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Programme



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OVERVIEW

Following the success of the inaugural Baku Climate Action Week (BCAW) in 2024, Azerbaijan will host the second edition of #BCAW2025 from September 29 to October 3, 2025. Building on the strong foundations laid last year, BCAW2025 will continue to serve as a high-impact platform for international collaboration, innovation, knowledge exchange, and practical climate solutions.

The emergence of Climate Action Weeks around the world has galvanized the international climate diplomacy process and brought a needed local and regional focus on implementation. The Climate Action Weeks complement the UNFCCC's Regional Climate Weeks which have taken place in Asia, Latin America, Africa and MENA regions, as part of the UNFCCC's diplomatic engagement on the official agenda to raise ambition and accelerate climate action ahead of the annual UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COP).

About Climate Action Weeks

The Climate Action Week model was initiated in London in 2019, ahead of COP26 hosted by the United Kingdom, to provide a whole of society mobilization platform at a key point in the international calendar, after the UNFCCC Bonn meetings. The London model has successfully positioned this annual event as the key moment bringing together the COP Presidency, private sector, finance institutions, cities and regions, professional bodies, think tanks, civil society and other stakeholders together in a unified display of commitment to delivery of the Paris Agreement. In 2024, the COP29 Presidency successfully delivered the first Baku Climate Action Week in partnership with London as a similar moment of whole of society mobilization ahead of COP29 in November 2024. The Climate Action Weeks are a complement to the regional climate weeks, organized under the guidance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in partnership with regional institutions and host governments. The growing movement of Climate Action Weeks now encompasses Auckland, Bangkok, Central & Eastern Europe, Dublin, Rio de Janeiro and Sydney.

The goal of Climate Action Weeks is to:

- Localize and accelerate the global climate agenda through practical place-based action;
- Showcase regional innovation and leadership on the green transition, including financial institutions;
- Foster collaboration between public and private sectors, local and sub-national actors, academia, professions, youth, civil society and others;
- Provide a multisectoral platform for the above to advance sectoral transitions that advance growth, prosperity and climate resilience.

Climate Action Weeks serve as bridge moments between annual COP negotiations, allowing countries to share experiences, align efforts, and strengthen climate diplomacy. By hosting BCAW for the second year, Azerbaijan continues to contribute to this evolving global movement by offering a regional platform with international relevance, ahead of COP30 and beyond.

Reflecting on BCAW2024

Held under the auspices of the COP29 Presidency and the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29, the inaugural BCAW (September 30 – October 4, 2024) brought together a broad coalition of stakeholders, including government officials, private sector leaders, academia, civil society, and international organizations. As a key milestone ahead of COP29 in Baku, it underscored the importance of whole-of-state and whole-of-society engagement in the climate agenda. It catalyzed action, showcased innovation, and fostered new networks of collaboration across sectors.

BCAW2024 successfully:

- Secured commitments from the private sector and financial institutions to scale up investments in sustainable practices.
- Highlighted the critical role of SMEs in the green economy, reinforcing their contribution to innovation and supply chain sustainability.
- Advanced policy and technical discussions on energy transition and methane reduction, resulting in clear commitments from both public and private sectors.
- Launched strategic initiatives, including the Harmoniya Pledge and the Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC).
- Positioned youth and education at the heart of climate action, fostering solutions through the Youth Ideathon and new educational partnerships.
- Strengthened scientific collaborations, particularly in the use of AI and digital technologies for emissions monitoring and data analysis.
- Facilitated multi-stakeholder dialogue on sustainable infrastructure, smart cities, and shipping decarbonization, leading to impactful pledges and agreements.

PROGRAMME

BCAW2025 will build on the momentum from COP29, London and Rio Climate Action Weeks, and the global Mutirao advocated by the COP30 Presidency, to deepen international cooperation and advance practical action and implementation in the region and internationally through new partnerships. The programme will feature:

- High-level policy dialogues on energy, finance, climate adaptation, SMEs and just transition.
- Sectoral roundtables with industry, innovation leaders, and green entrepreneurs.
- Youth-led sessions that bring fresh perspectives into climate governance and action
- New partnerships to support delivery of global and regional climate commitments, including on SMEs and Sustainable Fashion

With Azerbaijan continuing its role as a convener of inclusive climate dialogue, BCAW2025 will focus on accelerating climate action, advancing solution-driven cooperation between governments, businesses, academia, professions and communities.

VENUES

Venues will be selected across the city, befitting the nature of the event.

Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel	Heydar Aliyev Center
Ritz Carlton	ADA University
EkoSfera EcoCenter, Balakhani	French-Azerbaijan University (UFAZ)
Ümid yeri Children's Shelter	Baku DOST Center
Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Republic of Azerbaijan	Baku Boulevard

AUDIENCE

BCAW2025 will bring together a diverse and inclusive audience from Azerbaijan, the region and the world, including:

- Policymakers and government officials;
- Industry leaders, green technology developers, and financial institutions;
- Researchers, climate scientists, and academic institutions;
- Civil society, NGOs, community groups, and youth organizations;
- Urban planners, architects, and representatives from infrastructure sectors;
- Arts, culture and sports communities working on climate engagement.

Day 1 – Monday, 29 September 2025 Venue: Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel Tagiyev Ball Room	
	
Day 1 Theme: Laying the Foundation for 2030/ Transition to Green Economy, Green Skills & SMEs	
8:30-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	WELCOME & MINISTERIAL OPENING CEREMONY Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate • Mr Kamran Aliyev, The Prosecutor General of Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Yalchin Rafiyev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, COP29 Lead Negotiator, Republic of Azerbaijan • Mr Samad Bashirli, Deputy Minister of Economy, Republic of Azerbaijan • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan Video Message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Simon Steill, Executive Director, UNFCCC Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Damilola Ogunbiyi, Special Representative of UN Secretary General, CEO, Sustainable Energy for All; Co-Chair, UN-Energy • Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President, 73rd Session, UN General Assembly; Minister, Foreign Affairs of Ecuador 2017-2018 Master of Ceremonies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW
10:15-10:30	Family Photo
10:30-11:30	Session 1: Results of COP29, and the Road to COP30 Azerbaijan's Climate Leadership: From COP29 to BCAW2025 This session will reflect on the key outcomes and breakthroughs from COP29. It will examine Azerbaijan's climate leadership during the Presidency, assess implementation progress, and explore how momentum can be sustained and deepened ahead of COP30. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Vladanka Andreeva, UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan • Mr Fergus Auld OBE, UK Ambassador to Azerbaijan • Dr Marcelo de Andrade, Founder & Chair, Pro Natura Intl; Co-Founder, Earth Capital Partners; Chair, SMI Latin America (virtual) • Mr Csaba Körösi, President, 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly & Director (State Secretary) Office of the President of Hungary • Ms Leyla Hasanova, COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor in Chief, AnewZ <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan's post-COP29 commitments and their role in global climate goals. • Assessing the impact of COP29 outcomes • Translating pledges into national and regional policy frameworks • Opportunities for regional leadership and cooperation post-COP • Institutional coordination for effective implementation • Enhancing stakeholder participation for COP30 success • Panel Discussion: Bridging Policy and Action – Moving from Pledges to Implementation
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-13:00	<p>Session 2: Meeting the Green Transition Challenge – National Climate Plans (NDCs & NAPs), Investment Platforms & Transition Plans</p> <p>This session will focus on building a resilient and inclusive green economy, as required under the NDCs 3.0 whole of economy approach, balancing economic transformation with social equity. It will highlight tools, incentives, and policy models to ensure that vulnerable communities/sectors are supported during the transition. Speakers will further discuss strategies to scale up existing climate policies and introduce innovative approaches in their NDCs 3.0, NAPs, Investment Platforms & Transition Plans to meet the Paris Agreement targets.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Elnur Soltanov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan; CEO of COP29 • Dr Umayra Taghiyeva, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan • Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President, 73rd Session, UN General Assembly; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ecuador 2017-2018 • Mr Viktor Kovalenko, EY, Climate Change and Sustainability Services Leader in Central Asia • Ms Estefanía Ardila Robles, Deputy Director, Country Engagement, NDC Partnership (virtual) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Malini Mehra, CEO, GLOBE Legislators <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National strategies to scale up green economic sectors • Public-private partnerships in climate-aligned growth • Ensuring social inclusion and protection during transition • Nature-based solutions and their economic potential • Role of sub-nationals and local authorities in advancing just transition
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:15	<p>Global Thought Leader Keynote</p> <p>Mr Raimonds Vējonis, President of Latvia (2015-2019)</p>

14:15-15:30	<p>Session 3: Supporting Green Skills Ecosystem – Focus on SMEs</p> <p>This session will explore how SMEs, education institutions, government agencies, and businesses can jointly develop the green skillsets required for a net-zero economy. It will focus on scalable models and financing mechanisms to build climate-ready workforces with experiences from Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, European Union, Turkey and UK.</p> <p>Opening Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Orkhan Mammadov, The Chairman, Small & Medium Business Development Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, KOBİA <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Vinicius Lages, Head of International Affairs, SEBRAE (Brazil) • Mr Ma Jun, Founder & Director, IPE (China) (Virtual) • Mr Jens Nielsen, CEO, World Climate Foundation • Mr Yashar Hamzayev, ILO Azerbaijan/ National Coordinator • Ms Elif Karakulak, Business Engagement Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Orkhan Mustafayev, Rotas Consulting <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public-Private Partnerships for Green Growth • Accelerating the Climate-Proofing SMEs Campaign of the UNFCCC High Level Champion • Showcasing successful green finance models • Defining priority green competencies for each economy • Integrating sustainability into education and vocational systems • Industry-academia collaboration in green workforce training • Certification and standards for green professions • International experiences and partnerships on workforce transition
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-17:00	<p>Session 4: Green Finance & Sustainable Investments: Unlocking Climate Solutions</p> <p>Focus: Mobilizing financial resources for climate action in Azerbaijan.</p> <p>This session will highlight mechanisms to mobilize investments for sustainable business models, particularly among SMEs, and present practical tools to expand green financing in Azerbaijan.</p> <p>Opening Address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Shahin Mahmudzade, Executive Director of the Central Bank of Azerbaijan <p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Climate Change High Level Champion for Egypt, UN Special Envoy on Financing 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda; Chair, GFANZ Africa Network

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Aliya Azimova, Country Head, International Finance Cooperation (IFC) • Ms Amal-lee Amin, Director, British International Investment (virtual) • Mr Lucca Rizzo, Senior Climate Finance Lead, Institute for Climate & Society (iCS), Brazil (virtual) • Mr Real Hajiyev, Senior Banker, Associate Director, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD), Azerbaijan • Mr Jamal Ismayilov, Azerbaijan Market Leader, Oliver Wyman <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mirza Aliyev, Climate Change & Sustainability Services Practice Head in Azerbaijan, Senior Manager, EY Azerbaijan <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable banking and ESG investment trends • Unlocking ESG-aligned capital for SMEs and startups • Incentives for commercial banks to finance low-carbon projects • Role of international financial institutions in climate projects • Encouraging private sector engagement in green investments • Startups pitching their climate-tech solutions to impact investors. • Public and multilateral funding for green entrepreneurship • Role of accelerators, incubators, and climate-tech hubs • Private sector engagement in green investments
17:00-17:15	<p>Global Thought Leader Keynote</p> <p><i>Prospects for sustainable trade in a climate-challenged world</i></p> <p>Professor Daniel C. Esty</p> <p>Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law & Policy; Director, Center for Environmental Law and Policy, Yale University (virtual)</p>
17:15	Thanks & Close
19:30-21:00	Gala Dinner
	*Invitation only

Day 1 – Monday 29th September 2025

Venue: Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel



Roundtable on Strengthening Climate Laws and Institutions for Climate Resilience and a Net Zero Transition

14:00-15:30	<p>Roundtable on Strengthening Climate Laws and Institutions for Climate Resilience and a Net Zero Transition</p> <p>This session will focus on the role of climate laws and institutions, such as independent climate change advisory councils, to inform the next generation of NDCs (nationally determined contributions) and the creation of carbon markets in driving the real economy transition. Experts will discuss the best practices drawing on framework climate laws and policies from around the world to ensure a resilient and just transition to net zero by 2050.</p> <p>Organised by Baku Climate Action Week in partnership with GLOBE Legislators, the Roundtable will also see the launch of the Azerbaijani version of GLOBE's <i>Parliamentary Guide to Article 6 and Carbon Markets</i>.</p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sadiq Gurbanov, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Special Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate, • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan <p>Expert Presentations on Climate Change, Legislation, and Carbon Markets</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Malini Mehra, CEO, GLOBE Legislators • Ms Kalyani Inampudi, ESG Expert and report author (Virtual) • Senator Moses Kajwang, Parliament of Kenya (Virtual) • Mr Boleslaw Matuszewski, Lawyer, Attorney for ClientEarth (Virtual) • Members of the Milli Majlis and guests <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Fariz Ismailzade, Member of Parliament, Milli Majlis, Vice Rector of ADA University <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practices in climate legislation and policy innovation • Guide to Article 6 and Carbon Markets for parliamentarians • Creating enabling environments for private sector investment • Balancing regulatory ambition with business viability and social fairness • Role of independent climate change councils in informing best-in-class climate policies • Implementing net-zero policies at the national and sub-national levels <p>* Invitation only</p>
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Day 1 – Monday 29th September 2025

Venue: “Ümid yeri” Children’s Shelter



15:00 - 17:00	<p>Little Climate Champs</p> <p>Description</p> <p>This vibrant educational gathering will bring together children aged 10–15 from local orphanages for an inspiring journey into the world of climate awareness. Guided by experienced teachers from the recent COP29 Climate Change Summer Camp, the program transforms complex environmental issues into fun, easy-to-grasp stories and hands-on activities. Highlights include interactive discussions on how everyday choices - like saving energy, reusing materials, and caring for plants - help protect the planet. Creativity takes center stage in eco-bag masterclass, where participants design and decorate their own reusable bags while learning about waste reduction and sustainable living. The event blends learning with play, nurturing a sense of responsibility and empowering young minds to become future guardians of the environment. Partner: COP29 Presidency, Regional Development Public Union (RIIB), Ishiq Public Union for Support of Children’s education, "Umid Yeri Charitable Society" Public Union</p> <p>Registration: Invitation only</p>
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Day 2 – Tuesday, 30 September 2025 Venue: Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel Tagiyev Ball Room	
Day 2 Theme: International Cooperation & Accelerating a Resilient, Clean Energy and Just Transition	
8:30-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	<p>WELCOME & MINISTERIAL OPENING ADDRESS</p> <p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate <p>Ministerial Remark:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Parviz Shahbazov, Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan <p>Master of Ceremonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW
10:00-11:15	<p>Session 1: Exploring Azerbaijan's Potential in Solar, Offshore Wind, Blue & Green Hydrogen, Geothermal energy</p> <p>This session will present Azerbaijan's strategic vision and investment roadmap for renewable energy. It will explore the country's potential in solar, onshore and offshore wind, green hydrogen and geo-thermal energy sources.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rana Humbatova, Deputy Director, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency • Mr Elchin Targuluyev, Senior Solar & Wind Energy Expert, SOCAR Green LLC • Ms Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director, ECO Clean Energy Centre • Ms Jodi Wood, Managing Director, Schlumberger (SLB) • Mr Alexander Tishkov, Partner, BCG Baku • Mr Murad Sadikhov, Country Manager, Masdar Azerbaijan <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Movlan Pashayev, ADL Azerbaijan <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azerbaijan's roadmap for renewables, offshore wind, and hydrogen. • Policy frameworks and incentives for clean energy investment • Opportunities for offshore wind deployment in the Caspian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid modernization and integration of renewable sources • Public-private partnerships for a sustainable energy future • Regional leadership in renewable energy partnerships and trade
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 2: Advancing Climate Resilience through International Collaboration</p> <p>This session will explore how international cooperation can accelerate decarbonization, adaptation and resilience across the sectors. It will also provide a platform for key national actors to present updates on their climate commitments, partnerships, and investment programmes since COP28.</p> <p>Opening Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Dan Ioschpe, UNFCCC High-Level Champion for COP30 (video message) • Mr Afgan Isayev, Vice President, SOCAR <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Manuel Montenegro, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to Azerbaijan • Ms Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President, 73rd Session, UN General Assembly; Minister, Foreign Affairs of Ecuador 2017-2018 • Mr Hikmat Abdullayev, Deputy Vice President, SOCAR • Mr Stuart Shaw, VP Operations, bp Azerbaijan • Mr Pietro Mezzano, Director, OGDC • Mr Dario Buccellato, Energy Transition Manager, International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Orkhan Amashov, Deputy Editor-in Chief, AnewZ <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Necessity of wholistic approach to real economy transition challenges: decarbonization, adaptation & resilience • Case study: SOCAR's decarbonization roadmap and international collaborations • Role of technology partnerships in accelerating emissions reductions • Impact of international partnerships and regional collaboration mechanisms • Regulatory instruments and fiscal incentives for energy performance upgrades
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:15	<p>Ministerial Address</p> <p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate <p>Ministerial Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Anar Aliyev, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Republic of Azerbaijan <p>Master of Ceremonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW

14:15-14:30	<p align="center">Global Thought Leader Keynote</p> <p align="center"><i>Corporate climate actions for the sustainability agenda: are we missing something?</i></p> <p align="center">Mr Csaba Kőrösi</p> <p align="center">President, 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly; Director (State Secretary) Office of the President of Hungary</p>
14:30-15:15	<p>Session 3: From Pledges to Action: Advancing COP29 Legacy Through Corporate Sustainability</p> <p>The session will highlight how corporate actions are helping drive the sustainability agenda in line with the pledges made during COP29 and before.</p> <p>Opening Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Narmin Jarchalova, COO and Chair of COP29 Azerbaijan Operating Company • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Elmir Musayev, CEO, Socar Green • Mr Bahruz Naghiyev, Deputy CEO, PASHA Bank • Mr Mehmet Savash Uzan, CEO, Azersun Holding <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Marina Olshanskaya, Chief Sustainability Advisor COP29 <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy of COP29: How has COP29 influenced Azerbaijan's corporate agenda? • Post-COP29 Implementation: Practical steps taken by the private sector to operationalize sustainability commitments. • Embedding climate responsibility into governance, operations, and long-term strategies. • New technologies, renewable energy solutions, and sustainable finance emerging post-COP29. • Ensuring transparency, measuring progress, and aligning with international standards. • Case studies from energy, agriculture, and diversified industries demonstrating real impact. • How Azerbaijani companies can leverage COP29's legacy to remain global sustainability leaders.
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	<p>Session 4: From Collaboration to Implementation: Driving Progress in Methane Management</p> <p>The session will showcase the joint experience of SOCAR, bp, OGCI, and GHGSat in deploying satellite-based technologies across SOCAR's assets. Participants will explore how these advanced tools are enhancing the accuracy of methane emissions detection, enabling rapid response, and supporting more effective emissions management. The session will provide an overview of the current capabilities and practical applications of satellite monitoring, highlighting how space-based data is reshaping industry practices.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pietro Mezzano, Director, OGDC • Ms Lauren Ward, Low-Carbon Programme Manager, OGCI • Mr Ryan Mattson, Vice President of Oil & Gas, GHGSat • Mr Sonna Sathiamoorthy, Methane Programme Manager & SME, bp

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mustafa Gurbanli, Head of Environmental Disclosures and Green Affairs Department, SOCAR <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are new technologies helping to reshape practices in the oil sector? What practical experiences on methane abatement can be considered best practices for upscaling? Is there an intersection between new technologies and tools, and the global drive for emissions reduction?
16:30-16:45	<p>Global Thought Leader Keynote</p> <p><i>The Business and Economic Case for Climate Action</i></p> <p>Ms Jean Baderschneider, Board of Directors, Fortescue Ltd.; Chair of the Board, The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; former Vice-President, ExxonMobil</p>
16:45-17:45	<p>Session 5: Achieving a Just Transition: Best practice and lessons learnt for policymakers</p> <p>A just transition ensures that the shift to a green economy is fair, inclusive, and socially responsible. This session will examine labor protections, stakeholder engagement, and policies to support workers and communities in transitioning industries.</p> <p>Opening Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Rashad Mustafayev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labour & Social Protection of Population, Republic of Azerbaijan <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Vugar Karimov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan Dr Hakima El Haite, President of Liberal International; VP of COP21; HLC COP22; Member, Nizami Ganjavi International Centre Mr Afgan Isayev, Vice President, SOCAR Mr Vugar Zeynalov, Vice President, Azerbaijan Confederation of Entrepreneurs Mr Elkiyar Ziyadov, Advisor to the Chairman, Azerbaijan Trade Unions Confederation & Chairman, Culture Workers Trade Union <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Lamiya Vahidzada, Head of PMO, the State Social Protection Fund (SSPF) <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of a just transition in fossil-fuel dependent sectors. Social protection programs for vulnerable and displaced workers Protection of workers' rights during the ecological transformation of the economy. The impact of digital technologies on climate change. National strategies for retraining and job replacement Engaging trade unions and employers in climate-labor dialogue Digitalization and the future of green jobs International labor standards in the context of ecological transition
17:45	<p>Thanks & Close</p>

Day 2– Tuesday 30 September, 2025 Venue: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard Nagiyev Room	
18:00-19:00	A Roundtable exploring steps towards a Fashion Breakthrough at the UNFCCC COPs and the latest trends in sustainable fashion with leaders in the field from Azerbaijan and Europe.
	<p>Description:</p> <p>This unique event blends creativity with climate action, aiming to showcase how innovation and sustainability can transform the fashion industry. The core of the event is a live fashion show featuring garments created entirely from re-used and upcycled materials. Each performed piece will be followed by a moderator narrating the story and the sustainability concept behind every material used. The fashion show is a public event by invitation. The fashion show will be preceded by a high-level roundtable exploring key themes on fashion as a breakthrough agenda at COP30 and beyond. The roundtable will convene top designers, brand representatives, sustainability experts, and policymakers to explore fashion as a climate breakthrough agenda item leading up to COP30 and beyond.</p> <p>Welcome & Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan= <p>Expert contributors to this exclusive roundtable discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ines Ribeiro, Head of Product Innovation and Responsible Materials, Stella McCartney (Virtual) • Nina Marenzi, CEO & Founder, The Sustainable Angle & Future Fabrics Expo, ClientEarth (Virtual) • Farida Akhundova, Executive Director, Azerbaijan Textile Association • John Young Simpson, Group CEO, GP Cotton • Gulnara Hasanova, CEO, Giltex • Anar Dadashov, Chairman, Azerlpek • Narmina Abdinbekova, Founder & CEO, Shoppingaz • Julia Jarullazade, Head of Brand Activation & Partnership, Sintex • Azad Agakhanov, PR Manager, Atirshah • Mujgan Gafarzade, Executive Director, Nargiz Magazine • Leyla Aghamalova, Editor in Chief, Founder, Caspian Magazine <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing waste and emissions in fashion • Innovations in circular design • Ethical production and sourcing • Consumer education and behavioral change • Fashion as a breakthrough agenda at COP30 and beyond

19:00-20:00	Sustainable Fashion Show featuring garments made entirely from re-used and upcycled materials. Each piece presented will be accompanied by a narrator relating the story and sustainability concept behind each material used.
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Closed-door Roundtable; participation by invitation only

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Day 2 – Tuesday, 30 September 2025

Venue: Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel



Roundtable 2: Sustainable Fashion Show and Roundtable on COP30 Fashion Breakthrough

18:00-19:00	<p>A Roundtable exploring steps towards a Fashion Breakthrough at the UNFCCC COPs and the latest trends in sustainable fashion with leaders in the field from Azerbaijan and Europe.</p>
	<p>Description: This unique event blends creativity with climate action, aiming to showcase how innovation and sustainability can transform the fashion industry. The core of the event is a live fashion show featuring garments created entirely from re-used and upcycled materials. Each performed piece will be followed by a moderator narrating the story and the sustainability concept behind every material used. The fashion show is a public event by invitation. The fashion show will be preceded by a high-level roundtable exploring key themes on fashion as a breakthrough agenda at COP30 and beyond. The roundtable will convene top designers, brand representatives, sustainability experts, and policymakers to explore fashion as a climate breakthrough agenda item leading up to COP30 and beyond.</p> <p>Welcome & Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion <p>Expert contributors to this exclusive roundtable discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ines Ribeiro, Head of Product Innovation and Responsible Materials, Stella McCartney (Virtual) • Nina Marenzi, CEO & Founder, The Sustainable Angle & Future Fabrics Expo, ClientEarth (Virtual) • Farida Akhundova, Executive Director, Azerbaijan Textile Association • John Young Simpson, Group CEO, GP Cotton • Gulnara Hasanova, CEO, Giltex • Anar Dadashov, Chairman, AzerIpek • Narmina Abdinbekova, Founder & CEO, Shoppingaz • Julia Jarullazade, Head of Brand Activation & Partnership, Sintex • Azad Agakhanov, PR Manager, Atirshah • Mujgan Gafarzade, Executive Director, Nargiz Magazine • Leyla Aghamalova, Editor in Chief, Founder, Caspian Magazine <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW

	<p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing waste and emissions in fashion • Innovations in circular design • Ethical production and sourcing • Consumer education and behavioral change <p>Fashion as a breakthrough agenda at COP30 and beyond</p>
19:00-20:00	<p>Sustainable Fashion Show featuring garments made entirely from re-used and upcycled materials. Each piece presented will be accompanied by a narrator relating the story and sustainability concept behind each material used.</p>

Day 2– Tuesday 30 September, 2025

Venue: Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Shusha Room



<p>10:00 - 20:00</p>	<p>Youth-Led Climate Forum</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>The Youth-Led Climate Forum provides a dedicated platform for young leaders to engage with policymakers, the private sector, academia, and international partners. The forum also highlights the continued role of the COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion in promoting youth perspectives.</p> <p>By convening diverse stakeholders, the Youth-Led Climate Forum seeks to amplify youth perspectives, build strong partnerships, and carry forward the legacy of COP29 into a new phase of action and implementation on the road to COP30, with the COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion playing a key role in guiding and representing youth leadership throughout.</p> <p>It will feature the following Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Ideas to Action: How Digital Transformation Enables Sustainable Development • From Vision to Reality: Clean Energy and Urban Development for a Greener World • From Negotiation to Action: Diplomacy for Climate Resilience <p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of youth in shaping inclusive, innovative, and solution-driven approaches to climate action • Dialogue on key themes including digital transformation, clean energy and urban development, and climate diplomacy • Discussion on strengthening collaboration across sectors and inspiring concrete initiatives in the lead-up to COP30 <p>Partners: COP29 Presidency, NAM Youth Organization</p> <p>*Registration: Open call</p>
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Day 3 – Wednesday, 1 October 2025
Venue: Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel
Tagiyev Ball Room



Day 3 Theme: Advancing Sectoral Climate Resilience – Agriculture, Water, Transport, Smart Cities; Women's Leadership in Climate Action

8:30-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	<p>WELCOME & MINISTERIAL OPENING ADDRESS</p> <p>Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate <p>Ministerial Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Majnun Mammadov, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Zaur Mikayilov, Azerbaijan State Water Agency • Mr Viorel Gutu, Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia at FAO • Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan <p>Master of Ceremonies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW
10:00-11:15	<p>Session 1: Smart Agriculture and Food Security in a Changing Climate / Climate Tech Focus: Ensuring food resilience while reducing the environmental footprint of agriculture</p> <p>This session will explore how technology, policy, and grassroots solutions can strengthen climate resilience in agriculture. With increasing climate variability, the focus will be on enhancing food security through innovation, sustainable solutions, and local food systems. Case studies will be presented from Azerbaijan, Brazil, USA and other parts of the world.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Surkhay Novruzov, Head of the AI Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan. • Ms Marina Rose Best, Country Operation Head, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, ADB • Mr Ismat Bakhishov, Director, GIS Centre, AZERCOSMOS • Mr Anar Jafarov, Director, Agro Innovation Centre • Mr Kyyrlo Mukhomedzyanov, Operations Officer, Advisory Services, International Finance Corporation (IFC) • Ms Gozde Kizilirmak, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nasar Hayat, Head, FAO Partnership & Liaison Office, Azerbaijan <p>Key Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate-smart agricultural practices • Smart irrigation, water-efficient farming and soil conservation • Reducing food waste and promoting local food systems • Digital tools (AI, sensors, drones) for real-time farm and yield monitoring • Strengthening local supply chains and community-based agriculture • Role of policy and finance in supporting sustainable rural transformation • Role of technology in sustainable farming
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session 2: Regional Sustainable Water Management</p> <p>This session will explore innovative approaches to water conservation, irrigation efficiency, and climate-adaptive water management strategies in the agricultural sector.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Stefanie Stallmeister, Country Manager, World Bank, Azerbaijan • Ms Sunniya Durrani-Jamal, Country Director for Azerbaijan, Asian Development Bank (ADB) • Ms Kamala Huseyinli- Abishova, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Baku Water Dialogue • Mr Aliagha Azizov, Deputy Head of Strategy, International Cooperation & Science Dept; Head of Science & Innovation Sector, Azerbaijan State Water Resources Agency • Mr Carlo Stella, Global Sustainability and Climate Change Leader, ADL USA • Dr Rovshan Abbasov, Associate Professor, Head of the Environmental Research Centre, Khazar University <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Liya Bayramova, Executive Director, GEM CSR and ESG Consulting <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water scarcity and its impact on global agriculture • Efficient irrigation technologies (smart irrigation, solar pumps) • Managing water use in drought-prone and semi-arid zones • Enhancing soil moisture retention and rainwater harvesting • Role of data and satellite mapping in water allocation • Institutional reforms and governance for basin-level water management • Case studies from Azerbaijan: rehabilitation, reuse, and innovation • Azerbaijan's solutions for water scarcity and sustainable irrigation

13:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-14:15	Ministerial Address Opening Speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mukhtar Babayev, COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate • Mr Rashad Nabiyeu, Minister of Digital Development and Transport, Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc) • Mr Anar Guliyev, Chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture, Republic of Azerbaijan Master of Ceremonies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Guy Shone, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & Ms Malini Mehra, Curator, BCAW
14:15-15:15	Session 3: Transport and Digitalization – Focus on the Caspian and Central Asia Transport and digital innovation are critical to reducing emissions and improving efficiency in climate action. This session will address sustainable mobility solutions, electrification of transport, and digital technologies for emissions tracking. Experts from around the world will explore how AI, big data, and blockchain can support climate monitoring and policy implementation. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Emil Majidov, Managing Partner, Rotas Consulting • Mr Abdul Karim Sawan, CEO, Esyssoft Mobility • Mr Turkhan Ahmadov, Head of Communications Department, Azerbaijan Railways • Mr Aslan Ibrahimov, Strategy, Risk & Transactions Partner, Deloitte • Mr Florent Nanse, Partner and Global ESG Leader, Arthur D. Little Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Fidan Farzaliyeva, Adviser to the President, AZAL Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrification of transport: infrastructure, incentives, and adoption • Role of digitalization in route optimization and fuel efficiency • Intelligent transport systems (ITS) for climate-smart mobility • Low-emission zones and smart urban traffic management • Blockchain and big data in emissions tracking and logistics monitoring • Integration of transport and energy systems • Future of autonomous vehicles in green mobility
15:15-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:30	Session 4: Shaping Azerbaijan’s Future: Climate-Resilient and Healthy Cities and Communities Focus: Building environmentally friendly, efficient, and resilient cities. This session will examine how urban planning and smart city innovations can enhance resilience to climate risks, reduce emissions, and promote sustainable lifestyles. Case studies and tools for implementing scalable smart infrastructure in Azerbaijani cities will be shared

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Elmar Mammadov, Head of Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan • Dr Paul Toyne, Head of Sustainability (Group), GRIMSHAW • Ms Lin O'Grady, Lead, Smart Cities Initiative, EBRD • Ms Leyla Huseynli, Sustainable Finance Officer, Advisory Services, International Finance Corporation (IFC) • Mr Abdinassir Shale Sagar, World Urban Forum Coordinator, UN-Habitat • Mr Israil Asaliyev, Head of Industry, NEQSOL Holding <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anna Soave, Head of Country Programme, UN-Habitat Azerbaijan <p>Discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Climate Resilience • Health & Climate-Smart Urban Design • Community Inclusion and Social Equity • Policy, Planning & Local Governance • Financing and Implementation • International Cooperation & Knowledge Sharing • Climate adaptation planning at the municipal level • Governance, financing, and citizen engagement in Smart Cities <p>* Green construction, energy-efficient buildings and nature-based urban solutions</p>
16:30-17:45	<p>Session 5: Women Leading Climate Action: Bridging the Gender Gap in Sustainability</p> <p>Focus: Empowering women to take leadership roles in climate policy and action.</p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Bahar Muradova, Chairperson of the State Committee for Family, Women, and Children Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan • Ms Hijran Huseynova, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Leyla Hasanova, COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion • Ms Jean Baderschneider, Board of Directors, Fortescue Ltd.; Chair of the Board, The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery; former Vice-President, ExxonMobil • Ms Natavan Mammadova, Secretary General, Maida Nazir Organisation for Women's Economic Empowerment • Mr Samir Mammadov, Head, UN Global Compact, Azerbaijan • Ms Tatyana Mikayilova, Founder, Azerbaijani Business Women Association, SHE Congress <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sana Kapadia, Chief Catalyst, Heading for Change

	Discussion points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's leadership in climate governance and diplomacy • Promoting gender-responsive climate policy frameworks • Women-led green and sustainable entrepreneurship • Overcoming barriers to women's participation in climate finance • Gender equality in climate research and innovation ecosystems <p>Creating supportive platforms and networks for women in climate sectors</p>
17:45-18:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ms Ilhama Gadimova, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture of Republic of Azerbaijan Ms Nigar Arpadarai, COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan</p>
18:00	Thanks and Close

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Venue: Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Nagiyev Room



ROUNDTABLE ON CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRIBUSINESS: ALIGNING STRATEGY, INVESTMENT AND POLICY

11:30-13:00

Roundtable 3: Climate-Resilient Agribusiness: Aligning Strategy, Investment, and Policy

Special Guests:

- **Mr Mukhtar Babayev** – COP29 President, Representative of the President of Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate
- **Mr Majnun Mammadov** – Minister of Agriculture of Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Mr Viorel Gutu** – Assistant Director-General, Regional Representative, FAO REU
- **Ms Nigar Arpadarai** – COP29 Climate High-Level Champion, Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan

Description:

The roundtable will bring together leaders from government, international organizations, agribusiness companies, agricultural holdings, private sector institutions, farmer associations, cooperatives, and other parties to deliberate on the future of climate-resilient agribusiness in Azerbaijan and beyond. This session will highlight how the private sector is shaping the future of agriculture through leadership, agility, and forward-looking investment, while offering insights into real market dynamics, business risks, and the enabling conditions required for sustainable transformation. The discussion will culminate in the adoption of a “Climate-Resilient Agribusiness Pledge”, through which participating companies and cooperatives will publicly commit to enhancing resilience and sustainability across the agrifood sector, thereby demonstrating accountability and leadership in climate action.

NOTE: This is a closed event and by invitation only.

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Nagiyev Room



AZERBAIJAN SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT BLUEPRINT ROUNDTABLE

14:00-15:00	<p>Azerbaijan Sustainable Built Environment Blueprint Roundtable</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>The built environment impacts everyone, and everywhere. Buildings and construction are responsible for 21% of total greenhouse gas emissions, and buildings provide 40% of the solutions needed to double the rate of energy intensity improvements by 2030. In Azerbaijan, the building sector alone was responsible for 16% (16 Mt CO₂) of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion in 2022. The built environment’s potential to benefit citizens must not be underestimated. The built environment protects us – from soaring temperatures, intensifying storms and rising floodwaters. Azerbaijan has demonstrated its commitment through international agreements, including the Paris Agreement and the Global Renewables and Energy Efficiency Pledge. As attention turns to implementation, the role of the private sector in supporting government efforts is vital. In the lead up to COP29, leading AZ developers came together to sign a pledge committing to play their part in limiting emissions to 1.5 °C, with the development of the Azerbaijan Sustainable Built Environment Blueprint, in collaboration with the UN Global Compact. On the road to COP30, we are convening these leading developers to reflect on progress and continue momentum.</p> <p>Organiser: High-Level Climate Champions team</p> <p>*Invitation only</p>
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Day 3– Wednesday 1 October, 2025

Venue: Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Kalbajar Room



9:30-14:00

Youth-Led Climate Forum

Description:

The Youth-Led Climate Forum provides a dedicated platform for young leaders to engage with policymakers, the private sector, academia, and international partners. The forum also highlights the continued role of the COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion in promoting youth perspectives.

By convening diverse stakeholders, the Youth-Led Climate Forum seeks to amplify youth perspectives, build strong partnerships, and carry forward the legacy of COP29 into a new phase of action and implementation on the road to COP30, with the COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion playing a key role in guiding and representing youth leadership throughout.

It will feature the following Panel discussion

- From Ideas to Action: How Digital Transformation Enables Sustainable Development
- From Vision to Reality: Clean Energy and Urban Development for a Greener World
- From Negotiation to Action: Diplomacy for Climate Resilience

Discussion Points:

- Role of youth in shaping inclusive, innovative, and solution-driven approaches to climate action
- Dialogue on key themes including digital transformation, clean energy and urban development, and climate diplomacy
- Discussion on strengthening collaboration across sectors and inspiring concrete initiatives in the lead-up to COP30

Partners: COP29 Presidency, NAM Youth Organization

***Registration:** Open call

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Venue: Ritz-Carlton Hotel

Kalbajar Room



15:00-17:00

Climate in the Headlines: Green Narratives in Media

Description:

Newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and digital platforms shape how people understand the climate crisis - and how they perceive their role in addressing it. Yet in Azerbaijan, climate reporting in mainstream media remains limited. Coverage is often occasional, tied to major events, and disconnected from people’s everyday realities. This creates gaps in public awareness and reduces the sense of urgency and shared responsibility.

Discussion Points:

- Media’s role in mainstreaming climate reporting into editorial agendas
- Setting realistic targets for consistent climate coverage (e.g., one story per month)
- Identifying priority climate topics: adaptation, renewable energy, local challenges, community solutions
- Simplifying complex issues while ensuring accuracy in storytelling
- Elevating youth voices and fostering intergenerational dialogue in climate narratives
- Engaging the public through human-centered, data-driven, and solution-oriented stories
- Building partnerships between journalists, climate experts, and youth groups
- Strengthening climate journalism through training, resources, and capacity building

Partner: COP29 Presidency

Registration: By invitation

Day 3 – Wednesday, 1 October 2025

Venue: Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population

85 Salatin Asgarova Street, Baku.

18th Floor of the Administrative Building



PUBLIC AWARENESS ROUNDTABLE ON SHAPING THE FUTURE OF GREEN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN INDUSTRY FOR A JUST TRANSITION: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

15:00-16:30

Public Awareness Roundtable on Shaping the Future of Green Workforce Development in Industry for a Just Transition: Opportunities and Challenges.

Description:

This public-awareness roundtable will introduce what a “just transition” is and how skills and policies make it work. Using the evidence-based examples, it will raise public awareness on how workers from traditional industry and mining can transition to green and climate-resilient jobs through reskilling and upskilling. The session targets the wider public and decision-makers, aiming to clarify the roles of Azerbaijan’s institutions, governmental organizations, companies, and training providers in preparing workers for quality green-economy jobs. It is not a national policy plan, but rather an evidence-based concept that offers practical lessons and stakeholder roles to inform dialogue and voluntary collaboration.

Speakers

- **Mr. Sadiq Aliyev**, Chairman of the Managing Board, State Employment Agency
- **Ms. Samira Mirzayeva**, State Employment Agency
- **Mr. Namig Mammadov**, State Employment Agency
- Representative of the Ministry of Economy
- Representative of the Ministry of Energy / Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency
- Representative of the Ministry of Science and Education
- Representative of SOCAR
- Stakeholders from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, universities, vocational training providers, and other organizations

Organiser: State Employment Agency

Note: Closed event. Attendance solely by invitation.

Day 4 – Thursday, 2 October 2025

Venue: Heydar Aliyev Centre



Day 4 Theme: Arts, Culture and Youth-led Innovation

SUSTAINABLE EXPO (10:00-14:00)

	Registration
	<p>“Voices of the Future” – Youth-Led Climate Talks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>TEDx-style talks featuring young Azerbaijani activists, scientists, and green entrepreneurs sharing ideas for Baku’s sustainable future.</i> • <i>Case studies from successful Azerbaijani youth-led projects, such as urban farming, water conservation, and waste reduction.</i> • <i>Interactive discussion with city officials on how young people can shape sustainability policies.</i>
	<p>Art for the Planet – Youth Art Exhibition</p> <p>The session will feature a curated display of 30 powerful visual artworks created by youth. Selected works will cover themes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Change and Hope • My Future Earth / My Future Baku / My Future Azerbaijan • The Planet has a Heartbeat • Letters from the Future <p>Register here.</p>
	<p>Innovation for the Planet – Youth Start-Up Exhibition</p> <p>This will be a showcase of 15-20 start-ups or projects led by youths offering practical solutions to climate and sustainability challenges. These include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green tech or renewable energy innovations • Climate-smart agriculture ideas • Eco-products or services • Waste-to-resource innovations • Digital tools or apps for climate education or action <p>Each start-up will be provided with a spot for presentation, product demos, or interaction. Five top projects will be selected by the jury for awards and mentorship opportunities. Register here.</p>

Day 4 – Thursday, 2 October 2025

Venue: EkoSfera EcoCenter, Balakhani



Day 4 Theme: Arts, Culture and Youth-led Innovation

TBC	Registration
11.00-13.00	EcoCulture Kids Day – Balakhani Description: A fun and educational one-day journey to EkoSfera and Baku Landscaping’s EcoCenter in Balakhani, welcoming 50–80 children from schools, eco-clubs, and youth groups. Young participants will explore the EcoCenter and Botanical Garden, take part in interactive eco-games, learn about recycling and biodiversity, and experience hands-on activities that inspire a love for nature and sustainable living.
14.00-16.00	Women Innovating for a Green Future – Gender Community Innovation Description: Running in parallel at the EkoSfera EcoCenter, this inspiring session brings together women and girls for a thought-provoking panel on “Women and Climate Innovation”. The program also features a dynamic Eco-Entrepreneurship Lab, where participants co-create practical green solutions and explore opportunities to turn ideas into impactful environmental initiatives.



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Day 4– Thursday 2 October, 2025

Venue: Heydar Aliyev Center



Sustainable Expo: Art & Innovation for the Planet

10:00 - 14:00

Sustainable Expo: Art & Innovation for the Planet

Description:

To harness imagination and drive for change among youth, COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion within the framework of Baku Climate Action Week 2025 will host the Sustainable Expo: Art & Innovation for the Planet. This vibrant, interactive event will highlight two key contributions by youth: artworks that express climate awareness and emotions, and start-up projects that offer real-world sustainable solutions.

The Sustainable Expo aims to create a unique space where the innovation, creativity, and determination of young generations are put at the forefront of climate solutions.

This Expo will not only raise awareness and encourage climate action, but also empower youth with opportunities for learning, recognition, and impact. It aims to bridge creativity and innovation under one roof, turning ideas into impact and expression into action.

Discussion points:

- Showcasing youth artworks as expressions of climate awareness and emotions
- Presenting start-up projects that deliver real-world sustainable solutions
- Creating a platform where innovation, creativity, and determination of youth drive climate solutions
- Raising awareness and encouraging public engagement in climate action through art and innovation
- Empowering youth with opportunities for learning, recognition, and impact
- Bridging creativity and innovation under one roof to turn ideas into action
- Highlighting the role of imagination in shaping future climate solutions

Partners: COP29 Presidency, Regional Development Public Union (RIIB), Small and Medium Business Development Agency (KOBIA)

Registration: Open call

Day 4– Thursday 2 October, 2025
Venue: Baku DOST Center No.4,
31-03 Ziya Bunyadov Avenue.



VISION ZERO: A Roundtable on Strategy for a Green and Safe Future

16:00-17:30

VISION ZERO: A Roundtable on Strategy for a Green and Safe Future

Description:

This roundtable will highlight the role of Vision Zero concept as a global strategy and will provide a platform for sharing successful practices, challenges, and collaborations in implementing Vision Zero. The HSE professionals representing both the public sector and industry, labour inspection officials and other speakers will help to promote a prevention culture by embracing the mindset that every work-related injury and illness is preventable.

Speakers

- **Mr. Ilgar Mammadov**, Deputy Head, State Labour Inspectorate Service under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Ms. Gunel Bakhshiyeva**, Deputy Head, Occupational Safety Supervision Department, State Labour Inspectorate Service
- **Mr. Vusal Mammadov**, Chairman of the Managing Board, “Occupational Safety Centre” Public Legal Entity
- **Mr. Farid Guliyev**, Head of Department for Workplace Attestation, Certification and Standardization, “Occupational Safety Centre” Public Legal Entity
- **Mr. Bahruz Najafov**, Head of Occupational Safety and Civil Defense Department, Azerbaijan Railways CJSC
- **Mr. Anar Garayev**, HSE Manager, BOS Shelf International FZCO
- **Mr. Farid Rasulov**, HSE Director, SOCAR Upstream
- **Mr. Ilgar Baghirov**, Head of Occupational Safety Division, HSE and Quality Control Department, SOCAR Neftqaztikinti Trust

Organiser: The State Labour Inspection Service under the Ministry of Labour & Social Protection of Population, Republic of Azerbaijan

Note: Closed event. Attendance solely by invitation.

Day 4 – Thursday 2 October, 2025

Venue: ADA University



TBC

From Cells to Systems: Understanding Climate's Impact on Human Health

Description

This presentation explores the complex relationship between climate change and human health, focusing on how environmental factors trigger cellular-level changes in the body. Attendees will learn about the physiological impacts of climate-related stressors and their potential progression to more severe health issues. Additionally, the role of green hospitals in mitigating these effects will be highlighted, displaying sustainable practices that promote health and well-being while addressing climate challenges. Join us to uncover how a healthier planet can lead to healthier people.

Presenters:

- Dr Ilhama Jafarli, Founder & CEO of the Association of Azerbaijani British Professionals (AABP), UK
- Dr Ramik Guliyev, Head of Health Policy Department, Ministry of Health, Azerbaijan
- Ms Khadija Akhundova, Queen Mary University London (AABP member)
- Ms Khadija Mikayilzade, Azerbaijan Medical University (AABP member)
- Ms Zahra Hasanli, Azerbaijan Medical University (AABP member)
- Ms Madina Amiraslanova, University College London (AABP member)

Organiser: Association of Azerbaijani British Professionals AABP

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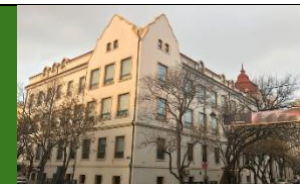
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How to register:

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Day 4– Thursday 2 October, 2025

Venue: French-Azerbaijani University (UFAZ)



Precise Agriculture - Future of farming in changing climate and limited land resources

15:00 - 19:00

Precise Agriculture - Future of farming in changing climate and limited land resources

Description:

The workshop addresses the urgent need for climate-resilient farming practices in the Caspian region. With increasing land degradation, water scarcity, and ecosystem stressors - particularly from the Caspian Sea - farmers and agricultural stakeholders face mounting challenges. Precision agriculture offers a pathway to optimize resource use, improve yields, and adapt to changing environmental conditions.

Discussion points:

- Addressing the urgent need for climate-resilient farming practices in the Caspian region
- Confronting challenges of land degradation, water scarcity, and ecosystem stressors linked to the Caspian Sea
- Exploring precision agriculture as a pathway to optimize resource use and efficiency
- Improving crop yields while adapting to changing environmental conditions
- Engaging farmers and agricultural stakeholders in sustainable solutions

Partners: COP29 Presidency, Caspian Integrated Scientific Network (CASPISTNET), Caspian Locus LLC, Agrarian Innovation Center, Regional Development Public Union (RIIB), French-Azerbaijani University (UFAZ)

Registration: By invitation

Day 5 – Friday, October 3, 2025

Venue: Multiple venues

Day 5 Theme: COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY – “ACT FOR THE FUTURE”

The final day of BCAW2025 will focus on practical action in Baku, engaging residents, businesses, and policymakers to leave a lasting sustainability impact. Instead of just discussions, this day will feature tree planting, urban clean-up, climate education, and a vibrant cultural closing event, ensuring that Baku takes a real step forward in climate action.

9:15-10:30

WALK THE TALK FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Public engagement activity led by United Nations in Baku on the Baku promenade.

Description:

To start the final day of the Baku Climate Action Week 2025, please come and join us at the Baku Boulevard, to Walk the Talk for Climate Action! Organized in partnership with the United Nations in Azerbaijan, the walk aims to raise public awareness on climate change and to engage and inspire climate action across all sectors of society.

Contact person: Jamila Mammadli (Jamila.Mammadli@un.org) and Hyebin Kwon (Hyebin.Kwon@un.org), UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Azerbaijan

Day 5– Friday 3 October, 2025

Venue: ADA University

General Assembly



Academic Unity for Climate Action: Dialogue on the Azerbaijani University Network on Climate Change

11:00 - 13:00

Academic Unity for Climate Action: Dialogue on the Azerbaijani University Network on Climate Change

Description:

University networks on climate change are a widely adopted and effective model for fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange in response to the global climate crisis. These networks unite academic institutions to address climate-related challenges through interdisciplinary research, education, policy dialogue, and community engagement.

Last year, during Baku Climate Action Week, a side event titled “Role of Higher Education in the Climate Transition: Towards the Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC)” introduced the concept of national academic climate network to local universities. Thanks to that initiative, COP-related activities, and the universities’ own efforts over the past year, institutions are now well-prepared to move the discussion forward.

During Baku Climate Action Week in October 2025, universities will meet to discuss the structure, format, goals, and next steps for establishing the Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC). The event will mark a critical milestone on the path toward its future establishment.

Discussion points:

- Leveraging university networks as effective models for collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange on climate change
- Advancing interdisciplinary research, education, policy dialogue, and community engagement through academic cooperation
- Building on the momentum of the 2024 side event introducing the Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC) Showcasing progress made by universities through COP-related activities and independent initiatives
- Defining the structure, format, and goals of the AUNCC
- Setting next steps and a roadmap for the network’s formal establishment
- Positioning universities as key actors in the national and global climate transition

Partners: COP29 Presidency, Ministry of Science and Education of Republic of Azerbaijan, ADA University, British Council

Registration: By invitation

Day 5– Friday 3 October, 2025

Venue: Ritz Carlton Hotel

Kalbajar Room



Sustainability Careers Fair

15:30 - 18:00

Sustainability Careers Fair

Description:

As the global demand for sustainability and climate-focused solutions grows, so does the need for a skilled workforce ready to lead the transition to a greener, more resilient economy. Youth - today's students and tomorrow's professionals - must be empowered to see sustainability not just as a cause, but as a viable and exciting career path.

The Sustainability Careers Fair will serve as a dynamic and engaging platform that connects university students with professionals working in the field of sustainability across sectors such as business, consultancy, technology, energy, environment, circular economy, and more. It aims to raise awareness, spark interest, and inspire career choices aligned with sustainable development and climate action.

Discussion points:

- Addressing the growing demand for a skilled workforce to drive the green and resilient economy
- Empowering youth to view sustainability as a viable and exciting career path
- Showcasing career opportunities across business, consultancy, technology, energy, environment, and circular economy
- Connecting university students with sustainability professionals through interactive engagement
- Raising awareness, sparking interest, and inspiring career choices aligned with climate action and sustainable development
- Positioning the Sustainability Careers Fair as a catalyst for building the next generation of green leaders

Partner: COP29 Presidency

Registration: Open call