International Transplant Network (ITN) is a civil initiative actively engaged in different aspects and branches of organ donation and transplantation. It represents a platform that combines universities, professional non-governmental organizations, and governmental authorities.

**Main Objective**
The main objective of ITN is to set up a sustainable international collaboration to determine the current state of organ donation and transplantation in the participating countries, to access the needs and to support the necessary improvements to be made in:

- Legal Aspects
- National Organizations
- Donation Activities
- Transplant Practices

which together make up the main aspects of organ donation and transplantation systems.

**Specific Objectives**
- To review the existing laws on donation and transplantation and to promote the implementation of an effective legislative framework;
- To contribute to the establishment and capacity building of national transplant authority and systems;
- To organize and implement basic and advanced training programs for key donation persons (transplant coordinators, intensive care specialists, other specialist physicians who are in charge of intensive care units, ICU nurses) and transplant professionals;
- To create public awareness strategy documents in organ donation based on mutual
interests and cooperative action of participating countries;

• To increase the awareness of national authorities and health professionals about organ trafficking and transplant tourism and to promote international cooperation for struggling against these crimes;

• To support efforts in strengthening existing transplant services;

• To elaborate recommendation and consensus documents that are agreed upon by all participants;

• To encourage networking and enhance international cooperation

• To establish pilot actions to be developed in specific settings;

• To setup an IT system for data registry and management in the field of organ donation and transplantation for the countries at the initial steps of developing their transplant systems.

Every year more than one hundred thousand patients waiting for organ transplants die either unable to find a suitable organ or not being able to access transplant services worldwide.
Project Background

Transplantation, as the best treatment for around one million people suffering from organ failure remains the top place among all medical practices. However, the shortage of organ donation is a major problem around the world. Every year more than one hundred thousand patients waiting for organ transplant die either due to limited organ donation or not being able to access transplant services. To resolve organ shortage and to offer more patients the opportunity of better quality of life, it is necessary to increase the number of donors and to improve transplant services.

Establishment of a well-functioning system of organ donation and transplantation is a very sophisticated process, which consists of not only medical but also ethical, legal, psychosocial, cultural, economic, and religious aspects. Hence, a collaborative action and long-term networking with all the relevant actors at the local and international level is necessary.

Another reason why international cooperation in the field is highly important is because organ trafficking and transplant tourism violates the principles of equity, justice, and respect; which is a very serious problem. Organ shortage as a global problem culminated in increased number of living donor transplants which makes it necessary for the authorities to be more cautious about organ trafficking and to protect the vulnerable populations against this threat. Cooperative action at the international level can make numerous contributions to ameliorating the existing national and international legal framework and to set up effective detection, punishment, and rehabilitation systems that can guarantee justice for victims of such crimes.
In recent years, it is possible to observe an increasing awareness about a necessity for a global sustainable networking in the field of transplantation. Countries with a long history and high level of expertise in this field have a comparative advantage which saddles them with the responsibility to action urgently. The request for the international collaboration of developing countries is often emphasized at international conferences and events about donation and transplantation. The reason behind this request is the need for technical assistance in developing countries at different stages of developing their transplant systems.

Taking this request into consideration, International Transplant Network project aims to create a long-term international collaboration and to provide sustainable technical assistance in order to set up a donation and transplantation system and to improve the existing system in developing countries. Since 2015, we have been in collaboration with 78 countries.
Project Phases

1st Phase
It is aimed to determine the current status in organ donation and transplantation, to analyze the needs and define priorities in participating countries and to create an action plan for 2nd phase of ITN.

2nd Phase
It is the main part of ITN as it includes the implementation of action plans. As it could be stated “Networking Stage”, trainings, study visits and many scientific activities will be put into action during this stage.

Mission
The mission of ITN is to contribute to the establishment and sustainability of highly effective organ donation and transplantation systems and services in the countries partaking in the network.

Vision
The vision of ITN is promoting international medical, ethical and legal norms, and principles in the field of transplantation worldwide; giving more people the chance to have access to high quality services for increasing quality of life and donor safety; and to help more patients get listed and receive organ transplants.

Founding Member Institutions
• Turkish Society of Transplant Coordinators
• Turkish Society of Liver Transplantation
• Turkish Society of Intensive Care
• Turkish Society of Medical Law
• Turkish Transplant Foundation
• Health Sciences University
• Ankara University
• Acibadem University
Participating Countries

AFRICA
- Angola
- Benin
- Algeria
- Chad
- DR Congo
- Ethiopia
- Morocco
- Gambia
- Ghana
- South Sudan
- Cameroon
- Kenya
- Libya
- Madagaskar
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Senegal
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia

ASIA
- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Armenia
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kirghizistan
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Uzbekistan
- Pakistan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan

MIDDLE EAST
- UAE
- Palestine
- Iraq
- Iran
- Israel
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Egypt
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- Oman
- Jordan
- Yemen

EUROPE
- Albania
- Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Hungary
- Montenegro
- Kosovo
- TRNC
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Greece
1st Workshop
June 11-13, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia

2nd Workshop
June 25-27, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Ethiopia, South Sudan, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Somalia
3rd Workshop
July 9-11, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Chad, Morocco, Libya, Mali, Egypt, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, Niger, Azerbaijan

4th Workshop
September 3-5, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen, Kuwait, Palestine, Jordan
1st Phase / Workshops

5th Workshop
September 17-19, 2015 - Princess Hotel Ortaköy - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Slovenia, Slovakia

6th Workshop
December 3-5, 2015 - Polat Hotel Bosphorus - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Algeria, Albania, Greece, Ghana, Angola, DR Congo, Benin, Gambia, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Malaysia, Syria
7th Workshop
February 8-11, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Burkina Faso, Comoros, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Iran, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Central African Republic

Common Needs

Trainings
• Courses for Transplant Coordination (ICU Physicians, Nurses and Others)
• Courses for Transplant Nursing
• Special Trainings for Transplant Surgeons/Physicians
• Internship Programs
• Observership Programs

Study Visits
Legal and Organisational Support
Public Awareness Strategy Plan
IT System
**1st Media Workshop**
August 17-19, 2016 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY

**Participating Countries:**
Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Senegal, Gabon, Cameroon, Nigeria, Chad, Ivory Coast, Sudan, Burkina, Faso, Gambia, Djibouti, Benin, Mali

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**2nd Media Workshop**
August 24-26, 2016 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY

**Participating Countries:**
Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Somalia, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Mozambique, Uganda, Malaysia, TRNC, Niger
3rd Media Workshop
September 7-9, 2016 - Hilton Bosphorus Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
UAE, Yemen, Iraq, Kuwait, Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Egypt, Libya, Qatar, Bahrain

4th Media Workshop
January 11-13, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina, Madagascar, DR Congo, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Ghana, Georgia, Mongolia, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Iran, Tanzania, Armenia
5th Media Workshop
January 25-27, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Kosovo, Romania, Montenegro, Israel, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Serbia, Morocco, Moldova, Macedonia, DR Congo, Iran, Mongolia
Participating Countries:
Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, TRNC, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
2nd Phase / Technical Workshop

Technical Workshop
July 23-25, 2015 - The Radisson Blu Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY

Participating Countries:
Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, TRNC
2nd Phase / Study Visits

SUDAN STUDY VISIT
DECEMBER 6 - 10, 2015 KHARTOUM
2nd Phase / Study Visits

STUDY VISIT TO TRNC
MARCH 8-11, 2017 NICOSIA
Study Visit to Mozambique

MALAYSIA STUDY VISIT
APRIL 25-28, 2017 KUALA LUMPUR
2nd Phase / Study Visits

SENEGAL STUDY VISIT
MAY 8 - 11, 2017 DAKAR
2nd Phase / Trainings & Courses

1st International Training Course in Transplant Coordination
December 14-18, 2015 - The Marmara Pera - Istanbul/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Trainings & Courses

1st International Training Course for Transplant Nursing
October 9-20, 2017 - Nippon Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY
2\textsuperscript{nd} Phase / Trainings & Courses

1\textsuperscript{st} International Course for Kidney Transplant Surgery

November 16-18, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel Taksim - Istanbul/TURKEY
2nd International Training Course in Transplant Coordination
December 10-14, 2018 - The Radisson Blu Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY
Niger Health Delegation Visit

July 16-21, 2017 - Ankara - Istanbul/TURKEY
Chad Health Delegation Visit

April 16-21, 2018 - Ankara - Istanbul/TURKEY
21st International Intensive Care Symposium

May 12-13, 2017 - Hilton Bomonti Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Symposium Participation

ITNS International Transplant Nursing Symposium
June 24-26, 2017 - Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista - Orlando/USA
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

18th National Intensive Care Congress
April 6-10, 2016 - Titanic Deluxe Hotel Belek - Antalya/TURKEY
EDTCO 2016 - European Organ Donation Congress
October 27-29, 2016 - Crown Plaza Hotel - Barcelona/SPAIN
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

6th Transplantation Immunology and Genetics Association Congress

April 6-9, 2017 - Rixos Premium Otel Belek- Antalya/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

ILTS 2017 - Prag

May 24-27, 2017 - Prague Congress Centre - Prag/Czech Republic
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

ISODP 2017
Organ Donation Congress

September 6-9, 2017 - CICG-Centre International de Conférences- Geneva/SWITZERLAND
ESOT 2017 - Centre Convencions International Barcelona
September 24-27, 2017 - Crown Plaza Hotel - Barcelona/SPAIN
2nd International Medical Law Congress
ITN Joint Meeting

September 20-21, 2017 - Mirage Park Hotel - Antalya/TURKEY
September 21-23, 2017 - The Marmara Hotel - Istanbul/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

5th National Transplant Coordination Symposium (with International Participation)

December 13-15, 2017 - Ayscha Papillon Hotel - Antalya/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Congress Participation

1st International Transplant Network Congress
6th National Transplant Coordination Symposium

October 17-21, 2018 - Rixos Sungate Hotel - Antalya/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Symposium & Training

1st International Advanced Liver & Pancreas Surgery Symposium

September 28-30, 2017 - Ankara/TURKEY
2nd Phase / Competition & Awards

1st International Organ Donation Poster Competition
(Award Ceremony and Exhibition)

April 6, 2015 - Kutahya Dumlupinar University - Kutahya/TURKEY
2nd International Organ Donation Poster Competition
(Award Ceremony and Exhibition)

September 7, 2017 - Geneva/SWITZERLAND
2nd Phase / Competition & Awards

1st International Organ Donation Cartoon Contest Competition

May 17, 2018 - Radisson Blu Hotel - İstanbul/TURKEY
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