



#BCAW2026



Baku Climate Action Week 2026

Monday 7 - Friday 11 September 2026 • Baku, Azerbaijan

Innovation | Collaboration | Engagement

CONCEPT NOTE & PROGRAMME



Baku Climate Action Week 2026 (BCAW 2026)

Concept Note

Dates: 7–11 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center, Baku, Azerbaijan

Background

Building on the success of Baku Climate Action Week (BCAW) 2024 and 2025 and the legacy of COP29, BCAW 2026 will serve as a premier platform for climate dialogue, partnerships and implementation. Taking place under the broader momentum of **the UNFCCC Regional Climate Week in Baku**, the event will bring together governments, business leaders, investors, academia, civil society, youth, cities, and international organizations to accelerate climate action and support implementation of the Paris Agreement and national climate commitments.

Goal

To accelerate climate action and implementation by mobilizing a whole-of-society approach that strengthens partnerships, showcases innovative solutions, and advances climate-resilient, low-carbon development in Azerbaijan, the wider region, and globally.

Objectives

- Support UNFCCC Regional Climate Week in Baku by enriching the programme and involving non-state actors community
- Provide a platform for dialogue between governments and non-Party stakeholders to accelerate climate solutions and implementation.
- Showcase innovative technologies, finance mechanisms, and practical solutions supporting mitigation, adaptation and resilience.
- Promote regional and international cooperation on climate, energy, water and sustainable development.
- Strengthen engagement of youth, women, indigenous and local communities, academia and civil society.
- Facilitate partnerships, pledges, investments and collaborative initiatives supporting climate action.
- Advance green skills, climate education, research and innovation for a just transition.
- Promote circular economy and Zero Waste approaches as key enablers of sustainable development and climate resilience.

Expected Outcomes

- New partnerships and memoranda of understanding.
- Sectoral pledges and declarations.
- Knowledge products and policy recommendations.
- Youth and community engagement initiatives.
- Regional cooperation initiatives on energy, water, biodiversity and climate resilience.
- Baku Zero Waste Call to Action.

Audience

BCAW2026 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;
- Private sector, 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.

BCAW 2026 PANEL SESSIONS - Room B3-B4

Venue: Baku Convention Center

DAY 1 – MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

08:30 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:30 Opening Session of BCAW2026

10:30 – 11:45

Session 1: From Baku to COP31: Sustaining Momentum in a Fragmented World

11:45 – 13:00

Session 2: Advancing the Green Energy Industry through Innovation, Digital Technologies, and Regional Collaboration

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 -15:15

Session 3: Accelerating Methane Abatement: From Detection to Action

15:15 – 16:30

Session 4: Carbon Market Discussion: Unlocking Climate Finance through Carbon Markets

16:30 – 17:00 – Break

17:00 – 18:00

Session 5: Cross-border Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for regional connectivity

DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:15

Session1: Climate change challenges on the inland water bodies: Caspian Sea case

10:15 – 11:15

Session 2: Advantages and Challenges of AI-integration to the Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems

11:15 – 11:45 Break

11:45 – 13:00

Session 3: Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence: Building Climate-Resilient Agriculture

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:15

Session 4: From COP29 to Climate Week: Digital Action Path for a Green World

15:15 – 16:30

Session 5: Advancing the Urban Dimension of Climate Action: From WUF13 to COP31

16:30 - 16:40

Closing session

ROUNDTABLES Room - B1

Venue: Baku Convention Center

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11:30 – 13:00 Roundtable 1: Scaling Up Electrification for the Global Energy Transition 13:30 – 15:00 Roundtable 2: Roundtable on Building Energy Performance Certification and Digital Building Passports 15:30 – 17:00 Roundtable 3: From Commitment to Action: Scaling Methane Emissions Reductions in the Caspian Region	10:00 – 11:30 Roundtable 1: Harmoniya in Action: Partnering for Climate-Resilient Agriculture 14:30 – 15:45 Roundtable 2: Youth-Led Climate Forum: Roundtable I - From Commitments to Implementation: On the Road to COP31 16:00 – 17:15 Roundtable 3: Youth-Led Climate Forum: Roundtable II - Climate x AI: Can Technology Solve the Climate Crisis 18:00 – 20:00 Roundtable & Show: Sustainable Fashion Event <i>(venue Ritz Carlton Baku)</i>	09:00 – 10:30 Roundtable 1: Climate Leadership Beyond COP31: Delivering Implementation Through Partnership 14:00 – 15:30 Roundtable 2: Mobilizing Public and Private Climate Finance for Peace, Relief and Recovery 14:00 – 15:30 *Roundtable 3: Impact Dialogue - Private Sector 15:30 – 17:00 *Roundtable 4: Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action – From Commitments to Implementation: Advancing Water Centered Climate Action Towards COP 31	11:30 – 13:00 *Roundtable 1: Impact Dialogue: Subnational entities 14:00 – 15:30 Roundtable 2: Cultural Heritage and Biodiversity Conservation in the Turkic Civilization: From Shared Traditions to Joint Action 16:00 – 17:30 Roundtable 3: Regional Dialogue on the Role of Sustainable Energy Centres in Promoting Climate Resilience, Innovation and Energy Transitions	11:00 – 12:30 Roundtable 1: Climate conversations: Engaging Young Journalists 14:00 – 15:30 Roundtable2: Climate Resilience Technologies: Accelerating Innovation for a Climate-Resilient Future

*These roundtables will be organized in cooperation within **Implementation Forum at UNFCCC Climate Week 4** - <https://unfccc.int/event/climate-week-4-cw4-implementation-forum>*

Side events within BCAW2026

(Will be arranged by partners at different venues in Baku)

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14:00 – 15:30 Public event: Roots of Balakhani: Local Stories, Living Traditions and a Green Future <i>(by EkoSfera PU)</i>			09:30 – 10:30 Public event: Walk & Talk Public at Baku Boulevard <i>(by UN Azerbaijan)</i> 09:30 - 12:00 Climate Action Seminar: Sustainability for Clubs <i>(by AFFA)</i> 11:00 – 12:00 Roundtable: "Green Intelligence: From Climate Change to Social Processes" <i>(by Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences)</i> 15:30 – 17:00 Roundtable: Occupational Safety and Health in the Context of Climate Change <i>(by State Labour Inspectorate Service)</i>	10:30–12:00 Roundtable: The Green and Digital Social Service Model: The DOST Experience <i>(by <u>DOST Agency</u>)</i> 13:00 - 14:00 Tree Planting Campaign “Green Ball” <i>(by AFFA)</i>