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PRESS RELEASE
ON PARTICIPATION AT THE POLICY DIALOGUE
“WOMEN SHAPING RESILIENT FUTURES:
GENDER-RESPONSIVE RECOVERY & RECONSTRUCTIONS”

A Policy Dialogue “Women Shaping Resilient Futures: Gender-Responsive Recovery & Reconstructions”, was organized in Istanbul on 2 June 2026 by UNDP, UN Women, and the German Consulate General in Istanbul.

The dialogue was part of the joint initiative “Leading for Resilience: Gender-responsive Disaster Prevention and Preparedness in Europe and Central Asia”, which seeks to operationalize the Sendai Framework Gender Action Plan by centering women’s leadership in disaster prevention, preparedness, and recovery. It provided a platform to elevate women’s voices in post-disaster recovery and reinforced the message that women’s leadership is indispensable for building resilient futures.

BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager Ambassador Venera Domi attended the event and in her keynote speech, she highlighted the importance of regional cooperation in strengthening resilience and underscored the role of organizations such as BSEC in providing platforms for dialogue, policy alignment, and partnership-building. She stressed that embedding gender-responsive approaches into disaster recovery is essential for advancing socio-economic benefits such as job creation, community empowerment, and gender equality.