

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Panel Discussion: “MIKTA for Change – Dialogue on SDGs”

The panel brought together representatives from the five MIKTA countries—Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia—to discuss how middle-power cooperation can accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each delegation delivered a concise 5–10 minute intervention outlining national priorities, shared challenges, and strategic contributions to MIKTA’s collective agenda. The session emphasized MIKTA’s unique role as a bridge between developed and developing countries, reinforcing its position as a constructive platform for cross-regional collaboration and practical multilateralism.

Key Country Insights

- The Republic of Korea highlighted MIKTA’s value in addressing global challenges through a middle-power coalition. Korea outlined three priority areas, with a strong emphasis on youth empowerment and cultivating the next generation of leaders. Frequent inter-MIKTA engagements were underscored as essential to sustaining momentum.
- Indonesia reaffirmed that dialogue on SDGs lies at the core of MIKTA cooperation. Indonesia emphasized transformation, cross-continental collaboration, and alignment of diverse middle-power capacities to advance sustainable development.
- Mexico emphasized the privilege of participating in MIKTA and reflected on its long-standing engagement with Indonesia. The country framed MIKTA as a strategic space for exchanging perspectives among nations with varied regional and sociopolitical contexts.
- Türkiye highlighted the strength of MIKTA’s cross-regional character, combining wide-ranging capabilities and experiences. Türkiye stressed education as a driver of social mobility and focused on humanitarian commitments, including refugee management—one of its major domestic challenges.
- Australia reaffirmed middle-power diplomacy as the foundation of its MIKTA engagement. In a period where multilateralism faces stress, Australia sees MIKTA as a bridge-builder. It emphasized humanitarian support, coalition-building, and gender equality as essential pillars for effective

development. The urgency of achieving the 2030 SDG targets was reiterated.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Several unifying issues emerged across all five interventions:

- Youth empowerment as a central shared priority.
- Reinforcement of middle-power cooperation to strengthen global multilateral structures.
- Emphasis on education, gender equality, humanitarian work, and social inclusion as strategic areas for joint progress.
- Recognition of the 2030 SDG deadline as a pressing collective challenge.

Q&A Highlights

Participants raised three key concerns:

1. Peacebuilding (GPF): Clarification on MIKTA's focus areas and how youth participation is being encouraged in peacebuilding processes.
2. Language Barriers (Student): Inquiry on policy mechanisms to address linguistic challenges in cross-country cooperation.
3. Youth Programming (Vice Dean): Recommendation for MIKTA to organize more frequent youth-focused programs, forums, and consortium initiatives to deepen engagement.

Overall, the session underscored MIKTA's strategic relevance as a collaborative platform capable of mobilizing diverse strengths to support SDG progress, foster inclusive diplomacy, and empower the next generation of leaders.

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