

To: Prof. Dr. Neslihan Önenli Mungan
Chair, Adana Chamber of Medicine



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Workshop on Iskenderun Bay Toolkit at Adana Chamber of Medicine

Dear Prof. Dr. Neslihan Önenli Mungan,

As the Health and Environment Alliance HEAL, we had the opportunity to organise our preparatory workshop on the HEAL toolkit on Iskenderun Bay project meeting on 12 December 2015 at the premises of Adana Chamber of Medicine with your kind hospitality. The meeting brought together some 20 distinguished representatives of health and environment community from Adana, Hatay, Mersin and Osmaniye, also including TTB members, who are working on protection of human and public health against the risks posed by the current energy policies of the governments and companies; based on fossil fuels and particularly coal.

The members of Adana Chamber of Medicine, in particular you as the chair of the chamber, also contributed to the development of the *Toolkit – Coal Power Generation and Health*, which aims to empower the people living in the Bay area in their efforts to prevent new coal power plants in the region.

The Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) is a leading European not-for-profit organisation addressing how the environment affects health in the European Union (EU). With the support of more than 70 member organisations, representing health professionals, not-for-profit health insurers, patients, citizens, women, youth and environmental experts, HEAL brings independent expertise and evidence from the health community to different decision-making processes.

Since November 2014, HEAL has been working in Turkey on coal-fired power plants and the associated health impacts together with the Turkish Medical Association, its provincial chambers as well as other specialty associations of the health community in the country. Our aim is to strengthen this cooperation to achieve good health for all in Turkey, Europe and beyond.

We would like to convey our deep appreciation to you and your members for your contribution to the development and launch of toolkit, as well as for hosting us and the representatives of Turkish health and environment community at your premises.

We will be delighted to keep you informed about our activities and continue to build on this cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Stauffer, Deputy Director, HEAL