



Following World Food Day, HUSSAM expresses appreciation...

On October 16, 2025, the Sıhhiye Campus of Hacettepe University hosted a symposium entitled "Healthy Foods for a Healthy Future" in collaboration with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Hacettepe University Social Responsibility Implementation and Research Center (HUSSAM). Seventy guests joined the symposium, in addition to the speakers, volunteers, and organizing team members.

Representatives from HUSSAM, the World Health Organization (WHO), and FAO delivered welcome remarks. Prof. Dr. Dilek Aslan, HUSSAM Deputy Director, briefed attendees about the symposium's background. Dr. Tasnim Atatrah, Head of the WHO Türkiye Office, and Dr. Ayşegül Selışık, Deputy Representative of FAO Türkiye, expressed their thoughts on the symposium theme and extended their best wishes for its success.

FAO delegate Mr. Kiego Obara gave the symposium's keynote address, titled "The Global Situation Regarding Access to Healthy Food. Following the keynote address, a panel discussion with the title "Healthy Foods for a Healthy Future" was chaired by Prof. Dr. Zeynep Çopur, a member of HUSSAM Board of Directors. In the panel, Prof. Dr. Dilek Aslan discussed "Determinants of Healthy Nutrition," Prof. Dr. Yener Ataseven discussed "Agriculture and Food Policies: Current Situation," Prof. Dr. Neslişah Rakıcıoğlu discussed "Sustainable Nutrition," and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tufan Nayır discussed "WHO Experiences in Healthy Nutrition." The symposium's final section, titled "Recommendations for the Future," was planned in an "open discussion" format and moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Gülten Işık Koç, a member of HUSSAM Board of Directors.

The symposium's key messages included the right to health and healthy food, current global nutritional problems, determinants of (healthy) nutrition, the need for an interdisciplinary approach to solving the problems, the importance of public policies, and the development of initiatives aimed at groups with specific conditions and needs. The discussion ended with an emphasis on and expectation of similar activities in the future.

We thank all organizations and participants in the symposium.

Best regards,

HUSSAM Board of Directors (16.10.2025)

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