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7TH TURKISH - AFRICAN CONGRESS IS IN KHARTOUM

This year 7th Turkish-African Congress, which have been realized by TASAM in Turkey for six years, will be held in Sudan

A large number of statesmen, chairmen and managers of the think tanks and NGO's, academicians, writers, businessmen, experts and diplomatic representatives in addition to the international institutions and media members from Turkey and African Countries will take part in the **7th Turkish African Congress** which is to be held 18 - 19 January 2012.

The main theme of the Congress, which is to be held in Khartoum and co-hosted by the **Africa Institute** of Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM) and the Ministry of International Cooperation in Sudan, has been set as **"Multidimensional Power Struggle: the Future of the Turkish – African Relations**".

CHAIRMAN ŞENSOY: THE WORLD IS LIKE REDISCOVERING AFRICA

In his statement, SÜleyman Şensoy said: "The continent has become a fighting arena for the countries accepted as "global powers" and for the countries that aims to be "global powers. In addition to the powers like UK, France and US; other countries such as China, India, Brazil, Russia, Japan, Iran, S. Korea and Turkey have begun to interest in the continent after the year 2000. Therefore, the aims and strategies related with the continent have become more complicated and gained an important dimension.

Mr. Şensoy stated that Turkey, which has initiated the "Action Plan for the Africa Initiative" in 1998, supports a large number of projects, mainly the humanitarian and development assistances. So, African countries see Turkey as a sincere country that has no any political agenda about them."

Chairman Şensoy said: "Our aim is to prepare the ground for making inferences for the future of the Turkish African relations, contributing in the improvement of tolerance and communication between the Turkish and African civilizations and, therefore, taking action to contribute in the global peace and stability.

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THE INTEREST OF THE WORLD IN AFRICA IS TO BE DISCUSSED ONSITE

During the congress, which is to be continued for 2 days, such topics as “Analysis of European and American interest towards Africa within international conjecture”, “Indian and Chinese interest towards Africa, as they are accepted as rising global powers”, “Historical ties, contemporary situation, expectations and gains of Russian and Indian interest in Africa”, “Rising powers of Asia; Japanese and South Korean interests towards Africa”, “Turkish and Brazilian African initiatives”, “Expectations of African countries from Turkey” will be widely discussed.

USTKIP COMMISSION MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN KHARTOUM, AS WELL
USTKİP KOMİSYON TOPLANTILARININ ÜÇÜNCÜSÜ DE HARTUM’DA YAPILACAK

USTKIP (International Development and Cooperation Platform Of Nongovernmental Organizations) has been established in August 2008 after the declaration of the “Turkish African NGO’s Forum” which was held by TASAM African Institute with the participation of 45 African countries just before the “Turkish-African Summit” which was hosted by Turkish Presidency. With USTKIP, a process has been initiated to combine knowhow and experiments of the NGO’s operating in various fields under USTKIP to improve communication and cooperation and the website of the platform - **www.ustkip.org**- which is broadcasting in 4 languages. The third meeting of the commissions which were decided to be established with the “Istanbul Declaration” will be held in Khartoum with a wide participation. USTKIP Commission Meetings will be carried out under the main themes “Social, Economic and Political Development” and “Culture and Gender”. The first of Turkey - Sudan Round Table Meetings will be held on the second day of the congress as well.

For detailed information:
http://www.tasam.org/en/Etkinlik/89/7th_international_turkish_-_african_congress
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