WORK READINESS SUMMIT 2026 | DAY 1

5 November 2026 Thursday

TIME	CONFERENCE HALL 1 (495)	DR. BURHAN KARA CONFERENCE HALL (270)	FORUM / PLATFORM
9:30 – 10:15	OPENING CEREMONY Opening Remarks • Welcome Address BAU CO-OP Director-Bahri Toper • Istanbul Provincial Director of the Turkish Employment Agency- Uğur Oto • Rector of Bahçeşehir University-Prof. Dr. Esra Hatipoğlu • Chairman of the BAU Board of Trustees- Enver Yücel (TBC)		
10:15– 11:15	KEYNOTE 1 **Current Global Practices in Work-Integrated Education and the WACE Approach** Dr. Norah McRae, President of WACE		
11:15 – 11:30	**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**	**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**	**COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**
11:30 – 12:10	KEYNOTE 2 **What Does the Business World Expect from Universities and New Graduates?** Alp Esmer Microsoft Türkiye – Assistant General Manager, Customer Experience – Candan Eser Microsoft Türkiye Regional HR Director Multi-Country Cluster		
12:10 – 12:20	**Award Ceremony Preparation and Arrival of Award Recipients in the Hall**		
12:20 – 12:50	**CO-OP STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION AWARDS** Honor and Leadership Awards for Contribution to the Future of Young People Outstanding Student Impact Awards Brand Awards for Bringing Industry Knowledge to Campus		
12:50 – 13:30	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**
13:30 – 14:40	**Two New Public-Sector Models in University–Industry Collaboration** • Ministry of Industry and Technology – Sector on Campus Program Dr. Fatma Nur Akın - Head of the Technology Training Department • Presidency of Defence Industries – National Competency Initiative Prof. Dr. Cenk Aktaş – President of the Defence Industry Academy		
14:40 – 15:40	PANEL **More Than a Diploma: Two New University Practices for Certifying Competencies** • BAU Pathways – Bahçeşehir University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ergün Akgün – Education Advisor to the Chairman of the BAU Board of Trustees Asst. Prof. Dr. Fatma Elif Çetin – BAU Professional CLO • KUCompass – Koç University Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bülent Kılıç - Dean of Students Burcu Sarsılmaz Coşan – Director of the International Programs Office		
15:40 – 15:50	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**
15:50 – 16:50		**STUDENT VOICE PANEL** What Do Students Expect from Universities and Employers?	**TÜRKİYE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTERS FORUM** Current Situation, Best Practices and Expectations
17:00 – 18.30	Cocktail and Networking Accompanied by a BAU Conservatory Performance BAU Yalı-Port/Convention Center		

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6 November 2026 Friday

Workshops, Career Clinics and Networking Sessions

TIME	DR. BURHAN KARA CONFERENCE HALL	FORUM	PLATFORM	FOCUS-I	FOCUS-II
9:30 – 10:20	**Demand for Skilled Workforce and Trends in the Artificial Intelligence Ecosystem** Barış Karadenizli Chief Strategy & Business Development Officer **Kariyer.net**	**MR.DIY SPECIAL SESSION** **Beyond the Diploma: What Are Employers Really Looking for in Young Talent?** Ayhan GÜNEY Head of Warehouse & Logistics **MR. DIY**	**SKODA SPECIAL SESSION** **The Skoda Brand Worldwide and in Türkiye and Skoda Experience Academy Practices** İbrahim Boylu Yüce Auto Training and Development Unit Manager **Skoda Yüce Auto**	**CAREER CLINIC** **CV and LinkedIn Profile Workshop** Bilge Soylu Consultant&Project Coordinator **Grafton**	
10:20 – 11:20	**COFFY SPECIAL SESSION** **The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on HR and Recruitment** Seda Erdem Yılmaz **DP Eurasia CHRO**	**WORKSHOP** **Being a Candidate Through the Employer's Eyes: Effective CV Preparation and Interview Readiness** Gözde Üstündağ Oksay Recruitment Services Manager **Kariyer.net**	**WORKSHOP** **Communication and Feedback in the Workplace** Georgia Özkurt Sr. Learning & Development Specialist **Kariyer.net**	**"From CV to Evidence: A New Era in Competency-Based Recruitment"** Eda Oktay HR Lead- Commercial & Central Functions **Pladis**	**TÜRKİYE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTERS FORUM** Current Situation, Best Practices and Expectations
11:20 – 11:40	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**	**COFFEE BREAK**
11:40 – 12:20	**MR.DIY SPECIAL SESSION** **Leading Change: Leadership Lessons from Real Business Life** Erkan Uçar Vice President of Retail **MR. DIY**	**WORKSHOP** **Interview Simulation** Ebrar Kılıç Recruitment Services Team Lead **Kariyer.net**	**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** **Brand Entrepreneurship: Building a New Brand** Dr. Selçuk Tuzcuoğlu Faculty Member, BAU Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences **BAU**	**CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP** **Roadmap to the First Job - Core Competencies** Zeynep Ennur Şahin İdil Sinem Katırcıoğlu **BAU CO-OP**	**TÜRKİYE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTERS FORUM** Current Situation, Best Practices and Expectations
12:20 – 13:30	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**COFFEE BREAK**
13:30 – 14:20	**AKKİM SPECIAL SESSION PANEL** Koray Özgür- Director of Human and Corporate Services Melek İpek - Strategic Planning and Reporting Group Manager-Moderator Ebru Boyar Ceylan - Senior Export and Key Account Specialist Ezgi Nur Turgut - R&D Analytics Specialist **AKKİM**	**WORKSHOP** **How Can I Succeed in Video Interviews?** Ebrar Kılıç Recruitment Services Team Lead **Kariyer.net**	**WORKSHOP** **How to Prepare for Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence?** Ozan Cem Dedeoğlu Sr.Community Specialist **Kariyer.net**	**WORKSHOP** **Interview Simulation** Şevval Dayı Recruitment and Organizational Development Specialist **Tavuk Dünyası** Şevval Pınarbaşı Kıroğlu Recruitment and Organizational Development Specialist, Dürümle	
14:20 – 15:00	**Graduating in the Age of Artificial Intelligence** Ömer Faruk Çelebi Chief Technology Officer **Kariyer.net**	**AÇIK HOLDING SPECIAL SESSION** **Redesign Your Career Through Technological Transformation** Mikrolink General Manager İsmail Taşkın Öktem Boreas Teknoloji General Manager İsmail Yamangil Serban Business Development Director Ulaş Hacıefendioğlu Cemalettin Yılmaz - Vice President Responsible for the Healthcare Sector **Açık Holding**	**WORKSHOP** **Networking: Don't Just Network, Build Connections** **Özlem Özbatır** **Director of People and Culture** **Akiş GYO**	**PERSONAL BRANDING WORKSHOP** **Building a Personal Brand in Professional Life** Prof Dr. Elif Yolbulan Okan Head of the Business Administration Department - BBI Director **BAU Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences**	**AXA SİGORTA SPECIAL SESSION** **Take Control of Your Career!** Nur Simay Uyan Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Specialist **AXA Sigorta**