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Programme



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OVERVIEW

The inaugural **Baku Climate Action Week (BCAW 2024)** will take place from Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October 2024. It will mark a key point in the climate calendar as the international community prepares for COP29 in Baku in November 2024.

Following on the heels of the UN General Assembly (10-24/9) and New York Climate Week (22-29/9), Baku Climate Action Week (30/9-4/10) will pick up the drumbeat for the Roadmap to Mission 1.5°C, announced by the Climate COP Presidencies Troika, and support the COP29 Presidency's 14-point Action Agenda.

With an international perspective and local context, Baku Climate Action Week (BCAW) will bring together key stakeholders from policy, private sector, finance, trade and investment, science & academia, cities and regions, arts and culture, civil society and media as the next step from Bonn, London Climate Action Week and New York, to build the foundations for a successful COP29.

Baku Climate Action Week will serve as the key moment to deepen the national conversation and accelerate action on climate change in Azerbaijan, including through existing initiatives for sustainable growth. BCAW will seek to engage everyone from political and business leaders to local communities and young people. It will serve as an educational and inspirational platform to address Azerbaijan's current challenges due to climate change, explore progress so far in key sectors such as oil and gas, create and deepen partnerships in the region and internationally, including through the Presidency's Action Agenda.

SCOPE & OBJECTIVE

With its strapline – Engage | Innovate | Accelerate - Baku Climate Action Week brings a can-do approach to the climate challenge. It combines a global perspective with local action, bringing international thought leaders to inspire and engage local stakeholders at a strategic moment ahead of COP29.

BCAW 2024 will serve as the first step in a whole of society mobilisation effort in Azerbaijan, emphasizing the need to engage everyone and use innovation as the platform for a just and green transition for the country through multistakeholder engagement and partnership development.

BCAW will demonstrate Azerbaijan's commitment as a serious and confident actor, to national green transformation, regional leadership and global influence in the lead-up to COP29. Baku Climate Action Week will be an inflection point for a positive can-do narrative on the green transition grounded in local and regional realities. It will also seek to support Azerbaijan's own transition through new collaborations, investment and partnerships by like-minded partners committed to a just transition and climate action.

PROGRAMME

The week will focus on essential themes delivered in partnership with local, national and international partners.

The first half of the week (30/9-2/10) will showcase climate solutions involving public institutions, academia and the private sector. The second half (3-4/10) will feature science, academia, arts, culture and other sectors, leveraging Baku's rich cultural heritage to tell the story of an ancient city and country in transition. It will include walks, talks, exhibitions to offer an immersive experience.

Baku Climate Action Week will kick off a multi-annual nationwide climate conversation, building step-by-step towards a whole state and whole of society mobilization. There will be multiple venues across the city for public and private events during Baku Climate Action Week. The following are the principal venues for the official programme:

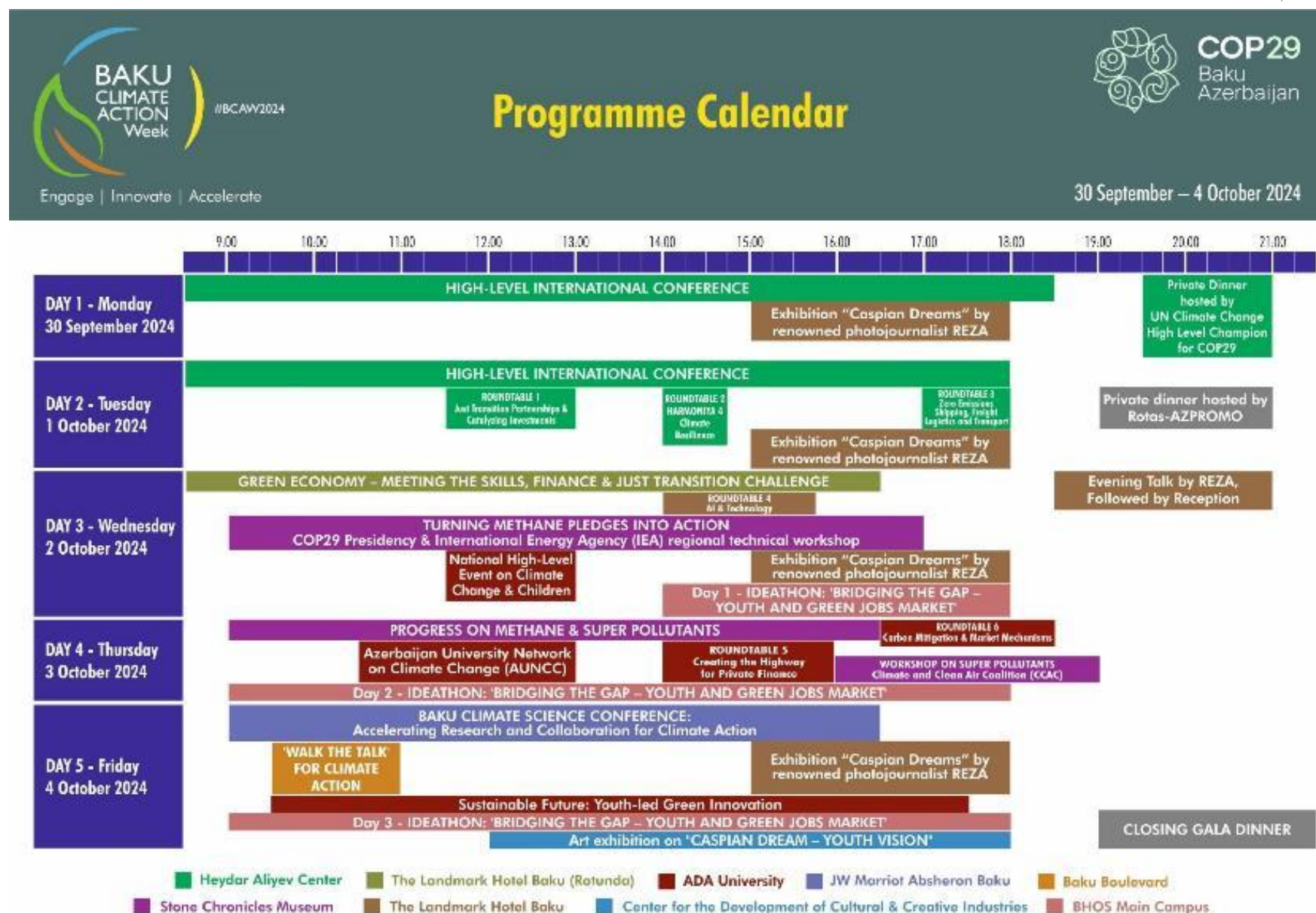
VENUES

Heydar Aliyev Center	Stone Chronicle Museum	ADA University
JW Marriot Absheron Baku	Landmark Hotel Baku	BHOS Main Campus

AUDIENCE

The intended audience is a combination of local, regional, and international attendees drawn from diverse sectors, including thought leaders, experts and practitioners from: Policy, private sector, finance, science & technology, academia, civil society, cities and regions, arts and culture, built environment, infrastructure and sports, with an emphasis on gender balance and youth engagement.

Disclaimer: The Programme for Baku Climate Action Week may be subject to change due to adjustments needed. Kindly refer to the website regularly for the most up to



Day 1 – Monday 30 September 2024 HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – BAKU CLIMATE ACTION WEEK Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre	
Time	Day 1 Theme: ENERGY TRANSITION & BUILT ENVIRONMENT
08:30-09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:15	OPENING CEREMONY - Moderator: Ms Malini Mehra , Curator, Baku Climate Action Week Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High Level Champion for COP29 • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President Designate, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Mikayil Jabbarov, Minister of Economy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Parviz Shahbazov, Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Prof Sir Jim Skea, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (video message) • Ms Katja Doerner, Mayor of Bonn, ICLEI Chair, Climate Action Governance (video message) High-level segment with Ministers, Members of Parliament, Ambassadors, University Rectors, Heads of International Organisations, and Media
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:45	Session 1: The Climate Imperative – from Local to Global Action This Plenary session will set the scene for the scientific basis for climate action, referring to the latest climate science, addressing both national and global context as 2024 sets new warming records. Presentation followed by remarks from senior Government and International representatives. Moderator: Ms Vladanka Andreeva , UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stuart Brocklehurst, Dy Vice Chancellor for Business Engagement & Innovation, Director of Green Futures Solutions, University of Exeter • Ms Umayra Tagiyeva, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources • Mr Yalchin Rafiyev Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan, and COP29 Chief Negotiator • Mr Elnur Aliyev, Deputy Minister of Economy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Mikael Melin, Head, People Centred Programmes at SEforALL

11:45 – 13:00	<p>Session 2: Azerbaijan's Energy Transition</p> <p>This Plenary session will provide an overview of Azerbaijan's energy context, including the 2050 Vision, presenting the challenges and opportunities of a just transition from fossil fuels to clean energy. Key stakeholders contributing to the delivery of the transition will provide further contextual remarks.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Alessandra Roccasalvo, UNDP Resident Representative in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Elnur Soltanov, Chief Executive Officer of COP29, Deputy Minister of Energy • Mr Elmir Musayev, General Director, SOCAR-Green • Dr Patrick Herhold, Managing Director & Senior Partner, BCG • Mr Alessandro Bresciani, SVP, Climate Technology Solutions, Baker Hughes • Mr Maxim Zubov, Vice President, Siemens Energy • Dr Abdulla Malek, Director of Energy Transition at COP28
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:50	<p>Session 3: The Urban Context – Built Environment, Risk & Resilience</p> <p>Starting with a focus on Azerbaijan, this Plenary session will set the scene for the urban sustainability challenge and link with the COP29 Presidency-led Multisectoral Actions Pathway (MAP) to Resilient and Healthy Cities. Key stakeholders contributing to green urban transformation will provide further contextual remarks.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Candice McDeigan, Country Director, Azerbaijan Resident Mission at Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Anar Guliyev, Chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Emin Huseynov, Special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Aghdam, Fuzuli and Khojavand regions • Mr Elmar Mammadov, Head of Partnerships, COP29 Presidency • Ms Lin O'Grady, Deputy Director, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD)
14:50-14:55	<p>Signing Ceremony: MOU between State Urban Planning and Architecture Committee and IFC on Green Buildings Framework in Azerbaijan.</p>

14:55-15:45	<p>Session 4: Smart Cities & Resilient Infrastructure – Role of Sustainable Design & Construction</p> <p>This session presents the latest advances in sustainable design, materials, platforms, tools, and processes to accelerate decarbonisation and resilience in the construction industry and large infrastructure developments such as ports and airports, with input from leading experts and industry figures.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Anna Soave, Head of Country Programme, UN-Habitat Azerbaijan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Paul Toyne, Group Sustainability Leader, Grimshaw • Dr Taleh Ziyadov, Director General, Port of Baku • Ms Kanika Dewan, Chair, Ka Ventures/ Ka Design Atelier; President, Bramco Group • Dr Darshana Godaliyadde, Director, Resilience 4 Ports Initiative, International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure • Mr Prashant Kapoor, Chief Industry Specialist Green Buildings and Green Cities, IFC
15:45-16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
16:15-17:15	<p>Session 5: Financing the Urban Transition – Green Finance & Investment Models that Work</p> <p>This Plenary presents experience from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas on diverse finance models with proven efficacy in powering cities and regions with their net zero regeneration and adaptation efforts.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Aliya Azimova, IFC Country Head for Azerbaijan</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Marcelo de Andrade, Founder & Chair, Pro Natura International; Co-Founder, Earth Capital • Ms Vanessa Erogbogbo, Chief of Section, International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva • Mr Yasin Kasirga, Decarbonization Leader – Middle East & Africa, GE Vernova • Mr George Richards, Director, Community Jameel • Mr Rami Qasem, EVP and Chief Commercial Officer, Beyond Limits
17:15 -18:15	<p>Session 6: Accelerating Energy Transition in the Oil & Gas Sector</p> <p>This session presents an update on COP28's historic Oil & Gas Decarbonization Charter (OGDC), exploring progress made since COP28 to align the oil and gas industry towards a Paris compliant, net-zero future.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Julien Perez, Managing Director, OGCI & OGDC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Afgan Isayev, Vice President, SOCAR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Siti Rafidah, Senior General Manager, Petronas • Mr Ibrahim Nouri Al-Zu'bi, Chief Sustainability Officer, ADNOC • Mr Alan Haywood, Senior Vice President, bp • Mr Abdulla Malek, Director of Energy Transition at COP28
18:15-18:30	<p>DAY 1 - CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Mr Terry Tamminen President & CEO, AltaSea & Port of Los Angeles Climate Adviser to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (video message)</p>
18:30	Thanks & Close
19:30 – 21:00	Private Dinner hosted by UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP29

Day 2 – Tuesday 1 October 2024		
HIGH-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – BAKU CLIMATE ACTION WEEK		
Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre		
Time	Day 2 Theme: WATER CHALLENGES / FOOD & AGRICULTURE	Roundtable
08:30 -09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 09:45	WELCOME Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President Designate, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29	
	OPENING ADDRESS Mr Majnun Mammadov, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Executive Managing Director, CGIAR	
09:45 – 10:15	Session 1: How to Future-proof Societies in a Climate-changed World: This plenary session will set the scene for the day with a presentation of latest insights from UNDRR in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Resilience and Risk Governance. To be followed by contributions from key stakeholders from government, finance, and community development. Moderator: Mr Movlan Pashayev , Regional Director S3 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Azad Jafarli, Head of Apparatus, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan • Ms Natalia Alonso Cano, Chief, Regional Office for Europe & Central Asia, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) (Video Message) • Mr Syed Husain Quadri, Director, Resilience & Climate Action Department, Islamic Development Bank 	
	Session 2: Understanding Adaptation, Risk & Resilience in National Context This session will build on Session 1, highlighting the challenges posed by climate change to communities and natural resources within the national context. It will focus on critical areas such as water, food security, health, peace, and security, highlighting interconnected impacts and urgency of addressing these issues. Moderator: Ms Eman Wahby , MENA Engagement Lead Climate Champions Team	
10:15 -11:00		

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Elvin Ashrafzade, Lead Adaptation and Loss & Damage Negotiator, COP29 Presidency • Dr Vinay Nangia, Research Team Leader, Resilient Agri-Food Systems, (ICARDA), CGIAR • Mr Jens Nielsen, Founder & CEO, World Climate Foundation • Ms Sonia Paiva, Founder/Managing Director, Woman Farmer Foundation 	
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 3: Watershed: Making Progress on Water Challenges</p> <p>This panel will explore water challenges, with successful examples shared. It will delve into water management techniques and technologies essential for ensuring sustainable water resources, including through regional and international collaboration with public-private partnerships, international agencies and key stakeholders.</p> <p>Moderator: Ambassador Rodrigo Labardini, Diplomat-in-Residence, Institute for Development & Diplomacy, Professor of Practice, ADA University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Kamala Huseynli-Abishova, COP29 Presidency Action Agenda, Water focal point • Mr Firidun Tağıyev, Head, Land Use Control Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Azerbaijan • Mr Anton Kosach, Managing Director & Partner, BCG • Dr Alok Sikka, Country Representative – India, Bangladesh, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), CGIAR • Mr Udyan Seth, Head of Global Water Desalination & Executive VP Business Development, ACWA Power 	<p>ROUNDTABLE 1:</p> <p>Just Transition Partnerships & Catalysing Investments</p> <p>The roundtable will bring together key stakeholders to discuss practical strategies for advancing a just energy transition. It will focus on how partnerships can support energy security and independence, ensuring that clean energy investments reach all regions. Participants will examine the regulatory and policy frameworks needed to drive investment and build workforce skills, addressing gaps between policy goals and the realities of energy access. The aim is to develop actionable strategies that enhance global collaboration between developed and developing nations, paving the way for a more sustainable energy future.</p>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	

14:00 – 14:45	High-Level Session on Climate-Resilient Infrastructure and Transportation This session will bring together key decision-makers, developers and investors from the infrastructure and transportation sectors to share best practice. The results of the expert Roundtable on Zero Emissions Shipping, Freight Logistics and Transport will be shared and a Pledge announced. Moderator: Ms Shirin Aliyeva , Chief Legal, Ethics and Compliance Officer, Azercell Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr Eugene Seah, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Baku● Ms Aida Badalova, Adviser to Minister of Azerbaijan High Technologies & Transport● Mr Adam Elman, Head of Sustainability, EMEA Region Google● Mr Heinrich Kerstgens, Corporate Representative Director Board Projects, Rhenus SE & Co.● Mr Andriy Maksymovych, Senior Investment Officer, Infrastructure & Energy, Europe & South Caucasus, International Finance Corporation (IFC)	ROUNDTABLE 2: HARMONIYA 4 Climate Resilience Empowering Farmers, Villages and Rural Communities’. The Harmoniya Initiative will serve as an aggregator, bringing together various initiatives, coalitions, networks, and partnerships during COP29 to share experiences, identify synergies and gaps, and foster collaborative efforts concentrated on the agriculture, food and water nexus, including empowerment of local communities and women in the rural areas.
14:45 – 15:30	Session 5: Food Systems: Tackling Agriculture & Food Security Challenges in the Region This session will address critical global and regional challenge of decarbonisation of agriculture industry with emerging good practice and innovations from around the world focusing on resilience to climate change, reducing food waste, and ensuring equitable access to nutritious food for all citizens. The results of the expert Roundtable on HARMONIYA 4 Climate Resilience will feed into this session and relevant announcements made. Moderator: Mr Nasar Hayat , Head of FAO Partnership and Liaison Office in Azerbaijan Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr. Anar Azimov, Deputy Chair, Agrarian Services Agency, Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan● Mr Niyazi Amirbayov, CEO of AgroDairy● Mr Richard Ali, Director, Corporate Affairs, Strategy & Stakeholder Relations, Tetra Pak● Dr Vinay Nangia, Research Team Leader, Resilient Agri-Food Systems, (ICARDA), CGIAR● Dr Stefan Hagemann, President, Elof Hansson Clean Tech	

15:30 - 16:30	LAUNCH of Agriculture Report of the Breakthrough Agenda Launch of the first standalone Agriculture Report of the Breakthrough Agenda, in partnership with the UK FCDO and UN High-Level Champion, Led by CGIAR, this report complements the launch of the IEA Breakthrough Agenda report at the Clean Energy Ministerial in Brazil on 2nd October 2024. Welcome and Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for COP29● Mr Fergus Auld OBE, British Ambassador to Azerbaijan● Mr Ban Ki-moon, Former Secretary General, United Nations (video message)● Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Executive Managing Director, CGIAR Report presentation, followed by audience Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr Aditi Mukherji, Director, CGIAR Climate Impact Platform, CGIAR Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moderator: Dr Vinay Nangia, Research Team Leader, Resilient Agri-Food Systems, (ICARDA), CGIAR● Mr Richard Ali, Director, Corporate Affairs, Strategy & Stakeholder Relations, Tetra Pak● Mr. Anar Azimov, Deputy Chair, Agranian Services Agency, Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Executive Managing Director, CGIAR	
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break	
17:00 – 18:00	PEOPLE FIXING THE PLANET: STORIES FROM AZERBAIJAN Panel of young climate solution providers from and working in Azerbaijan, inspired by the popular BBC World Service programme Moderator: Ms Malini Mehra , Curator, Baku Climate Action Week Keynote speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ms Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mr Shahin Badirkhanli, Deputy Director, Bioropean● Dr Aygun Israyilova, Senior Researcher, Laboratory of Microbiology & Virology, Center of Excellence, Baku State University (BSU)● Ms Ulduza Khalilova, Chief of Digital Umbrella● Mr Fariz Jafarov, Executive Director, C4IR● Mr Michael Tun, CEO, Eqquo Ltd.	ROUNDTABLE 3: Zero Emissions Shipping, Freight Logistics and Transport Baku is the largest city on the Caspian sea with a legendary port. As a marine-based nation, with a commitment to creating the new green silk route, how can the Port of Baku promote and support green shipping, freight, logistics and marine protection
18:00	Thanks & Close	
19:00	Private Dinner hosted by Rotas-AZPROMO	

Agendas

Day 2 – Tuesday 1 October 2024

Roundtable 1: Just Transition Partnerships & Catalysing Investments **Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre**



Time	Topic
	ROUNDTABLE 1: Just Transition Partnerships & Catalysing Investments <p>The roundtable will bring together key stakeholders to discuss practical strategies for advancing a just energy transition. It will focus on how partnerships can support energy security and independence, ensuring that clean energy investments reach all regions. Participants will examine the regulatory and policy frameworks needed to drive investment and build workforce skills, addressing gaps between policy goals and the realities of energy access. The aim is to develop actionable strategies that enhance global collaboration between developed and developing nations, paving the way for a more sustainable energy future.</p>
11:30-11:37	Welcome and opening remarks by HLC Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29
11:37-11:44	Introduction of participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives and outcomes • Context setting, agenda overview Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gagan Porwal, Chief Commercial & Strategy Leader, Consulting Services, GE Vernova

11:45-12:20	<p>Understanding Just Transition: The Role of Partnerships and Global Cooperation in Decarbonizing Energy Systems and Building Pathways to Net Zero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key principles of a Just Transition in practical terms, particularly regarding energy security and independence? How can these principles be harmonized across different regions of the world? (All Speakers) • Are there examples of successful strategies that have fostered partnerships and international cooperation in this region and globally, helping to accelerate decarbonization projects in the energy sector? (Elnur Soltanov, Alessandro Bresciani) • Over the next two decades, the energy landscape is expected to shift drastically, with more than 50-60% of power generation potentially coming from renewable sources. What implications and opportunities does this shift create for us to maximize our contribution toward a Just Transition? (Afghan Isayev, Ibrahim Al Zhoubi, Adil Aliyev) • Azerbaijan is taking significant steps in building cross-border collaboration opportunities in fuel infrastructure, grid interconnections, and power generation. What best practices can we highlight, and what lessons can we learn from this experience to accelerate similar collaborations in other regions? (Elnur Soltanov, Adil Aliyev, and Ibrahim Al Zhoubi on UAE perspective) <p>Q&A – 10 min</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elnur Soltanov, COP29 CEO, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Ibrahim Al Zhoubi, Chief Sustainability Officer, ADNOC • Afghan Isayev, Vice President, SOCAR • Alessandro Bresciani, Senior Vice President, Climate Technology Solutions, Baker Hughes • Adil Aliyev, Strategic projects adviser to the president, AzerEnerji
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12:20-12:55	<p>Strategies to unlock project financing & accelerate the response to the energy transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance continues to be a primary focus and challenge for the Global South. What roadblocks continue to hinder efforts to unlock the financing needed to deploy the right technologies for energy transition and to drive Just Transition as a core fundamental? (Dr. Mohammed Alyami, Florian Kitt) What is the role of the private sector in accelerating Just Transition and how can the regulatory framework support and incentivize their engagement in the energy sector? (Siti Rafidah, Teymur Huseynov) How can we accelerate the deployment of low-carbon energy technologies while ensuring that the workforce engaged in carbon-intensive energy technologies is included to enable this transition? (Florian Kitt, Siti Rafidah, Teymur Huseynov) The grid is the backbone of the energy transition. Without investment in this part of the power value chain, achieving our goals is impossible—especially given the aging infrastructure and its absence in large parts of the Global South. What actions are we currently taking, and what more should be done to drive investment signals that unite both private and public partners to accelerate solutions to this challenge? (Dr. Mohammed Alyami, All) <p>Q&A – 10 min Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mohammed Alyami, General Manager, Development Effectiveness Office Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector Siti Rafidah, Senior Vice President, Corporate Sustainability, Petronas Teymur Huseynov, Chief Strategy Officer, Pasha Holding Florian Kitt, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank
12:55-13:00	<p>Actionable Strategies & Roadmap for Future Collaboration CLOSING REMARKS – SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND OUTCOMES Moderator: Gagan Porwal, (5 min)</p>

Day 2 – Tuesday 1 October 2024

Roundtable 2: HARMONIYA 4 Climate Resilience

Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre



Time	Topic
	ROUNDTABLE 2:
	HARMONIYA 4 Climate Resilience
14:00 – 14:45	Empowering Farmers, Villages and Rural Communities'. The Harmoniya Initiative will serve as an aggregator, bringing together various initiatives, coalitions, networks, and partnerships during COP29 to share experiences, identify synergies and gaps, and foster collaborative efforts concentrated on the agriculture, food and water nexus, including empowerment of local communities and women in the rural areas. sustainable energy future.
14:00 - 14:15	Welcome and opening remarks Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations High-Level Climate Champion for COP29 • Mr Azad Jafarli, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr. Anar Azimov, Deputy Chair, Agrarian Services Agency, Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan
14:15 - 14:20	Overview of Harmoniya Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bariz Mehdiyev, FAO Deputy Representative in Azerbaijan
14:20 - 14:40	From Local Ambition to global action: agriculture, food systems and Water Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Eman Wahby, HLCC team, Moderator • Mr Ramil Mammadov, Managing Director, AgroDairy • Mr Ilham Abdullayev, Business Development Director, Azersun • Mr Rovshen Mahmudov, Executive director, MKT Cotton

14:40 - 15:05	Scaling up Adaptation and Resilience Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Syed Husain Quadri, Director of the Resilience and Climate Action Department, Islamic Development Bank • Mr George Richards, Director of Community Jameel • Mr Mohammed Alyami, General Manager, Development Effectiveness Office, The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) • Mr Emil Mammadli, Investment Officer, Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services, IFC
15:05 - 15:25	Q&A
15:25 - 15:30	Signing of Food Systems Call to Action

Day 2 – Tuesday 1 October 2024

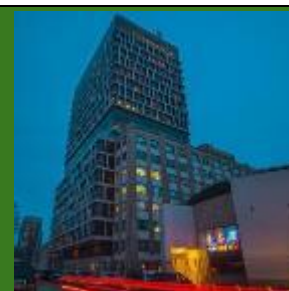
Roundtable 3: Zero Emissions Shipping, Freight Logistics and Transport

Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre



Time	Topic
16:30 – 18:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE 3: Zero Emissions Shipping, Freight Logistics and Transport</p> <p>Baku is the largest city on the Caspian sea with a legendary port. As a marine-based nation, with a commitment to creating the new green silk route, how can the Port of Baku promote and support green shipping, freight, logistics and marine protection</p>
16:30 - 16:35	<p>Introduction to session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mohamed Hegazy, Transport Cluster Lead, Climate Champions Team, Moderator
16:35 - 17:00	<p>Framing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome Speech to the Session ● Objectives of the Session ● Setting the Context <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations High-Level Climate Champion for COP29 ● Mr Rahman Hummetov, Deputy to Minister of High Technology and Transportation ● Mr Vusal Aghayev, Head of Agency, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Republic of Azerbaijan ● Dr. Taleh Ziyadov, General Director of Baku International Sea Trade Port ● Mr Rovhen Rustamov, Chairman of Azerbaijan Railways
17:00 - 17:20	<p>Roundtable Dialogue 1 (The Infrastructure Point of View)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms Stefanie Stallmeister, World Bank, Country Manager for Azerbaijan ● Dr Darshana Godaliyadde, Director, Resilience4Ports <p>Interventions from Participants</p>

17:20 - 17:40	Roundtable Dialogue 2 (The Operators & Port Users Point of View) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alakber Azizili, Director of Sustainability of Azerbaijan Caspian Shipping Company • Maher Ayed, Head of Global Business Development, Clean Power Solutions • Natig Heydarov, Chairman Azerbaijan Freight Forwarders Association Interventions from Participants
17:40 - 18:00	Pledge signing ceremony and closing remarks



Day 3 – Wednesday 2 October 2024

Multiple Events at Different Venues

GREEN ECONOMY – MEETING THE SKILLS, FINANCE & JUST TRANSITION CHALLENGE

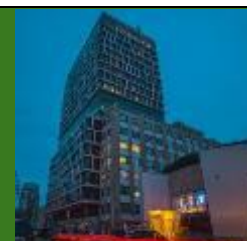
Venue: The Landmark Hotel Baku (Rotunda)

Time	Topic
08:30 -09:30	Registration
09:30 - 09:45	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29</p> <p>OPENING ADDRESS</p> <p>Mr Sahil Babayev, Minister of Labour, Republic of Azerbaijan</p>
09:45-10:15	<p>Session 1: Meeting the Human Capital Challenge for a Green Economy: the imperative for policy, education, business & innovation</p> <p><i>Transitioning to a green or net zero economy will require major transformations in human capital policy and investment. The IFC forecasts climate business could create 213 million jobs by 2030. This keynote sets the scene for how the gap can be bridged.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, Baku Climate Action Week</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms Steffi Stallmeister, World Bank Country Manager, Azerbaijan ● Ms Julia Bogdanovskaya, Principal, BCG ● Mr Yusif Abdullayev, Executive Director of Export and Investment Promotion Agency of Republic of Azerbaijan, AZPROMO

10:15-11:00	<p>Session 2: Meeting the Just Transition challenge for the Oil & Gas sector</p> <p>This session will explore the just transition skills challenge for the fossil sector as Azerbaijan diversifies its energy economy and industrial base. The session will look at retraining options for existing workforce as well as new industries. Examples of best practice from similar contexts globally will also be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Faye Gerard, Energy Transition Director, International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IGOP)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rana Humbatova, Head of Hydrogen & green technology, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency • Ms Claudine Sigam, Focal Point for Oil & Gas, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Switzerland • Mr Nikolaus Widmann, TES-H2 • Ms Nahla Abid, Vice-President Strategy, Sales & Marketing Communication Middle East, Caspian and Africa, Bureau Veritas • Mr Maxim Zubov, Vice President, Siemens Energy
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 12:15	<p>Session 3: Creating a Green Skills Ecosystem for SMEs</p> <p>This session will present the SME and green jobs context in Azerbaijan, identifying the skills gaps and solutions for sectors such as renewable energy, transport, construction, waste and water management.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Orkhan Mustafayev, COP29 HLC Advisor on Business</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Orkhan Mammadov, Chairman, KOBIA (Small & Medium Business (SMB) Development Agency of Azerbaijan) • Ms Vanessa Erogbogbo, Chief of Section, International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva • Mr Roman Dojcek, EIB advisory officer, The European Investment Bank (EIB)
12:15 - 13:00	<p>Session 4: Supporting SMEs in the Green Transition</p> <p>This session presents emerging best practice from around the world on efforts to support SMEs engage and skill up in the transition to a green economy, including a gender lens to ensure the green transition does not perpetuate workforce disparities between men and women.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr John Patterson, Chairman & Founder, British Chamber of Commerce Azerbaijan (BCCA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ma Jun, Founding Director, Institute of Public C Environmental Affairs (IPE), Beijing, China (video message) • Mr Richard Ali, Director, Corporate Affairs, Strategy C Stakeholder Relations, Tetra Pak • Dr Anna Schulenburg, Guest Lecturer, FHNW University of Applied Sciences & Arts, Northwestern Switzerland School of Business, Brugg • Mr Elnur Aliyev, Advisor to Chairman of the board KOBIA (Small & Medium Business (SMB) Development Agency of Azerbaijan)

13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:45	<p>Session 5: Addressing the Education Challenge – How education systems can embrace innovation and support all learners & workers</p> <p>This session will examine the transformation challenge for education systems and national qualification bodies to support academic, further, and vocational education to ensure no one is left behind in the economic/ net zero transition.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Fariz Ismayilzade, Member of Parliament, Vice Rector, ADA University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Robin Fears, InterAcademy Partnership • Ms Nargiz Hajiyeve, Country Director - Azerbaijan, British Council • Mr Stephen Davison, Director, Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge; HLC Education adviser
14:45 - 15:45	<p>Session 6: Greening the Finance sector: Addressing the Capacity Gap</p> <p>Closing the Climate Finance gap is a key COP29 Presidency priority. This session presents efforts within financial institutions to address this, including the new Global Capacity Building Coalition which focuses on the sustainability and related skills required by financial institutions to respond to the net zero and climate resilience agenda.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Adam Cotter DZ Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Thompson, President, Global Capacity Building Coalition • Mr Abbas Ibrahimov, Chairman, Bank ABB (The International Bank of Azerbaijan) • Ms Cebile Nhlabatsi, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Trade, Eswatini • Mohamed Alyamic, General Manager, Development Effectiveness Office, The Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) • Mr Claudio Pedretti, Founder & President at The Club of Florence
15:45 - 16:30	<p>Session 7: New tools and Resources for Building Decarbonisation in the Construction Sector</p> <p>This session provides an expert demonstration of Minoro, the state-of-the-art platform, created for asset owners, investors, architects, design teams, consultants, contractors, and built environment professionals to create capacity and skills for decarbonisation. The presentation will be followed by discussion with leading figures in the sector from Azerbaijan and the region.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Ad Boon, Dy CEO, Pasha Holdings</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Paul Toyne, Group Sustainability Leader, Grimshaw • Mr Ozgur Geter, CEO of PASHA Real Estate Group • Mr Nariman Topchubashov, CEO PMD Projects
16:30	Thanks and Close

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Evening Talk by REZA, renowned photojournalist on ‘Caspian Dreams’ exhibition	
Venue: The Landmark Hotel Baku	
Time	Topic
18:30-21:00	Evening Talk by REZA, renowned photojournalist on ‘Caspian Dreams’ exhibition Followed by Reception, The Landmark Hotel Baku





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THEMATIC HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLES

Venue: Landmark Hotel Baku

Time	Topic
14:00 – 15:45	ROUNDTABLE 4 AI & Technology <p>The focus of this event will be on the practical business focused application of AI technology to increase productivity and reduce emissions. This will require exploring not just the benefits of AI, but how it might be applied in a resource constrained environment.</p>
5 Mins	Welcome and opening remarks Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orkhan Mustfayev, COP29 Rashad Nabi Oghlu Nabiye, Minister of Digital Development and Transportation, Republic of Azerbaijan
30 min	Section 1 - Overview of opportunity across 4 areas: energy and water efficiency, climate finance, waste reduction and land use Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 min intervention from a representative of Microsoft AI for Good Lab 5 min intervention from a representative of NoorNation / Jameel Water and Food Systems Lab / Sekem or Al-Dahra 5 min intervention from an academic expert in AI and finance/waste/energy efficiency 15 min Q&A
25 min	Section 2 - discussion of context for implementation in Azerbaijan, and outline of challenges Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 min intervention from Fariz Jafarov, Director of the Baku C4IR 5 min intervention from representative of SABAH.HUB/SME community (KOBIA) 15 min Q&A
25 min	Section 3 -focus on the key enablers: financial, educational, and policy/regulatory, and building capacity Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 min intervention from Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev, Rector of ADA University/ UNESCO representative 5 min intervention from policy expert 15 min Q&A
5 min	Final closing comments

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NATIONAL HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE & CHILDREN

COP29 Azerbaijan, UNICEF Azerbaijan & IDEA

Venue: ADA University, General Assembly room



Time	Topic
11:00 – 13:00	This high-level national expert dialogue will address the impacts of climate change on children, highlighting their unique vulnerabilities with a view to exploring locally specific policy solutions for Azerbaijan. It will build on the “Expert dialogue on the disproportionate impacts of climate change on children and relevant policy solutions” (SB60, June 2024, Bonn) and bring together government authorities, experts, stakeholders, private sector and civil society to discuss actionable strategies to mitigate these impacts.

AGENDA

Time	Topic
11:00 – 11:30	Registration and coffee/tea
11:30-11:45	Welcome and opening remarks Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 Azerbaijan • Leyla Hasanova, Presidency Youth Climate Champion for COP29 • Dr. Saja Farooq Abdullah, UNICEF Representative in Azerbaijan
11:45-11:50	Setting the scene: Storytelling by a UNICEF Youth Climate Envoy from Azerbaijan Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oruj Bayramov, UNICEF Youth Climate Envoy
11:50– 12:05	Disproportionate Impacts of Climate Change on Children: Global Policy Solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of climate change impacts on children • Why do we need to place children at the heart of climate action • Examples of climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation solutions for children Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Osbeck, UNICEF Regional Advisor Sustainability & Climate
12:05-12:50	Policy solutions & on-going initiatives: What is taking place in Azerbaijan? What recommendations are moving forward on what can be done?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection • Youth engagement • Health • Education • Social protection <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Osbek, Maria Osbeck, Regional Advisor Sustainability & Climate, UNICEF • Rashad Huseynov, Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Azerbaijan • Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan • Deputy Minister of Science and Education, Republic of Azerbaijan • Deputy Minister of Health, Republic of Azerbaijan • Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Protection, Republic of Azerbaijan • Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, Republic of Azerbaijan
12:50-13:00	<p>Forward-looking and closing</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion • Agree on actions forward and how to operationalize global recommendations on the local level • UNICEF Azerbaijan Country Representative

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IDEATHON: 'BRIDGING THE GAP – YOUTH AND GREEN JOBS MARKET'

Day 1 (2-4 October 2024)

COP29 Azerbaijan and UNDP Azerbaijan

Venue: BHOS Main Campus



Time	Topic
14:00 – 18:00	This Ideathon aims to connect young adults with the evolving job market, specifically focusing on green jobs. As the world shifts towards sustainable practices, there is a growing need to equip young people with the skills and knowledge required for green careers. By focusing on green jobs, the Ideathon will contribute to a more sustainable future by bridging the skills gap. This event will bring together students, educators, industry experts, and policymakers to brainstorm innovative solutions to bridge this gap. It will complement the Green Economy – Meeting the Skills, Finance & Just Transition Challenge conference on 2 October 2024, with a specific focus on young people and the Green Jobs market in Azerbaijan and the region.

AGENDA

Time	Topic
14:30 - 15:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
15:00 - 15:40	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elmar Gasimov, Rector of Baku Higher School of Oil • Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 Azerbaijan • Leyla Hasanova, Presidency Youth Climate Champion for COP29 • Dr Peter Knez, former Chief Investment Officer BlackRock, Chair, Venom Foundation • Dr Marcelo de Andrade, Founder & Chair, Pro Natura International; Co-Founder, Earth Capital • Alessandra Roccasalvo, UNDP Resident Representative in Azerbaijan
15:40-16:30	Panel Discussion "Future of Work: How Green Jobs are Shaping Tomorrow's Economy" Moderator: Leyla Seyidzade , Innovation Consultant at UNDP Azerbaijan Speakers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safiya Nizametdinova • Jeyhun Khalilov • Shabnam Mammadova, Member of the Organizing Committee at COP29 Azerbaijan • Economist (TBD)
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-17:30	Workshop: "Introduction to Green Jobs and Sustainable Careers: Opportunities for Youth in the Green Economy" Trainer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunel Isakova, Project Coordinator (Consultant) at World Health Organization Azerbaijan • Mammadova Aygun, Senior Instructor Public Speaking and Leadership at ADA University
17:30 - 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of the Ideathon goals and mission • Presenting teams and mentors; • The agenda of the program; • The rules of the program.
18:00	End of the Day

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TURNING METHANE PLEDGES INTO ACTION

COP29 Presidency & International Energy Agency (IEA)

Regional Technical Workshop

Venue: Stone Chronicle Museum



Time	Topic
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</p> <p>Tim Gould, Chief Energy Economist, IEA</p> <p>Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 (tbc)</p> <p>Mr Orkhan Zeynalov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan</p>
9:30-11:00	<p>Technical Session #1: Methane emissions and abatement</p> <p>Presentations followed by Q&A from the audience. Moderated by Tim Gould, IEA.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the state of knowledge of methane emissions in the region?</i> • <i>What is being done to improve information on methane?</i> • <i>What are the main approaches and opportunities for emissions mitigation?</i> <p>Overview of latest findings from the IEA's Global Methane Tracker 2024 K.C. Michaels, IEA</p> <p>Overview of the Methane Alert and Response System and OGMP 2.0 Giulia Ferrini, UNEP's IMEO</p> <p>Industry insight on methane transparency in the region Anastasia Isaenko, Carbon Limits</p> <p>Case Study: SOCAR</p>

	Hikmat Abdullayev , Deputy Vice President SOCAR
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	<p>Technical Session #2: Turning pledges into plans, policies and regulations</p> <p>Panel discussion with brief interventions, followed by Q&A from the audience. Moderated by James Turitto, CATF.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can policy and regulation address methane emissions in the fossil fuel sector?</i> • <i>How can the international community support countries in developing new regulations on methane?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin Pryor, US Environmental Protection Agency • Mindaugas Laurinavicius, European Commission • Mashoor Burahee and Vusal Huseynov, United Kingdom • Alexander Cherednichenko, Kazakhstan
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	<p>Technical Session #3: Tools to support policymakers</p> <p>Panel discussion with brief interventions, followed by Q&A from the audience. Moderator TBC.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What resources are available to support governments in implementing</i> • <i>Which regulatory approaches and strategies are best suited to the context in the region?</i> • <i>What frameworks are already in place? How could these be further enhanced?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K.C. Michaels, IEA • James Turitto, CATF • Branko Milicevic, UNECE • Hunter Shirley, US Bureau of Energy Resources
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Technical Session #4: Building bankable projects and financing abatement in oil and gas methane</p> <p>Presentations followed by a fireside chat discussion. Moderator TBC.</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the financing gap for the region?</i> • <i>How can operators streamline the project development and financing process?</i> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K.C. Michaels, IEA • Zubin Bamji, World Bank

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Baxter, EDF <p>Opportunity for operators to highlight needs and challenges in obtaining finance for methane emissions abatement</p>
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 16:50	<p>Technical Session #5: Barriers to abatement in the region</p> <p>Roundtable discussion of key barriers and needs to deliver methane cuts and next steps for implementation and potential measures for NDCs and standing regional coordination. Moderated by IEA.</p>
16:50-17:00	Closing Remarks

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PROGRESS ON METHANE:

Advancing Global Methane Reduction (AGMR) – Impact Conference

Venue: Stone Chronicle Museum



Time	Topic
09:00–10:00	Morning Coffee & Registration
10:00–10:10	WELCOME Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 OPENING ADDRESS Deputy Minister, Ecology & Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc)
10:10–10:20	AGMR Impact Conference: Opening Remarks by event convenors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Afgan Isayev, SOCAR and Mr Bakhtiyar Aslanbeyli, bp
	Session 1 - The Science of Methane
10:20–11:45	<p>The Science of Methane</p> <p>Provide leadership with a better understanding of the science of methane, the challenges with measurement, how methane behaves in the upper atmosphere and the role it has in warming. This insightful session will have world experts explain the key issues and help attendees get a better feel for the challenge.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Sonna Sathiamoorthy, Methane Program Manager & SME, bp</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Steve Hamburg, Environmental Defence Foundation (EDF) Prof Anna Korre, Imperial College London

11:45–12:00	Coffee Break
	Session Advancing Global Methane Reduction (AGMR) - Impact Assessment Conference
12:00–13:00	<p>Panel 1: Progress, Challenges and Next Steps from the AGMR engagement in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Highlighting SOCAR and bp progress towards reducing methane emissions and drawing lessons from similar engagements in other countries</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Chris Rathbun, MGP Program Manager</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sonna Sathiamoorthy, Methane Program Manager & SME, bp • Mr Mustafa Gurbanli, Head of Environmental Disclosures & Green Affairs Department, SOCAR • Ms Siti Moslim, Senior General Manager, Petronas • Mr Andrew Baxter, Director, EDF • Mr James Turitto, Senior Advisor, Clean Air Task Force
13:00–14:00	Networking and Lunch
14:00–15:00	<p>Panel 2: Role of Technology to Support Measurement, Reconciliation and Abatement. <i>How has technology been used to-date in Azerbaijan? Are there lessons from elsewhere? Will technology evolution offer additional solutions / pathways?</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Daniel Palmer, OGCI Climate Investments</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stephane Germain, CEO, GHGSat • Mr Brendan Smith, CTO & Co-Founder, SeekOps • Ms Ilaria Parrella, Exec Leader Emissions Abatement, Baker Hughes • Mr Ryan Stewart, VP, Bridger Photonics • Mr Drew Pomerantz, VP, SLB

15:00-16:00	<p>Panel 3: The Role of Industry Groups and International Bodies in Supporting AGMR Delivery in Azerbaijan and Elsewhere</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Guilia Ferrini, OGMP Program Manager, UNEP</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Eliz Ozdemir, Programme Manager, OGDC • Dr Faye Gerard, Energy Transition Director, International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IGOP) • Mr Robert Van der Geest, Senior Specialist, World Bank • Mr Matt Watson, Senior Advisor, EDF • Mr Mark McCrory, Director, Strategy & Advocacy, IGU • Mr KC Michaels, Senior Lawyer, IEA <p>Supporting the panel via interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Amaia O'Reilly, Energy Institute <p>What is the role? How can support be accessed? Where is it targeted? Is it enough?</p>
16:00	Thanks and Close

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WORKSHOP ON SUPER POLLUTANTS
Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
Venue: Stone Chronicle Museum



Time	Topic
16:00-16:30	Registration and Welcome
16:30-19:00	WELCOME Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 (tbc)
	Session 1: Making the case for super pollutants and the science behind them; Integration of super pollutants into countries' NDCs Session 2: Taking a closer look at super pollutants in the fossil fuels sector and the importance of regulations. Session 3: Importance of waste methane and the promotion of the COP29 Presidency's Declaration - Reducing Organic Waste.

Agenda

Time	Topic
16:30 – 16:35	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aynur Mutallimova, COP29 Presidency
	Part 1
16:35-16:50	Introducing the Super Pollutants and their Fast-Acting Solutions for Climate, Health, and the Economy Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAC with Subject Expert, Arindam Roy, CAF
16:55-17:10	Brass Tacks: Getting Super Pollutants into NDCs and Strengthening their Implementation Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Maria Kleymeyer, CCAC Country Experiences:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colombia (video) ● Costa Rica (video)
	Part 2
17:10-17:40	<p>Interactive Panel Discussion - Practical, sector-based approaches and national experiences:</p> <p>A. Oil & Gas Sector specialist: Spotlight on the Fossil Fuel Regulatory Programme, importance of regulations and Policy building</p> <p>Moderator: James Turrito, CATF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hunter Shirley, State Dept ENR ● Giulia Ferrini, IMEO <p>Country Experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Dinara Meldekul, Kazakhstan ● Sec. Paula Coelho ● Iraq (video)
17:40-18:10	<p>B. Waste Sector specialists: CCAC's Waste Hub and Spotlight on COP29 Presidency's Declaration - Reducing Organic Waste</p> <p>Moderator: Anja Schwetje, Waste Hub Co-Lead (moderator), COP29 Presidency</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aynur Mutallimova, COP29 Presidency ● Arindam Roy (CAF) <p>Country Experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chile (video) ● Costa Rica (video)
	C. [Alt: Compile Country Experience Showcase here]
18:10 – 18:30	Interactive Dialogue with Audience
18:30 – 18:35	Closing Remarks
18:35-19:30	Networking reception (TBC)

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ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CLIMATE TRANSITION

Towards an Azerbaijan University Network on Climate Change (AUNCC)

Venue: ADA University, General Assembly



Time	Topic
	This session will explore the key role played by universities, research institutes, technical training centres and other higher education institutions in supporting the climate transition. Inspired by the experience of countries such as the UK, where leading universities have come together as the UK Universities Climate Network (UKUCN) to build a national community of research and practice, and the UAE which built a similar network as part of COP28, this Session will seek to seed a similar network for Azerbaijan, to promote capacity building, research and innovation on climate change in the higher education system.
10:30-11:00	Registration & Coffee
11:00-11:30	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <p>Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President Designate, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High Level Champion for COP29 Mr Emin Amrullayev, Minister, Ministry of Science and Education, Republic of Azerbaijan Mr Fariz Ismailzade, Member of Parliament, Vice Rector, ADA University Ms Leyla Hasanova, COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>Moderator: Mr Fariz Ismailzade, Member of Parliament, Vice Rector, ADA University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nargiz Hajiyeve, Country Director Azerbaijan, British Council • Mr Stephen Davidson, Director of Strategy, Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge; HLC Education Adviser • Dr Robin Fears, InterAcademy Partnership • Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, Baku Climate Action Week; Ambassador, London Climate Action Week
12:00 – 12:45	Moderated Discussion with Rectors and senior education leaders in Azerbaijan on status of climate change-related education and cooperation domestically and with regional and international universities and institutions, with a view to establishment of an Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change as an outcome of COP29 in November 2024.

12:45-13:00	Session Conclusions and Summary of next steps towards an Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC)
13:00	Thanks and Close
13:00-14:00	Campus tour
14:00	Lunch at ADA University
14:00 – 16:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE 5</p> <p>Creating the Highway for Private Finance</p> <p>This roundtable aims to facilitate Azerbaijan-based financial institutions in taking meaningful actions to advance climate and the SDGs towards COP29 by sharing expertise from international experts on green finance opportunities; and enabling exchange among Azerbaijan-based financial policymakers, regulators and financial institutions on green finance in the regional context.</p>
16:30 - 18:30	<p>ROUNDTABLE 6</p> <p>Carbon Mitigation & Market Mechanisms</p> <p>Roundtable discussion targeting policymakers, environmental policy, COP29 organisation committee, as well as business leaders, to highlight policy issues relevant to efforts to set foundations for carbon market infrastructure.</p>

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Roundtable 5: Creating the Highway for Private Finance

Venue: ADA University, General Assembly



Time	Topic
16:30 – 18:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE 5</p> <p>Creating the Highway for Private Finance</p> <p>This roundtable aims to facilitate Azerbaijan-based financial institutions in taking meaningful actions to advance climate and the SDGs towards COP29 by sharing expertise from international experts on green finance opportunities; and enabling exchange among Azerbaijan-based financial policymakers, regulators and financial institutions on green finance in the regional context.</p>
14:00-14:05	<p>Welcome and session context</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathan Cooper, Director, Policy and Engagement Department, High-Level Champions (Session moderator)
14:05-14:15	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Overview of the event objectives and introduction of the speakers.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigar Arpadarai, UN High- Level Climate Champion for COP29 (5 mins) • Taleh Kazimov, Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan (5 mins)
14:15-14:30	<p>Keynote Presentations</p> <p>Presentation Topic 1: Regional Green Finance Strategies: International Best Practices and their Application in Azerbaijan</p> <p>Presentation Topic 2: Green Finance Opportunities in Azerbaijan: Challenges and Pathways</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elif Secgin, Principal, Boston Consulting Group (7 mins) • Zakir Nuriyev, President of Azerbaijan Banks Association (ABA) (7 mins)
14:30-15:15	<p>Panel Discussion: Facilitating Green Finance for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Round 1: Taking stock and lessons learned Panelists / Moderator asks panellists the below question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can Azerbaijan-based financial institutions take action on climate and SDGs? - Key challenges in implementing green finance solutions in the region. - The role of regulators and policymakers in facilitating private finance for sustainability.

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Javid Guliyev, CEO of PASHA Bank ● Dr Marcelo de Andrade, Founder & Chair, Pro Natura International; Co-Founder, Earth Capital ● Adam Cotter, SVP Senior Executive Banking DZ Bank ● Andrei Zaripov, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
15:15-15:45	<p>Roundtable Discussion and Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange between policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, and participants on advancing green finance. - Audience participation through questions and comments.

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Roundtable 6: Carbon Mitigation & Market Mechanisms

Venue: ADA University, General Assembly



Time	Topic
16:30 – 18:00	<p>ROUNDTABLE 6</p> <p>Carbon Mitigation & Market Mechanisms</p> <p>Roundtable discussion targeting policymakers, environmental policy, COP29 organisation committee, as well as business leaders, to highlight policy issues relevant to efforts to set foundations for carbon market infrastructure.</p>
16:30 - 16:50	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigar Arpadarai, UN High-Level Climate Champion for COP29 • Fergus Auld OBE, British Ambassador to Azerbaijan • Elnur Soltanov, CEO of COP29 • Samira Mustafayeva, Deputy Head of State Tax Service, Republic of Azerbaijan
16:50 - 16:55	<p>Roundtable objectives and speaker introductions</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volodymyr Yakubov, The British Standards Institution
16:55 - 17:05	<p>Presentation: An overview of Carbon Markets; how they work, and are they effective climate policy instrument?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George von Waldburg, ICE Futures Europe (intercontinental Exchange)
17:05 - 17:15	<p>Presentation: The role of national policy in driving scale and responsible growth in carbon markets, the UK experience</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lily Ginsberg-Keig, BeZero Carbon
17:15 - 17:25	<p>Reflection: VCM considerations from emerging markets perspective</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmed Rushdy, The British Standards Institution
17:25 - 17:40	<p>Audience reflections</p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teymur Huseynov, Chief Strategy Officer, Pasha Holding • Dovlat Dovlatov, Deputy CEO, Azerconnect Group • Ivan Mazharov, Co-Founder / Managing Partner, Offset8 Capital
17:40 - 18:25	Moderated discussion (facilitated by Volodymyr Yakubov, The British Standards Institution)
18:25 - 18:30	Closing remarks

Day 4 – Thursday 3 October 2024

Multiple Events at Different Venues

IDEATHON: ‘BRIDGING THE GAP – YOUTH AND GREEN JOBS MARKET’

Day 2 (2-4 October 2024)

COP29 Azerbaijan and UNDP Azerbaijan

Venue: BHOS Main Campus



Time	Topic
9:00 – 18:00	This Ideathon aims to connect young adults with the evolving job market, specifically focusing on green jobs. As the world shifts towards sustainable practices, there is a growing need to equip young people with the skills and knowledge required for green careers. By focusing on green jobs, the Ideathon will contribute to a more sustainable future by bridging the skills gap. This event will bring together students, educators, industry experts, and policymakers to brainstorm innovative solutions to bridge this gap. It will complement the Green Economy – Meeting the Skills, Finance & Just Transition Challenge conference taking place on 2 October 2024, with a specific focus on young people and the Green Jobs market in Azerbaijan and the region.

Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 11:00	Opening of 2nd Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Event Organizer • Reminding the rules of the Ideathon
11:00-13:00	Mentoring hours 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashraf Huseynov, Senior Venture Associate at SABAH.HUB • Arzu Rahimli, Business Development Manager at MegaSec • Emin Ilyas, Board Member at The German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan)
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break

14:00-16:00	Mentoring hours 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samir Hacibeyli, Investment Associate at Caucasus Ventures • Elmar Asgarzade, Co-Founder at Extra Mile Technologies LLC • Gunel Isakova, Project Coordinator (Consultant) at World Health Organization Azerbaijan
16:00-18:00	Mentoring hours 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamal Rzayev, Head of Incubation & Venture Associate at SABAH.HUB • Ulvin Omarov, Indie Designer at Innoland Incubation & Acceleration Center • Khidirova Nigar, Ministry of Agriculture, Agro Innovation Center
18:00 - 19:00	Daily Wrap-Up



Day 5 – Friday 4 October 2024

Multiple Events at Different Venues

BAKU CLIMATE SCIENCE CONFERENCE: Accelerating Research and Collaboration for Climate Action Venue: JW Marriot Absheron Baku

Time	Topic
09:00-10:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00-11:00	<p>WELCOME Mr Elchin Babayev, Rector of Baku State University</p> <p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <p>Ms Nigar Arpadarai, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 Mr Emin Amrullayev, Minister of Science & Education, Republic of Azerbaijan Professor Isa Habibbayli, President, Azerbaijan National Academy of Science (ANAS) Ms Leyla Hasanova, COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 1: Revolution in our understanding of GHG emissions - role of empirical data, AI and advanced analytics</p> <p>This panel will explore the importance of data, AI and advance analytics in advancing mitigation and adaptation, focusing on the use of satellite monitoring, modelling of climate tipping points amongst other capabilities and tools</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Ali Naghiyev, Director, Center for Excellence in Research, Development & Innovation, Baku State University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aslan Bashir-zadeh, CEO of Advanced Technology Group • Mr. Azad Huseynov, Chief Data Officer of CIC • Ms. Rana Humbatova, Head of Hydrogen & green technology, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Saleh Nabiyeu, GIS and Remote Sensing Expert Director, Azercosmos • Mr. Dmitry Fadeev, Principal, BCG • Mr. Steve Hamburg, Environmental Defence Fund (EDF)
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Session 2: Role of Global and Regional Collaboration in Overcoming Scientific Challenges</p> <p>This panel will explore how increased collaboration among governments, scientific institutions, the private sector, international organizations, think tanks and NGOs can speed up advancements in climate science</p> <p>Moderator: Mr Fuad Bagirov, Country Director for the Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robin Fears, InterAcademy Partnership • Mr. Stephen Davidson, Director of Strategy, Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge • Prof. Anna Korre, Imperial College London • Mr. Simon Thompson, President, Global Capacity Building Coalition • Prof. Ulviyya Hasanova, Head of the Department of Biomedical Materials of ICESCO, Baku State University (BSU) • Malini Mehra, Chief Executive, GLOBE International Curator, Baku Climate Action Week
15:00-16:00	<p>Session 3: Impact of Climate Change & Paradigm Shifts on Transboundary Water Management</p> <p>Leveraging latest data and analytics to close the gap on water management in the Caspian & Central Asia (e.g., reduce and prevent pollution in the Caspian Sea and Kura-Aras rivers) to enhance regional resilience</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shabnam Safarova, Advisor to the rector on digitalization and information technologies, Baku State University</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aliaga Azizov, Head, Science & Innovation Sector, Strategy, International Cooperation & Science Dept, Water Resources Agency, Azerbaijan • Mr. Anton Aristov, Managing Director & Partner, BCG • Dr. Aygun Israyilova, Center of Excellence, Baku State University (BSU) • Mr. Rovshan Abbasov, Khazar University, Environment Research Center • Mr. Fuad Bagirov, Country Director for the Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region
16:00	Concluding Remarks & Close

Day 5 – Friday 4 October 2024

Multiple Events at Different Venues

‘WALK THE TALK’ FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Activity along Baku’s famous seafront

UN in Azerbaijan

Venue: Baku Boulevard



Time	Topic
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Start the final day of Baku Climate Action Week with a refreshing walk along Baku’s world-famous promenade on the Caspian Sea!</p> <p>In keeping with the youth, sports, health and wellbeing theme of the day, UN and partners are organising a 1.5 km inclusive walk, along the flat stretch of Baku Boulevard, to allow for people with different abilities.</p> <p>Join members of the COP29 Presidency, BCAW and UN teams, young people, private sector partners, members of the diplomatic corps, BCAW delegates, community groups and others for a fresh start to the day.</p> <p>The walk will be followed by light refreshments.</p>

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9:30 - 10:00	Welcome Coffee
10:00 - 11:00	Project Building
11:00 - 13:00	Mentoring hours 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vugar Aliyev, Innovation Manager at SUP.VC
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 16:00	Project Building
16:00 - 16:30	Submit last version of projects
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee break

17:00 - 18:30	<p>Jury Deliberation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leyla Hajiyeva, Innovation Advisor to CEO at Administration of State Historical-Architectural Reserve Icherisheher HCRS • Gulnar Mirhuseynova, Senior Project Manager at Innovation and Digital Development Agency • Rashad Aliyev, Founder & CEO Managing Hosted Services Provider at YER Hosting • Leyla Seyidzade, Innovation Consultant at UNDP Azerbaijan • Malini Mehra, Chief Executive, GLOBE International Curator, Baku Climate Action Week
18:30 - 19:00	<p>Award Ceremony & Closing Remarks (Awarding of 3 best ideas)</p>

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Multiple Events at Different Venues

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: YOUTH-LED GREEN INNOVATIONS

COP29 Azerbaijan, Ministry of Science and Education and KOBIA

Venue: ADA University, Majlis room



Time	Topic
9:30 – 17:30	The “Sustainable Future: Youth-led Green Innovations” event aims to use the creativity and enthusiasm of youth to address pressing environmental challenges. During Baku Action Climate Week, this event will provide a platform for youth to showcase innovative solutions and projects focused on sustainability and the environment. The event consists of two parts: the first will showcase how young aspiring entrepreneurs can achieve success starting their journey from a startup. The second part will allow young minds to demonstrate their innovative ideas to combat climate change to investors. This will be a great opportunity for participants to pitch their ideas and aim for initial investments to implement their idea.

AGENDA

Time	Topic
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 11:15	Open to public start-up exhibition
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:20	Opening speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 Azerbaijan • Leyla Hasanova, Presidency Youth Climate Champion for COP29 • Zaur Qardashov, KOBIA, Advisor to the Chairman • Tural Alishov, Ministry of Science and Education
12:20 – 12:40	Fatima Fataliyeva , COP29 Sustainability Manager Importance of sustainable component in modern projects/startups

12:40 – 13:00	Sabina Basariyeva , Startupbootcamp How to transfer startup/project to successful business
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Presentation of already successful startups/projects to the public
14:30 – 16:00	Presentations to investors Each startup will be presented by one member to investors (~6 minutes per each startup/project)
16:00 – 16:20	Coffee break
16:20 – 16:50	Jury break <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tural Alishov, Ministry of Science and Education (TBC) ● Zaur Qardashov, KOBIA, Advisor to Chairman ● Dr Peter Knez, former Chief Investment Officer for BlackRock (world's largest asset management firm) ● Dr Marcelo de Andrade, Founder & Chair, Pro Natura International; Co-Founder, Earth Capital ● Özbahçeci Invest Club (TBD who will present) ● Sabina Basariyeva, Startupbootcamp ● Fatima Fataliyeva, COP29 Sustainability Manager
16:50 – 17:30	Closing/Awarding

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“CASPIAN DREAM” – YOUTH VISIONS

COP29 Azerbaijan and The Center for the Development of Cultural & Creative Industries

Venue: The Center for the Development of Cultural & Creative Industries

Time	Topic
12:00 – 18:00	<p>“Caspian Dream” – Youth Visions is an art exhibition providing a modern interpretation by Azerbaijan’s youth of the renowned photojournalist, REZA’s famous Caspian Sea photographs. Taken almost a generation ago, this series of photographs taken on assignment for National Geographic Magazine, bear graphic testament to Azerbaijan’s past. What do these images evoke in young Azerbaijanis now? How do they interpret these scenes and what is their vision for the future. As Azerbaijan prepares to host COP29, this exhibition provokes a dialogue between then and now; but looks to the future. This event complements a special talk by REZA at the Caspian Dream exhibition itself in The Landmark Hotel on 2nd October 2024.</p>



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CLOSING GALA DINNER – BAKU CLIMATE ACTION WEEK

Time	Topic
19:00-22:00	Closing Gala Dinner for Baku Climate Action Week
20:00-20:15	** BCAW 2024 - CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS ** Dr Peter Knez, former Chief Investment Officer BlackRock, Chair, Venom Foundation
20:30-22:00	Cultural Evening to close

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