

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

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**EXPO Study Tour Program**

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

**EXPO 2016 Antalya Exhibition Area**

**Provisional Agenda**

<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	Departure to EXPO Area by Shuttles from Akra Barut hotel
<b>10.00 – 10.10</b>	Cocktail Reception <b>Area:</b> <i>EXPO Exhibition Area VIP Hall</i>
<b>10.10 – 10.30</b>	Tree Planting Ceremony <b>Area:</b> <i>FAO Garden Tree Planting Area</i>
<b>10.30 – 10.50</b>	Visiting Turkish Airlines Science, Child and Technology Center
<b>10.50- 12.00</b>	Visiting Country and Institutional Gardens
<b>12.00 – 12.30</b>	Return to Akra Barut hotel by Shuttles

## Background

Expositions are cultural, historical and educational international activities that have been organised since 1851, strengthening the communication and wellbeing between the countries while displaying and generating ideas, initiatives and cultures as well as scientific findings. One valuable aspect of the expositions is that it reflects the cultural heritage of the host countries, in the context of universal themes.

**The EXPO 2016 Antalya International Horticultural Exposition is organised as Turkey's first EXPO, in Aksu, Antalya, Turkey, on a 112-hectare site, from April 23 to October 30, 2016. More than 8 million visitors are expected during that period. The EXPO site includes impressive spots including gardens of the participating countries as well as a Congress Center that is the biggest one in Turkey, the Children's Island providing a joyful learning environment or EXPO lake.**

## Theme of the EXPO 2016 Antalya "Flowers and Children"

The theme is chosen with the motto "***A Green Life for Future Generations***" proposing the children a journey regarding 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*)** is chosen as the symbol flower for EXPO 2016 Antalya International Horticultural Exposition, taking into consideration the characteristics such as its relation with the region, its potential for trade as well as the fact that it is one of the four thousand endemic plant species grown in Turkey out of eleven thousand, all around the world.

**Language:** *The guidance during the field visit will be in English.*