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Baku Climate Action Week 2026

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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	DAY 2 – TUESDAY, 8 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 <i>13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break</i> 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 <i>16:30 – 17:00 – Break</i> 17:00 – 18:00 Session 5: Cross-border Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for regional connectivity	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 <i>11:15 – 11:45 Break</i> 11:45 – 13:00 Session 3: Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence: Building Climate-Resilient Agriculture <i>13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break</i> 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 Roundtable 2: 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>

DAY 1 – Monday, 7 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Theme: Energy Transition, Climate Finance and Industrial Decarbonization

08:30-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:30

OPENING CEREMONY OF BCAW2026

Welcoming:

- ☐ **Ms Nigar Arpadarai**, Member of Parliament, COP29 CHLC, BCAW Project head

Demonstration of video on BCAW

- ☐ **Mr Mukhtar Babayev**, Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Climate issues, COP29 President
- ☐ **Mr Parviz Shahbazov**, Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan
- ☐ **Mr Yalchin Rafiyev**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Azerbaijan
- ☐ **Ms Fatma Varank**, CEO of COP31, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye
- ☐ **Ms Ana Toni**, CEO COP30
- ☐ **Mr Samed Ağırbaş**, Climate High Level Champion COP31, President, Zero Waste Foundation
- ☐ **Mr Sadig Gurbanov**, Chairman of the Committee for Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology of the National Assembly of Azerbaijan
- ☐ **Mr Francesco La Camera**, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- ☐ **Mr Simon Steill**, Executive Director, UNFCCC ([*video message*](#))

Master of Ceremonies:

- ☐ **Mr Guy Shone**, Editor-in-Chief, AnewZ & **Ms Malini Mehra**, Ambassador & Curator, London Climate Action Week

10:30-11:45

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

This session will examine how to preserve and build on the legacy of COP29, identifying the achievements and lessons from Baku that should continue to shape the global climate agenda in the years ahead. It will address the need to rebuild trust between the Global North and the Global South, exploring pathways toward climate negotiations that are more inclusive, equitable, and implementation-oriented. The discussion will also consider the role of climate diplomacy in a fragmented geopolitical landscape, and its potential to remain a platform for dialogue despite rising tensions. Attention will turn to the shift from commitments to implementation, highlighting the roles governments, parliaments, businesses, cities, and civil society must play in sustaining momentum between COPs. Finally, the session will look ahead to COP31, focusing on how the international community can build on the outcomes achieved in Baku — rather than reopening settled debates — to ensure continuity, ambition, and tangible progress.

	Moderator: Ms Malini Mehra, Ambassador & Curator, London Climate Action Week Key note speaker: ☐ Mr Mukhtar Babayev, Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Climate issues, COP29 President Speakers: ☐ Mr Dmytro Shlapachenko, UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan ☐ Mr Elnur Soltanov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan ☐ Mr Christian Mensah, Senior Advisor to the COP31 CHLC ☐ Mr Elchin Allahverdiyev, Director of the Climate Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan ☐ Ms Patricia Scotland, Former Commonwealth Secretary-General; Member of the House of Lords of the United Kingdom; Member, NGIC
11:45-13:00	Session 2: Advancing the Green Energy Industry through Innovation, Digital Technologies, and Regional Collaboration The session aims to facilitate dialogue among governments, international organizations, development partners, academia, and the private sector on advancing the green energy industry through innovation, digital technologies, and regional collaboration. It will explore opportunities to strengthen regional partnerships, mobilize public and private investment, promote technology transfer and knowledge exchange, and exchange international best practices that support sustainable industrial development. The session will also explore opportunities to strengthen Azerbaijan's role in regional green energy value chains and enhance its potential as a future exporter of green hydrogen and its derivatives. Key note speaker: ☐ Mr. Javid Abdullayev, Director, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency Moderator: Ms Rana Humbatova, Deputy Director, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency Speakers: ☐ Ms Petra Schwager, Chief of Climate and Technology Partnership Division, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) ☐ Ms Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director, ECO Clean Energy Center (CECECO) ☐ Ms Nargis Wieck, Executive Director, German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan) ☐ Mr Elmir Musayev, General Director, SOCAR Green ☐ Ms Nargiz Ismayilova, Head of Partnerships, Institute for Development and Diplomacy, ADA University Discussion points: ☐ Strengthening regional partnerships and cooperation to accelerate the development of the green energy industry ☐ Leveraging digital technologies and innovation to enhance efficiency, competitiveness, and sustainability in the energy sector

	☐ Mobilizing public and private investment to support green industrial development and clean energy infrastructure ☐ Promoting technology transfer, knowledge exchange, and international best practices for sustainable industrial growth ☐ Enhancing Azerbaijan's role in regional green energy value chains and its potential as an exporter of green hydrogen and its derivatives
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00-15:15	Session 3: Accelerating Methane Abatement: From Detection to Action This expert panel will examine how operators can convert increasingly sophisticated methane observations into verified, timely and scalable emissions reductions. The discussion will connect satellite intelligence, aerial surveys and ground-based measurement with operational decision-making, repair prioritisation and transparent reporting. Moderator: ☐ Ms Eliz Ozdemir, Senior Program Manager, OGDC Key note speaker: ☐ Mr Afgan Isayev, Vice President, SOCAR Speakers: ☐ Mr Mustafa Gurbanli, Head of Environmental Disclosures and Green Affairs Department, SOCAR ☐ Mr Anton Aristov, Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group ☐ Mr Anar Mansurov, Regional HSE&C Manager, bp ☐ Mr Tron Svanes, Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank ☐ Ms Lola Odunsi, Account Director for the Region, GHGSat ☐ Mr Franco Lucherini, Sales Staff Director - Solution Architecture, Baker Hughes Discussion points: ☐ Integrating satellite, aerial and ground-based monitoring into a coherent measurement and verification architecture. ☐ Closing the gap between detection, source attribution, repair and post-repair verification. ☐ Using digital tools, data standards and partnerships to scale credible methane action across assets and value chains.
15:15-16:30	Session 4: Carbon Market Discussion: Unlocking Climate Finance through Carbon Markets This session will explore the role of high-integrity carbon markets in mobilizing climate finance and accelerating global climate action. Discussions will focus on the implementation of carbon market mechanisms under the Paris Agreement, strengthening market integrity and transparency, and fostering public-private collaboration to scale investment in mitigation and sustainable development. Speakers will also highlight best practices, emerging opportunities, and the role of carbon markets in supporting countries' climate ambitions and the achievement of their NDCs. Keynote Speaker: ☐ Mr Virender Kumar Duggal, Carbon Markets Unit Head, ADB (<i>video message</i>) ☐ Mr Perumal Arumugam, Manager, Mitigation Division, UN Climate Change (tbc) Moderator: Mr Emin Aliyev, Senior Economist of the Baku Stock Exchange

	Speakers: ☐ Mr Ali Ahmadzada, Economist of the Financial Sector Sustainable Development Department, Central Bank of Azerbaijan ☐ Mr Mahammad Aliyev, ESG Data Management Business Partner, AZAL ☐ Mr Elnur Mustafayev, Owner and Director, Process Engineering ☐ Mr Rza Naghiyev, Investments & Project Development Director, Socar Green ☐ Ms Samra Talishinskaya-Abbasova, Sustainable manager, Unibank ☐ Ms Aygun Hasanova, Product Owner of Green Finance, Baku Stock Exchange Discussion point: ☐ Global trends and recent developments in carbon markets ☐ The difference between compliance and voluntary carbon markets ☐ Carbon credit generation, certification, trading, and retirement mechanisms ☐ The role of carbon markets in supporting climate action and corporate decarbonization strategies ☐ Transparency, credibility, and integrity considerations in carbon market transactions ☐ Opportunities for emerging economies in developing carbon market ecosystems ☐ The role of exchanges, financial institutions, and other market infrastructure providers ☐ Key institutional and regulatory conditions required for the development of carbon markets in Azerbaijan ☐ Potential areas for public-private cooperation in this field
16:30-17:00	<i>Break</i>
17:00-18:00	Session 5: Cross-border Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for regional connectivity This panel will offer a platform for policymakers, international organisations, development finance institutions and market experts to examine how Renewable Energy Certificates and Guarantees of Origin can enable trusted, transparent and interoperable trade in renewable electricity across the South Caucasus, the Black Sea and Central Asia. The discussion will address the certification and tracking requirements of the region's green energy corridors, the interoperability and mutual recognition of certification schemes between the EU Guarantees of Origin system and regional and voluntary REC markets, and the institutional, regulatory and digital prerequisites for credible national and regional issuing and registry frameworks. Key note speaker: ☐ Mr Orkhan Zeynalov, Deputy Minister of Energy, Republic of Azerbaijan Moderator: ☐ Mr Ashraf Shikhaliyev, Head of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan Speakers: ☐ Ms Rana Humbatova, Deputy Director, Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency ☐ Ms Claire Marion Nicolas, Senior Energy Economist in ESMAP (Energy Sector Management Assistance Program), World Bank ☐ Mr Sebastian Salter, Director, Action Agenda Engagement, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE), Australian Government

	☐ Ms Javahir Jafarli, Manager for Climate Change and Sustainability, Deloitte & Touche LLAC ☐ Mr Shihab Elborai, Partner, PwC Discussion point: ☐ Building trust and transparency in cross-border renewable electricity trade through RECs and Guarantees of Origin (GOs) ☐ Interoperability and mutual recognition between EU GO systems and regional REC schemes ☐ Certification and tracking requirements for regional green energy corridors ☐ Establishing credible national issuing bodies and interoperable registry systems ☐ Regulatory and policy harmonization to enable cross-border REC trading ☐ Mobilizing investment and creating market demand through renewable energy certification mechanisms
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Day 2 – Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Venue: Baku Convention Center

Theme: Sustainable Cities, Transport, Water, Agriculture

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00-10:15

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

This panel session will examine how climate change is affecting inland water bodies, using the Caspian Sea as the principal case study, and identify practical pathways for strengthening the resilience of coastal ecosystems, communities, infrastructure and economies. Moving beyond describing the problem, the discussion will focus on the decisions, partnerships and investments required to prepare for a changing Caspian coastline.

Key note speaker:

- ☐ **Mr. Rauf Hajiyev**, Deputy Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of **Azerbaijan**
- ☐ **Mr. Sadig Gurbanov**, Member of the Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology
- ☐ **Mr. Mehmet Galip Ensarioğlu**, Member of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye and Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Environment (tbc)

Moderator: Mr. Rza Aliyev, Secretary-General, NGIC

Speakers:

- ☐ **Ms. Simonetta Siligato**, UNOPS Multi-Country Director
- ☐ **Mr. Elnur Safarov**, Caspisnet
- ☐ **Dr. Saida Safaeva**, Head of the Center for Sustainable Development at the Institute for Advanced International Studies, University of World Economy and Diplomacy (IAIS, UWED)
- ☐ **Mr. Ismail Serageldin**, Member of NGIC
- ☐ **Mr. Alakbar Azizli**, Director of Sustainability and Emissions Management of Azerbaijan Caspian Shipping Company (ASCO)
- ☐ **Mr. Amin Mammadov**, Deputy chairman of the Public Union of experts in the field of water use

Discussion point:

- ☐ The scale, timing and regional implications of climate-driven water-level change in the Caspian Sea.
- ☐ The impact of a changing Caspian shoreline on coastal ecosystems, communities, cities, infrastructure, transport and economic activity.
- ☐ Practical adaptation measures that can be initiated under different water-level scenarios.
- ☐ Strengthening the connection between scientific research, policy development, investment planning and local implementation.
- ☐ Regional cooperation among the Caspian littoral states, international organisations, development partners, scientific institutions, businesses and communities, and the lessons the Caspian Sea offers for other climate-vulnerable inland water

	bodies.
10:15-11:15	Session 2: Advantages and Challenges of AI-integration to the Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems This session will showcase best practices from countries that have integrated artificial intelligence into their multi-hazard early warning systems (MHEWS), including the development and evaluation of AI-based weather forecasting models such as GraphCast, Pangu-Weather, FourCastNet and GenCast. It will examine the principal challenges of that integration — cybersecurity and operational reliability, reduced performance under unprecedented or changing climate conditions, and the limited training data available in developing countries, which hinders regional early warning cooperation. The session will also highlight the role of international cooperation and WMO-led activities in making AI-integrated tools available to all countries. The session is organised by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources in collaboration with WMO and FMI. Key note speaker: ☐ Mr Rashad İsmayilov, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan ☐ Prof. Celesta Saulo, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (video message) ☐ Prof. Petteri Taalas, Director -General of Finnish Meteorological Institute, (video message) Moderator: Ms. Ariesta Ningrum, Director, Climate Technology Centre and Network, Climate Change Division, UNEP (tbc) Speakers: ☐ Ms. Hijran Huseynova, Chairperson of Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan ☐ Ms. İlhamə Gadimova, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan ☐ Mr. Jabrayıl Khanlarov, Deputy Minister of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc) ☐ Mr. Vugar Suleymanov, Chairman of Board of ANAMA ☐ Mr. Khayyam Mammadov, First Deputy Chairman, Azerbaijan State Water Resources Agency ☐ Mr. Volkan Mutlu Coshgun, Director of Turkish Meteorological Service of the Republic of Türkiye Discussion point: ☐ The role of the global AI guidance and governance launched by WMO in addressing the negative effects of climate change ☐ Policies and concrete steps needed to integrate AI into national MHEWS ☐ Financing mechanisms and international cooperation platforms that could resolve limited AI training capacity and data availability in developing countries
11:15-11:45	<i>Break</i>
11:45-13:00	Session 3: Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence: Building Climate-Resilient Agriculture This session will showcase innovation in agriculture — including the application of artificial intelligence and data-driven solutions — to strengthen climate resilience and improve support services for farmers. It will present Azerbaijan's experience in applying AI to climate adaptation and evidence-based agricultural policy, with particular emphasis on the AI-based Farmer Scoring System developed with

	FAO support. The session will foster integrated, multi-stakeholder dialogue on climate-resilient agriculture, water and food systems in a changing climate, and explore how partnerships among government institutions, international organizations, development partners, financial and research institutions can be advanced in support of the State Program for the Development of the Production and Processing of Agricultural, Fisheries and Aquaculture Products in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2026-2030. The session is organised by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan in cooperation with FAO. Key note speaker: □ Mr Majnun Mammadov, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Azerbaijan Moderator: Ms Evetta Zenina, Natural Resources Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Speakers: □ Mr Tolgahan Bahtiyar, Head of the International Organizations Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Türkiye □ Mr Surkhay Novruzov, Head of AI Projects, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan □ Ms Aynur Seidyusif, Partnership and Programme Lead, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Azerbaijan □ Mr Shahin Aliyev, Deputy Chairman, Innovation and Digital Development Agency, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan □ Ms Sabina Yusifova, Project Officer, Human and Social Development Sector, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Discussion point: □ Innovation in agriculture: applying artificial intelligence and data-driven solutions to strengthen climate resilience and improve farmer support services □ Azerbaijan's AI-based Farmer Scoring System as a practical application of digital technologies for climate adaptation and evidence-based agricultural policy □ Integrated, multi-stakeholder approaches to climate-resilient agriculture, water and food systems in a changing climate □ Strengthening partnerships and international cooperation in support of the State Program for the Development of the Production and Processing of Agricultural, Fisheries and Aquaculture Products for 2026-2030 □ Advancing concrete, actionable partnerships among government institutions, international organizations, development partners, international financial institutions and research institutions □ Positioning Azerbaijan as an active and forward-looking contributor to the global agenda on 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 This session, organized by Azerbaijan's Ministry of Digital Development and Transport as a follow-up to the COP29 Declaration on Green Digital Action, aims to advance sustainable digitalization by strengthening the climate resilience and energy efficiency of digital infrastructure. It also seeks to promote digital inclusion and capacity building, ensuring equitable access to technology and fostering innovation among governments, youth, women, startups, SMEs, and research institutions. Additionally, the session focuses on strengthening data-driven decision-making through improved climate data systems and standardized monitoring approaches. Finally, it

	aims to facilitate international cooperation and the exchange of best practices to accelerate the global implementation of Green Digital Action. Key note speaker: □ Mr Rashad Hasanov, Deputy Minister of Digital Development and Transport, Republic of Azerbaijan Moderator: Ms Erika Piirmets, Digital Transformation Expert Speakers: □ Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 □ Mr Farid Osmanov, Chairman of the Board, Innovation and Digital Development Agency, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan □ Mr Jens Nielsen, Founder and CEO, World Climate Foundation □ Mr Sai Sharan Panda, Director, Baker Hughes □ Mr Andrei Shubaderov, Country Head, EPAM Azerbaijan Discussion point: □ Strengthening the climate resilience and energy efficiency of digital infrastructure through policy and investment □ Advancing digital inclusion and literacy to enable equitable participation in climate action □ Building innovation ecosystems involving youth, women, startups, SMEs, and research institutions □ Improving climate data systems and standardized monitoring to support data-driven decision-making □ Facilitating knowledge-sharing platforms and cross-sector partnerships to scale Green Digital Action
15:15-16:30	Session 5: Advancing the Urban Dimension of Climate Action: From WUF13 to COP31 The Thirteenth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), held in Baku on 17-22 May 2026, reinforced the importance of integrating urban development into the global climate agenda, building on the momentum of COP29. The session will examine how partners are operationalizing the urban dimension of climate action in the lead-up to COP31, translating the outcomes of WUF13 into actionable priorities and commitments. Particular attention will be given to the implementation of the Baku Call to Action, the outcome document of WUF13, which sets out key priorities for advancing inclusive, resilient and sustainable cities and communities. The session will also explore opportunities to strengthen the integration of climate and urban agendas by fostering partnerships, promoting knowledge exchange, and enhancing coordinated action among governments, international organizations, financial institutions and the private sector. The session is organised by the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in partnership with UN-Habitat, the COP29 Presidency and the Nizami Ganjavi International Centre (NGIC). Key note speakers: □ Mr Anar Guliyev, Chairman of the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, WUF13 National Coordinator □ Ms Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director, UN-Habitat (video message)

	☐ Mr Ismail Serageldin, Co-Chair, Nizami Ganjavi International Centre (NGIC) Moderator: Ms Anna Soave, Head of Country Programme, UN-Habitat Azerbaijan Speakers: ☐ Ms Patricia Scotland, Member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom, Member of NGIC ☐ Ms Lin O’Grady, Deputy Head, Project Preparation, Sustainable Infrastructure Group, EBRD ☐ Ms Aliya Azimova, Country Representative, International Finance Corporation (tbc) ☐ Mr Benedetto Zacchirollini, Director of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism, Member of NGIC ☐ Mr Anar Valiyev, Associate Professor, Public Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs ☐ Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Republic of Azerbaijan (tbc) Closing reflections: ☐ Mr Dmytro Shlapachenko, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan Discussion point: ☐ Translating the Baku Call to Action into concrete, measurable priorities for the COP31 climate agenda ☐ Strengthening integrated urban and territorial planning as a delivery mechanism for climate commitments, aligned with the Paris Agreement, New Urban Agenda and SDGs ☐ Scaling resilient infrastructure, energy-efficient buildings, sustainable construction and nature-based solutions from individual initiatives to mainstream urban development ☐ Making climate finance more accessible to cities and regions through more effective engagement of MDBs, climate funds and private investors ☐ Using data, digital technologies and evidence-based planning to help cities identify climate risks, prioritise investment and measure progress ☐ Strengthening coordination and partnerships among national and local governments, international organizations, financial institutions, the private sector, academia and civil society ☐ Advancing affordable housing, basic services, public health and equitable access to resilient infrastructure, including through post-crisis reconstruction and recovery ☐ Identifying key urban priorities, partnerships and concrete initiatives to carry forward to COP31
16:30-16:40	Closing remarks ☐ Ms Nigar Arpadarai, Member of Parliament, COP29 CHLC, BCAW Project head