case study storytelling of career journeys
- Interactive Q&A and reflection

## TARGETED AUDIENCE

University students, faculty, and the wider university community.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The session contributes to ongoing awareness-raising and capacity-building efforts related to gender equality and leadership. The event effectively bridges the gap between academic theory and professional practice by showcasing leaders from Estée Lauder, IBM, Diageo, and Pluxee.