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The World Design Organization™ (WDO) held its fifth World Design Talks™ at the Historical Gasworks Culture Center in Izmir (Turkey) on 29 June 2018. Through a series of participatory and collaborative work, the event was hosted by the Izmir Mediterranean Academy, Branch of Izmir Metropolitan Municipality in coordination with WDO Members: Izmir University of Economics, Department of Industrial Design; Industrial Designers’ Society of Turkey, Izmir Branch; and Vestel Electronics, as well other design communities from Izmir.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
NILGÜN TOKER KILINÇ
The Right to Settle and Share Life: Living Together

MUGENDI K. M’RITHAA
Design for Conviviality: an Afrikan perspective

SERHAN ADA
The Culture of Co-living in Izmir

5 WORKSHOPS

1. WITH NATURE
How does urban design enhance the relationship between nature and habitat? How do we design the intersection between city and nature? How can we design to raise awareness and change behaviour? How does bridge-and-tunnel design affect nature in bay cities such as Izmir?

2. WITHIN SOCIETY
What are the main challenges and opportunities of designing an inclusive and democratic society for all? How can we deal with the problems of social inequality, poverty and lack of capacity by stimulating the networks of social support and solidarity? How can we design for/against gendered responsibilities in urban public space? Is it really possible to design cities for all?

3. IN THE CITY
What can be done for the city individually, collectively (i.e. by groups) and institutionally?

4. WITH HERITAGE
How can cultural heritage become more integrated into the daily life of the city to promote cohesion and cooperation among diverse communities, as well as help city dwellers learn from different memory communities? What are the most important issues that relate to Izmir’s cultural heritage and what potential do different branches of design offer in addressing those issues?

5. WITH TECHNOLOGY
Using open-source design and technology, how can designers address the challenges of the 4th Industrial Revolution?