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At the 11th Istanbul Carbon Summit, hosted by Istanbul Technical University, Group companies Aksa Natural Gas and Aksa Power Generation were deemed worthy of two separate awards.



At the summit, Aksa Natural Gas received the Sustainable Production and Consumption Association Low Carbon Hero Award for the seventh consecutive time with its “Synergy of Natural Gas and Biomethane” project, in recognition of its contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the practice it has implemented in the field of combating climate change. The project was regarded as a noteworthy example among practices developed with a focus on low-carbon transformation. The award was received by Şinasi Gölbaşı, Vice President of Aksa Natural Gas.

Aksa Power Generation was also deemed worthy of the Sustainable Production and Consumption Association Low Carbon Hero Award with Greentech, its sustainable product series developed in consideration of the energy needs of the future. Incorporating energy efficiency and sustainability into its product development approach, this series stood out through its efforts in the field of low-carbon solutions. The award was received by Deniz Şeker, Global Production Operations General Manager of Aksa Power Generation.

The recognition of two separate Group companies at the 11th Istanbul Carbon Summit served as a tangible reflection of the efforts carried out in the fields of combating climate change and low-carbon transformation. This achievement made visible the strong contribution of the projects and products developed across Group companies to reducing environmental impacts.



SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION WITH AKSA SOLAR AND AKSA CHARGING

The initiatives carried out by Akxa Solar and Akxa Charging stood out among notable examples of sustainable transformation in the fields of renewable energy generation and low-emission transportation infrastructure.



Akxa Charging provides electric vehicle charging station services in 28 provinces, at 206 locations, with 722 sockets and 28 MW of installed capacity. Through collaborations on highways and roads, solutions developed specifically for residential complexes, and rapid fault resolution performance, the charging infrastructure is supported in reaching a wider user base.

This structure was further strengthened with another important step in terms of environmental impact. YEK-G certification was obtained for all charging stations of Akxa Charging. Thus, it was documented that all electrical energy used in charging services is supplied from renewable energy sources. Bringing together the infrastructure that supports the use of electric vehicles with renewable energy made a concrete contribution to the low-emission transportation approach.

Akxa Solar, on the other hand, carries out project design and installation services for rooftop and ground-mounted solar power plants under the EPC and ESCO models in 14 provinces. Installed capacity of 40.9 MW, end-to-end project management, field engineering experience, and maintenance-repair and rapid response capacity are among the prominent aspects of this structure.

According to the data shared, Akxa Solar's activities contributed to preventing emissions at the level of 32,150 tCO₂ and supported electricity consumption of 62,963 MWh/year. These initiatives put forward by Akxa Solar and Akxa Charging contributed to strengthening a cleaner, more efficient, and more sustainable structure in both energy generation and energy use.



A FIRST IN TURKIYE FROM AKSA CHARGING: TRANSFORMATION INTO A FULLY ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION

A facility located on the Eskişehir–Ankara Highway, which previously operated as a fuel station, was transformed by Aksa Charging into a fully electric vehicle charging station under the Şarj-In concept. This implementation stood out as the first transformation project of this scale carried out in Türkiye.



With the 100% transformation carried out, the aim was to make electric mobility more accessible on intercity routes. The reconfiguration of traditional fuel station infrastructure in a way suitable for electric vehicle use was regarded as a concrete reflection of the transformation in transportation infrastructure.

With the ultra-fast charging units installed at the facility, with capacities of 240 kW and 160 kW, service can be provided to up to 4 vehicles simultaneously. Thanks to this structure, users were enabled to access a faster, more practical, and more efficient charging experience. The transparent pricing approach also ranked among the important elements supporting the service structure.

This model developed by Aksa Charging sets an example for next-generation infrastructure applications that support the widespread use of electric vehicles in intercity transportation.



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOURNEY THROUGH "OUR STRENGTH LIES IN YOUTH"

The "Our Strength Lies in Youth" Mentorship Program, launched to contribute to the development, career planning and future journeys of students at the schools Kazancı Holding has brought into the Turkish National Education system, began with its first meetings.



The first stop of the program was Rize Ali Metin Kazancı High School. Meeting with the students, Senlav Güner, Aksa Energy Executive Board Member and Vice President of Operations and Maintenance, shared the importance of taking initiative, continuously improving oneself and moving forward with determination in line with one's goals. He emphasized that students should not be afraid of making mistakes.

The second stop of the program was Gönül Kazancı Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School in Elazığ. Meeting with the students, Emrah Tatarka, Global Marketing and Business Development Director of Aksa Power Generation, conveyed the importance of coping with challenges, setting goals, developing alternative paths and continuous learning.

The third stop of the mentorship program was Rize Kaptan Ahmet Erdoğan Anatolian Imam Hatip High School, one of the schools Kazancı Holding has brought into the education system. In this meeting, Seçkin Odabaşı, Vice President responsible for Planning, Investments and Technical Operations at Aksa Natural Gas Distribution Inc., met with the students and shared the importance of career planning, as well as learning how to learn, developing the right management skills in times of crisis and doing work one loves throughout life's journey.

The "Our Strength Lies in Youth" Mentorship Program aims to contribute to students discovering their potential, setting goals for themselves and shaping their futures with a stronger perspective. Through these meetings held in different cities, the program seeks to support young people with inspiring experiences throughout the process extending from their education life to their career journey. The mentors who will accompany students under the program consist of volunteer employees. In this context, mentorship trainings consisting of two sessions were successfully completed. The trainings addressed the mentorship approach and the role of the mentor, methods for establishing effective communication with young people, strong questioning and active listening skills, an awareness- and development-oriented approach, and the effective management of the mentorship process.

Supporting access to education, the personal development of young people, equal opportunity and the competent human resources of the future is among the key pillars of social sustainability. In this respect, "Our Strength Lies in Youth" reflects an approach that contributes not only to young people's educational journey today, but also to their long-term development and the roles they will assume in the future.

ELECTRONIC WASTE TURNED INTO DONATIONS

The electronic waste collection initiative carried out with the contributions of Kazancı Holding and Group Company employees resulted in a meaningful outcome that brought environmental benefit together with social support. Within the scope of the project, the electronic waste collected was included in the recycling process, while the revenue generated was donated to the Spinal Cord Paralytics Association of Türkiye on behalf of Kazancı Holding.

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Through the initiative carried out throughout February, small electronic devices that were no longer in use were reintroduced into the economy. In this way, the project contributed to the proper recovery of waste while also creating support that generated social benefit.

The outcome served as a strong example of how sustainability can find tangible meaning in daily life. Thanks to the sensitivity shown by employees, electronic waste that often remains unnoticed and set aside was transformed into a value-generating resource.

This donation made on behalf of Kazancı Holding demonstrated that environmentally conscious practices can be addressed together with social impact. The project showed that, when directed properly, collective contribution can generate meaningful outcomes for both the environment and society.



POLICY OF THE MONTH

GLOBAL CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY



Accurate, clear, reliable and inclusive communication is the responsibility of us all.

The path to building a strong, consistent and trustworthy corporate culture on a global scale lies in the communication we establish with our employees, business partners, shareholders and all our stakeholders.

OUR 7 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN COMMUNICATION



1. Accuracy

We always communicate in an accurate, honest, clear and simple manner.



5. Proactivity

We follow developments, assess risks and opportunities in advance, and plan our communication actions accordingly.



2. Transparency

We inform our stakeholders about our activities in an open and reliable manner.



6. Continuity

We see communication not as a one-time activity, but as a continuous and active process.



3. Accessibility

We attach importance to ensuring that our communication channels are accessible when needed.



7. Respect for Confidentiality

We take care to protect personal data and confidential information.



4. Inclusiveness

We use a communication language that takes into account the needs of different countries, cultures and teams.



COP31 ACTION AGENDA TAKES SHAPE AROUND TEN PRIORITY THEMES

The COP31 Presidency has structured the Action Agenda of the summit to be held in Antalya around ten interconnected priority themes. Views on this framework, ranging from zero waste to oceans, and from food security to green industrialization, were opened for submission until May 11.



Implementation, finance and just transition will be at the center of COP31, which will take place in Antalya on November 9–20, 2026. The Action Agenda shared by the COP31 Presidency shapes solutions to the climate crisis through ten main themes that bring together different sectors and policy areas. According to the statement published on the official website, these themes are not independent of one another; rather, they are addressed as areas that reinforce each other and are intended to generate collective impact.

The key themes highlighted in the Action Agenda are:

- **Zero Waste**
- **Oceans and Seas**
- **Food Security**
- **Climate-Resilient Cities**
- **Powering Climate Action: Financial and Institutional Support**
- **Youth and Education**
- **Green Industrialization**
- **Clean Energy Transition**
- **Rio Synergy**
- **Dynamic and Resilient Health Systems**

According to the information on the COP31 website, finance, technology and capacity building are positioned as supporting areas that cut across all these themes.

This framework demonstrates COP31's intention to address the climate agenda not only through the lens of emission reduction, but also together with interconnected areas such as circular economy, blue carbon, sustainable food systems, urban resilience, the role of youth, low-carbon industry, energy access, biodiversity and health systems. In this way, the Antalya process aims to move beyond negotiation topics and create a broader impact area focused on implementation.



THE 5TH ISTANBUL INTERNATIONAL WATER FORUM WAS HELD

At the 5th Istanbul International Water Forum, held in Istanbul on 5–6 May 2026, water resilience, global cooperation, and lasting solutions in water management came to the fore. Organized under the theme “Strengthening Water Resilience: From Innovation to Action,” the forum brought together different dimensions of the water agenda on a single platform.



The Istanbul International Water Forum, one of the important platforms focusing on the sustainable management of water and aiming to develop solutions at the global, regional, and national levels, convened once again in Istanbul. Within the scope of the forum, representatives of public institutions, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, and academia came together to evaluate priority topics related to water management.

Throughout the two-day forum, the water crisis, climate change, and water management were addressed in a multidimensional manner. Among the prominent topics discussed in the panels were strengthening capacity for water resilience, integrated frameworks for disaster risk management, the adaptation of water, sanitation, and hygiene services to climate conditions, and circular approaches in water management from wastewater to resource. Regional and global water issues were also discussed in different sessions. The need to strengthen cooperation in water management and develop lasting solutions was emphasized.

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS SHRINKING THE HABITATS OF PLANT SPECIES

New scientific studies have made the pressure of climate change on plant species more visible. The studies titled “Climate-induced range shifts support local plant diversity under climate change but increase global extinction risk” and “High risk of extinction across the flowering plant tree of life” reveal that many plant species are facing habitat loss and the risk of extinction.



According to the studies, approximately 7% to 16% of the modeled plant species are projected to lose more than 90% of their habitats by 2100. The research shows that the main driver of this risk is not only the inability of species to spread to new areas quickly enough, but also the direct disappearance of suitable climate and habitat conditions.

The study titled “High risk of extinction across the flowering plant tree of life” focuses on the current vulnerability of flowering plants. The research states that 21.2% of the evolutionary history of flowering plants is at risk of extinction and that 9,945 priority species have been identified. This finding shows that the loss is not limited to the number of species alone, but also threatens millions of years of biological heritage.

The picture indicated by these two studies together is clear: climate change is shrinking the habitats of plants by altering the temperature and precipitation conditions they need. The number of plant species at risk is expressed in the tens of thousands, pointing to an area of pressure that could have significant consequences for ecosystems, food systems and the natural processes that support human life.



SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS AND CLIMATE PRESSURE ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FIFA WORLD CUP

The sustainability plans prepared for the 2026 FIFA World Cup include concrete steps in areas such as infrastructure, climate action, waste reduction, water efficiency and biodiversity. However, the growing scale of the tournament, its structure spanning three countries and the increasing risk of high temperatures are also intensifying discussions around the environmental impact of the organization.



Within the plans prepared with a focus on sustainability, a notable framework stands out particularly across Dallas and Texas. Accordingly, the host city plan is built around seven pillars: sustainable infrastructure, climate action, improving air quality, circular economy and waste reduction, water efficiency, biodiversity and public awareness. Volunteer trainings, recycling and composting practices, biodiversity observations and citywide clean-up activities are among the on-the-ground examples of this approach.

However, critical assessments regarding the same organization reveal that the environmental picture is not entirely positive. It is stated that, particularly due to the tournament expanding across a wider geography and the increase in the number of teams, transport-related emissions could rise significantly and the total greenhouse gas impact could exceed the average of past tournaments by a considerable margin. The greatest pressure is expected to stem from air travel.

Another dimension of the debate is the risk of extreme heat. Recent analyses indicate that, during a significant share of the matches to be played in the summer months, temperature and humidity could reach levels that may pose challenges for athlete health. For this reason, water breaks, scheduling and additional precautions are gaining greater importance. As a result, the issue is no longer limited to the carbon footprint; it also extends to climate adaptation and event safety.

The emerging picture is clear: in major sporting events, sustainability can no longer be addressed solely as a matter of communication. While good practices in waste, energy, water and awareness are valuable, the main determining criterion will be the extent to which the event's total environmental impact can be reduced.

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ECO MYTHS

Myth 1:

Everything digital is environmentally friendly.



Digitalization offers many advantages in terms of sustainability. It reduces paper use, lowers the need for physical archives, accelerates certain business processes, and can contribute to reducing transport-related emissions through remote working or online meetings. For this reason, e-invoices, digital documents, online trainings and video conferences are often regarded as environmentally friendly solutions.

However, the digital world also has an invisible environmental impact. Every search we make online, every email we send, every video we watch and every file we store in the cloud is processed or stored in a data center. These data centers require continuous electricity to operate. In addition, cooling systems are used to ensure that servers operate safely and efficiently. In other words, although digital content may not be physically visible to us, it has a real impact in terms of energy consumption.

In particular, watching high-resolution videos storing unnecessary files, keeping unused accounts active, automatic backups and ever-growing data traffic can increase the digital carbon footprint.

Not printing a document is a positive step for the environment; however, storing, sharing and backing up the same document multiple times across different platforms also creates energy consumption.

This does not mean that digitalization is harmful. On the contrary, when used correctly, digital solutions can reduce resource consumption, make business processes more efficient and create environmental benefits. However, the word “digital” alone does not mean “zero impact” or “entirely environmentally friendly.”

In short, digital solutions can provide environmental benefits when used correctly; however, they are not completely impact-free. Sustainable digital use requires using technology consciously, reducing unnecessary data accumulation and reviewing our digital habits.

A small note for conscious choices:

Deleting unnecessary emails, cleaning up unused cloud files, checking automatic backups, using video quality only as needed and making use of old devices for as long as possible are small but effective steps toward digital sustainability. Let us remember: invisible data also consumes resources.



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