

**FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR EUROPE
Thirtieth Session
Antalya, Turkey, 4-6 May 2016**

EXPO Study Tour Programme

**Friday, 6 May 2016
09.30h – 12.30 hours**

EXPO 2016 Antalya Exhibition Area

Provisional Agenda

09.30 – 10.00	Departure to EXPO Area by Shuttles from Akra Barut hotel
10.00 – 10.30	Tree Planting Ceremony
10.30 – 12.00	EXPO site (guidance will be provided)*
12.00 – 12.30	Return to Akra Barut Hotel by Shuttles

The agenda may change according to the weather conditions. Possible spots that may be visited are as follows;

- *Gübretaş Agriculture and Biodiversity Museum*
- *Country Gardens*

Background

Expositions are cultural, historical, educational and international activities that have been organized since 1851, strengthening communication and well-being among countries while displaying and generating ideas, initiatives and cultural attributes as well as scientific findings. One valuable aspect of an exposition is that it reflects the cultural heritage of a host country within the context of universal themes.

The EXPO 2016 Antalya International Horticultural Exposition has been organized as Turkey's first EXPO, in Aksu, Antalya, Turkey, on a 112-hectare site, from 23 April-30 October 2016. More than eight million visitors are expected during that period. The EXPO site includes impressive locations and settings, including gardens from participating countries, the Children's Island, providing a joyful learning environment, and the EXPO lake, as well as a Congress Centre - the largest in Turkey.

Theme of the EXPO 2016 Antalya "Flowers and Children"

The theme was chosen with the motto "*A Green Life for Future Generations*" proposing a journey for children into the realms of horticulture, natural resources, sustainable development and ecological options.

The subthemes are **history, biodiversity, sustainability and green cities**, underlining environment-friendly ecological and natural agriculture.

The **peony (Paeonia Turcica)** was chosen as the symbol for EXPO 2016 Antalya International Horticultural Exposition, taking into consideration characteristics such as its relation to the region, its potential for trade as well as the fact that it is one of 4 000 endemic plant species grown in Turkey out of a total of 11 000 worldwide.