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# News from Drynet

A global solution for better future to dryland areas  
carried out by 15 different partners throughout the world against desertification.

## DRYNET II IS LAUNCHED!

Drynet II officially started its second term on January 1st 2011, an action providing a better future for dryland areas with the financial support of Switzerland Development and Cooperation Agency. In this second phase, Drynet continues to be an opportunity which will enable the cooperation of 15 public organizations from different parts of the world in order to support the ecosystems and living societies on dryland areas.

In accordance with the goals of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; Drynet project has turned this global action into a local movement and supported efforts of public organizations for the purpose of protecting the soil and enabling the application of the Contract. As a global network, Drynet aims to be a moving factor in bringing the subject into the political agenda and enabling the success of decision-making process by reinforcing public organizations on both local and international level.

For this reason, Drynet network worked in order to raise public and political awareness about land degradation in Africa, Asia, Europe and Southern America as well as to ensure active NGO participation to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification process.

Drynet project, second term of which has started on 2011; has three main goals:

1. Knowledge sharing to spread local information, research and experience
2. Capacity building for the reinforcement of international cooperation and coordination
3. Advocacy to affect national and international decision-making processes.

TEMA Foundation, as the Turkish partner of the project, will organize training seminars and strategical meetings and ensure knowledge sharing through project newsletters during these 3 years.

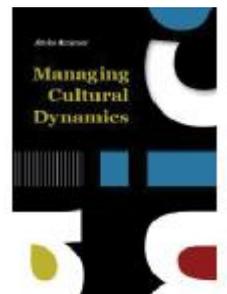


18-21 Ocak 2011 tarihleri arasında Drynet II projesi başlangıç toplantısı Boliviya'da Santa Cruz yakınlarındaki Amboro Ulusal Parkı'nda gerçekleştirildi. Toplantı dünyanın dört bir yanından Drynet üyelerini buluşturdu.

### INTER-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION TRAINING

Two-days were spared for the training, titled "Managing the Cultural Dynamics" within the launch meeting of Drynet II project which took place on 18-21 January 2011. During the training, which was given by the support of PSO and led by Jitske Kramer, a representative of the Dutch Company, Human Dynamics, more beneficial work was adopted as the common goal of the project, which has been participated by different partners from 15 different countries. The aim of the training, performed with a participatory approach, was to understand the effects of cultural differences in the Drynet network on communication and cooperation styles, to determine the cultural dynamics in the network, solve any possible confusion in duties and responsibilities, increase the level of trust, determine the possible misunderstandings as well as to define methods based of similarities and differences, and discover working methods. 3 culture types of Richard Levis have been studied and group studies were performed. Information was given about the cultural phases; and exemplary applications were introduced about the inception of the messages differently in various cultures.

For more information about this topic, we can advice you to read the book of Jitske Kramer titled "Managing Cultural Dynamics".



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## ADD AND SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Add and Support is a project that aims to generate income through one line (add-on) added to the internet user's browser by downloading from [www.ekledestekle.com](http://www.ekledestekle.com) and to transfer most of the generated income to a voluntary agency of user's choice, allowing the user to donate without paying.

Done for the first time in the world, Add and Support Project was developed by "+1 Social Step" Initiative, of which Dr. Yılmaz Argüden and Ali Kobanbay are founders. This initiative places an advertisement on a line for Add and Support, and transfers 80% of the obtained income to non-governmental organizations TEMA Foundation, TEGV or İKSV, whichever the user chooses. The only thing that internet users need to do is to download the Add and Support line to their computer and call people around them to support the project. You will be able to have sources transferred to projects by downloading Add and Support to your computer and choosing one of the foundations on the site. The process is simple. You can do it in 2-3 minutes by following the instructions on the video on [www.ekledestekle.com](http://www.ekledestekle.com).

## WORLD DESERTIFICATION DAY

United Nations have declared 17th of June the World Day to Combat Desertification in 1994, with the purpose of raising awareness in public and decision makers about the increasing danger of desertification, land degradation and drought.

As this year is the international forest year, 2011 World Day to Combat Desertification is celebrated with the slogan "Forests Make the Drylands Live". You too can organize activities within this theme on 17th of June and support the campaign against desertification!

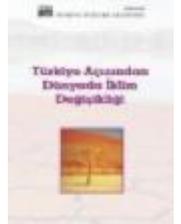
## FROM THE SHELVES...

### DIRT: THE EROSION OF CIVILIZATIONS



Do we only lose the soil with erosion, or does the civilization also disappear through waters? American geomorphologist David R. Montgomery takes into consideration the soil, an economical value and studies the relation between the soil taming and foundation of the civilization in his book named "Dirt" which is translated into Turkish with the cooperation of İş Bankası and TEMA Foundation. Continuing his studies on issues such as the importance of the soil, soil in civilizations, Montgomery's "Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations" has been deemed worthy of Washington State Book Award in general nonfiction in 2008.

### CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE WORLD Turkish Perspective



Prepared by Prof. Dr. İlhan Tekeli (Coordinator), Prof. Dr. Nesrin Algan, Prof. Murat Türkeş, Prof. Dr. Songül A.Vaizoğlu, Prof. Dr. Çağatay Güler, Prof. Dr. Ö. Faruk Tekbaş, Tezcan Eralp Abay, Ayşe Dünder Kaya, Yunus Arıkan, Dr. Abdurrahman Saygılı, Prof. Dr. Sedat Yerli and Zakir Çobanoğlu and published by Turkish Academy of Sciences, the book is a source for those who wish to gain comprehensive knowledge about climate change. The readers can find information about the reasons of climate change, their possible effects on human health, international debates and climate change ethics in this book.

## ECO-POLITICS DECLARATION

### Human Focused Politics Must Yield to Eco Politics

TEMA Foundation presented its 19 years of knowledge, experience, opinions and solution suggestions in earth, water, forest, agriculture and environment, by summarizing them in Eco-Political Declaration, to the service of political parties and electors. TEMA Foundation Eco-Political Declaration argues that human focused politics aspect must yield its place to Eco-Politics, which require belief in not only the human, but also the protection of living rights of all living and non-living things. We, TEMA Volunteers, protecting earth, water, forest, biological varieties in all provinces, cities, towns, villages, burghs, hamlets, districts of our country CALL ON POLITICAL PARTIES, candidates to govern our people, country, natural assets for four years: 'That's life, but it's not inevitable. We want politicians that care about earth, water, forest, biological diversity, that consider not only today, but tomorrow and the future to govern our country. Not only we want, but we demand including the provisions of TEMA Foundation Eco-Politics Declaration, which is aimed at preserving, protecting, vitalizing, and developing natural assets to show the methods for living together with the nature, in your election statement and party program.' [www.tema.org.tr](http://www.tema.org.tr)

## THE BIG ANATOLIAN MARCH STARTED!

The Big Anatolian March is initiated by the people of Anatolia, for preserving the soil, water, culture, and roots against recent human-oriented environmental disasters. The march, which has carried out with the slogan, "We Won't Surrender Anatolia", against all investments which damage the environment and surrounding habitat is made possible thanks to the contribution of the participants with their individual, voluntary efforts.

The march, starting from the Eastern Black Sea group, continues its way on seven different regions of Turkey. The march will last 40 days and nights, and will end on the third week of May in Ankara with the joining of the groups.

The Great Anatolia March intends to put a stop on all actions which are to effect the environment such as Biological Diversity Protection Law Draft, hydro power plants and dams, new licensing of mines, nuclear projects, and all drafts law which will damage forests.

Instead of destructing ourselves along with the nature by continuing endless consumption habits of the society; you can participate in this march as a part of your moral duty towards the presence of the nature, civilizations who have lived on these lands for ages as well as the society you live in and future generations for choosing a life which embraces the nature.

If you would like to show your support on the march from outside, you can help them with their accommodation and food needs. If there's a route which passes by or near your region, you can perform meetings, talks or interviews with the participants.

[www.vermeyoz.net](http://www.vermeyoz.net)

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TURKEY PERMACULTURE MEETING**  
24-28 June 2011, Bayramiç, Kazdağı

The event has been organized by Turkey Permaculture Research Institute.  
[www.permacultureturkey.org/](http://www.permacultureturkey.org/)

**ECOLOGY LITERACY EDUCATION 12-23**  
September 2011  
Organized by Tema Foundation  
[www.tema.org.tr](http://www.tema.org.tr)

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE BASIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**  
19-23 September 2011, Istanbul  
Conference organized by İGEM Consultancy.  
[www.igemportal.org](http://www.igemportal.org)

**10th ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT CONGRESS**  
4-7 October 2011, Çanakkale  
Congress organized by Turkey's Foundation of Biologists and Çanakkale 18 Mart University.

**II. NATIONAL SOIL AND WATER CONGRESS**  
22-25 October 2011, Ankara  
Conference hosted by Soil, Fertilizer And Water Resources Central Research Institute  
[www.topraksukongre.org](http://www.topraksukongre.org)

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