

Wrap-up of the Forum

The FCIC-DEIK International Engineering Forum was held on December 1st, 2023 in Istanbul. With the theme "Reviving Communities: How the Technical Consulting Sector Drives Post-Natural Disasters Recovery", the Forum addressed issues related to technical consultancy before and after natural disasters.

Disasters are inevitable natural occurrences, and the consequences and losses resulting from such events can be mitigated by being adequately prepared and subsequently implementing prompt recovery measures. During the Forum, distinguished speakers discussed disaster recovery planning and management by the technical consultancy sector and shared different experiences. In this particular context, supplementary measures that may be taken may be succinctly summarized as follows:

1. Disaster preparedness is a long-term endeavor requiring a significant number of resources and time.
2. Policies that consider the needs and interests of the society and approach the issues in a holistic and scientific manner are necessary.
3. It requires legal arrangements that both central and local administrations will not yield to. In this context, it is important to take measures to ensure proper and appropriate use of resources and to impose sanctions on violations.
4. In planning studies, technical studies such as disaster risk maps, sub-regional plans, growth projections, transport and infrastructure plans should be handled in a multidimensional and multi-component manner.
5. However, plans prepared in accordance with these criteria are frequently changed, which adversely affects healthy urbanization and development of settlements.
6. Therefore, all kinds of zoning plans and amendments should be made in a transparent, participatory and technically appropriate manner.
7. In the context of natural disasters, it is important to work in advance on national and international co-operation to heal the wounds of disasters in a short time.