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**RIPPLE**  
 Meetup *Türkiye*

## Agenda

09:30 – 10:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Networking</b>
10:00 – 10:25 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
10:25 – 10:40 AM	<b>RIPPLE Platform Overview</b>
10:45 – 11:00 AM	<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> Dr. Ayman El Tarabishy President, International Council for Small Business (ICSB) Professor at George Washington University
11:00 – 12:45 PM	<b>Roundtable Discussion</b> <i>Theme: What Works &amp; What Does Not Work in Entrepreneurship Support Organizations?</i> Open peer discussion among all participants covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable models for ESOs</li> <li>• Founder centered program design</li> <li>• University entrepreneurship and youth engagement</li> <li>• Effectively engaging Investors and mentors</li> <li>• Internationalization and ecosystem partnerships</li> <li>• Funding and sustainability challenges</li> <li>• M&amp;E: Measuring real impact beyond vanity metrics</li> </ul>
12:45 – 02:15 PM	<b>Jumu'ah Prayer, Lunch &amp; Networking</b>

## PROPOSED AGENDA OUTLINE:



02:15 – 03:45 PM

### THEMATIC DISCUSSION GROUPS, PART ONE

This format is designed to encourage deeper networking, practical peer learning, and focused conversations around specific ecosystem challenges and opportunities, while enabling participants to exchange experiences directly with ecosystem leaders and practitioners from different countries and institutional models.

Participants will sit in groups with 8-10 per group, where each table host will discuss one topic.

Participants will discuss and put their suggestions in 20 mins, then,

each participant will move to another table of their choice. At the end, every table host will make a short summary (5 min) and present it to all participants.

#### Themes:

- Designing founder-first incubation programs
- University innovation commercialization
- AI and digital transformation within ESOs
- Supporting startups during economic uncertainty
- Investors engagement and ethical investment
- Cross-border collaboration models
- Community building and entrepreneurial culture

03:45 – 04:15 PM

### Group Reflections & Key Takeaways

04:15 – 04:30 PM

### Closing Remarks & Future RIPPLE Collaborations

## KEYNOTE / ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS:



- **Prof. Dr. A. Vedat Akgiray,**

Chairman of the Board, CARF & Professor of Finance, Bogazici University

- **Mr. Murat Onuk,**

General Manager, Arz Portföy and Board Member, CARF

- **Mr. Ivan Sandjaja,**

Managing Director, Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN), Indonesia

- **Dr. Ayman El Tarabishy**

President & CEO, International Council for Small Business (ICSB); Deputy Chair and Teaching Professor of Management, George Washington University School of Business, USA

- **Dr. Wael Eldesouki Bedda**

Secretary General, SKSEED (Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development Organization)

- **Dr. Heba Al Ashry**

Director, AAST Entrepreneurship Center, Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport

- **Mr. Sami Serdar**

Director, International Incubation Center, Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF)

- **Dr. Ahmet Bilici**

Founder and CEO, PROMATECH Maritime Technologies, Investor, fonbulucu.com

- **Mr. Ayman Ghoneam**

CEO AGz DEV | Tech & Innovation Enabler

- **Aadam Sümer**

Co-Founder / Partner of London Venture Capital Network

- **Mr. Abdulla Mohammed Al-Naimi**

Managing Director, Doha Business Consulting, Qatar

- **Dr. Muhammad Sharif**

Advisor / Director, Science and Environment Sector, ICESCO