

COP29 Daily Updates: November 19, 2024 ***Super Pollutants Return to the Agenda***

The focus at COP29 on November 19 was firmly on superpollutants, particularly methane emissions. The key highlight was the release of the **Reducing Organic Waste Methane Declaration**, endorsed by over 30 parties representing nearly half of global methane emissions from organic waste. The declaration commits these parties to set sector-specific targets for reducing methane emissions within future Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Notably, seven of the ten largest organic waste methane emitters are signatories. To achieve these targets, the declaration emphasizes implementing concrete policies and roadmaps. This initiative builds on the Global Methane Pledge (GMP) launched at COP26. To support the declaration, the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) co-hosted a side event with the COP29 Presidency. Martina Otto, Head of the CCAC Secretariat, spoke at the daily press conference, highlighting the importance of addressing methane emissions from organic waste. **Green Zone Highlights: Sustainable Tourism and Agriculture** Prominent panel titled "Slow Food, Low Impact: Advancing Sustainable Tourism with Local Agriproducts. The event, organized by the COP29 Azerbaijan Operating Company and AZERSUN Holding, brought together experts, researchers, and business leaders to explore the intersection of sustainable agriculture and eco-friendly tourism. Key highlights from the panel included:

- The role of local agricultural products in reducing the carbon footprint of the food and tourism industries.
- Insights into the Slow Food movement, which emphasizes sustainability and low-impact tourism practices.
- Discussions on fostering eco-friendly travel experiences through prioritizing local produce and sustainable farming.

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Statement from the COP29 Presidency

Throughout the year, the COP29 Presidency has actively advocated for a fair and ambitious new climate finance goal, emphasizing the needs and priorities of developing countries. An extensive and inclusive consultation process was conducted, continuing into the early hours of the morning to ensure thorough participation.

All groups were given the opportunity to respond to the package of texts released yesterday morning, and their constructive engagement has been greatly appreciated. Based on the feedback received during these consultations and the discussions at yesterday's Qurultay, the Presidency has now published updated texts.

These texts represent a balanced and streamlined package for COP29. The Presidency urges all Parties to examine this text carefully to build consensus on the remaining issues. As a reflection of the positions expressed by Parties, the New Collective Quantified Goal decision now includes a commitment to scale up financing for climate action in developing countries to at least USD 1.3 trillion annually by 2035, from all public and private sources.

Additionally, based on submissions from developed country Parties, the decision proposes extending the current goal of mobilizing USD 100 billion per year to a target of USD 250 billion annually by 2035, with developed countries taking the lead in supporting climate action in developing nations.

The Presidency remains committed to facilitating discussions and resolving outstanding issues collaboratively. It will continue to work tirelessly, inclusively, and transparently to achieve the highest level of ambition for COP29 outcomes.

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COP29 Daily Updates: November 21, 2024 ***COP29 Concludes Thematic Day Calendar***

In the final day of its thematic agenda, the COP29 Presidency launched **Water for Climate Action** nearly 50 countries, which commits to taking integrated approaches to combat the causes and impacts of climate change on water basins, paving the way for greater regional and international cooperation.

- COP29 Declaration on Water for Climate Action endorsed by almost 50 countries.
- Declaration also endorsed by non-state actors including WWF, Water.org & Water Equity, Stockholm International Water Institute and the Islamic Development Bank.
- Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action launched, to improve continuity on water between COPs.

COP29 Green Zone Hosts Session on SIDS' Ecosystems and Communities Amid Climate Change

A panel session titled "SIDS' Ecosystems and Communities Amid Climate Change" discussed the challenges faced by developing SIDS in combating the escalating impacts of climate change. Moderated by Vanuatu's Special Envoy to COP29, Ali Serim, the discussion included The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth; Dr Maina Talia, Minister of Home Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment of the Government of Tuvalu; Dr Rebecca Nadin, Director of Global Risk and Resilience Programme at ODI Global; Angelique Pouponneau, Advisor at the Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations; and Murad Jamalov, Head of Thematic Processing at the Geospatial Information Systems Centre of the Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Azercosmos). **For more information:**

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COP29 Daily Updates: November 20, 2024

COP29 Presidency Spotlights Tourism, Transport, and Urbanisation

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- More than 50 governments have endorsed the COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism.
- Over 160 stakeholders, including countries and cities, have endorsed the COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) Declaration for Resilient and Healthy Cities.

These initiatives are set to play a vital role in tackling climate change and promoting urban resilience. With its tourism declaration, the COP29 Presidency is focused on supporting the tourism sector, a key economic driver, in adopting sustainable practices to reduce its environmental impact. This is the first time that the COP Presidency has organised a tourism focused thematic day whilst the MAP Declaration calls for cross-sector collaboration to create cities that are resilient and inclusive. **COP29 Green Zone Hosts Session on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism** A panel discussion titled “Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism: Innovative Solutions and Way Forward” explored the future of sustainable tourism and how to minimize the industry’s environmental impact while boosting local economies and preserving cultural heritage.

- Policy change: Launching the Baku Declaration on Enhanced Climate Action in Tourism, as a call to action to explore the inclusion of national tourism administrations' contributions, as applicable, to developing and achieving the next set of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Sectoral engagement: Strengthening the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism as a voluntary commitment to support national climate goals, by increasing the number of national tourism administrations (and national tourism organisations) and tourism stakeholders making commitments to implement integrated climate mitigation and adaptation approaches.

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COP29 Key Highlights – November 18, 2024

First Holistic Human Development Day

The first-ever Human Development Day at COP29 underscored the central role of human development in climate action, emphasizing the interconnectedness of health, education, skills, and resilience. The day aimed to integrate these areas into climate strategies through financing and multi-faceted policies. Baku Guiding Principles on Human Development for Climate Resilience, setting strategic priorities for human development within climate action. Joint Statement on the Baku Initiative on Human Development, enhancing collaboration among UN agencies, Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), and Multilateral Climate Funds (MCFs). Formation of the Baku COP Presidencies Continuity Coalition for Climate and Health with five nations and the WHO to ensure health remains central to climate discussions.

Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs):

- The COP29 Presidency recognized 11 countries for submitting their Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) ahead of the December 31 deadline.
- BTRs, a vital part of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), help build trust by detailing progress on climate action, adaptation, and mitigation measures.
- A ministerial roundtable endorsed the Baku Declaration on Climate Transparency, reinforcing global commitment to operationalize the ETF.
- The Presidency conducted workshops across regions to assist countries in finalizing their reports, emphasizing transparency as essential for trust and cooperation.

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The COP29 Presidency officially launches 3 Energy Initiatives, calling for endorsements for:

The COP29 Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge endorsers commit to a collective goal of deploying 1,500 GW of energy storage globally by 2030—more than six times the capacity of 2022. It also includes a commitment to add or refurbish 25 million kilometres of grids globally by 2030, recognising the need to add or refurbish an additional 65 million kilometres by 2040.

The COP29 Green Energy Pledge: Green Energy Zones and Corridors - endorsers commit to promoting in green energy zones and corridors to connect sources of abundant green energy generation with the communities most in need by developing larger intraregional and interregional interconnected power grids.

The COP29 Hydrogen Declaration endorsers commit to scale up renewable clean/zero-emission and low-carbon hydrogen production and accelerate the decarbonisation of existing hydrogen production from unabated fossil fuels. It aims to significantly increase green hydrogen production from 1 million tonnes annually today and reduce the 96 Mt of hydrogen currently produced from unabated fossil fuels.

COP29 continues with new decisions and news

Finance, Investment, and Trade were discussed on November 14, the first thematic day of COP29. SOCAR Turkey CEO Elçin İbadov emphasized that green transformation sensitivity was extremely valuable in the panel held by YASED at the Türkiye Pavilion.

Asset owners worth \$10 trillion commit to climate action. Leaders from business, finance and philanthropic communities announced today at the COP29 Business, Investment, and Philanthropy Climate Platform (BIPCP) that they will unite for the first time to accelerate the deployment of private capital into climate markets.

Asian Development Bank announces \$3.5 billion of funding for new programme to help counter the impact of melting glaciers.

Sweden announces contribution of \$730 million to the UN Green Climate Fund.

COP29 Presidency brings together UNCTAD, UNDP, the WTO, International Trade Center (ITC), previous and future COP Presidencies, multilateral development banks and multilateral climate funds to create the Baku Initiative for Climate Finance, Investment, and Trade (BICFIT) Dialogue.

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On 16 November the COP29 Presidency hosts the opening Digitalisation Day of the global conference

COP Presidency launches the COP29 Green Digital Declaration, with endorsements from more than 90 governments and over 1,000 members of the digital tech community, focusing on: **Leveraging Digital Tools for Climate Action:** Use digital technology to drive energy efficiency, enhance data-driven decision-making, and support sustainable consumer practices. **Addressing Environmental Impacts of Digitalisation:** Tackle the environmental footprint of digital expansion, including energy consumption, material use, and e-waste from digital infrastructure. **Promoting Digital Inclusion and Accessibility:** Ensure digital solutions are accessible to all, bridging divides and fostering equitable climate resilience.

Panel Discussion on Empowering Youth for a Digital Climate Revolution held at COP29 Green Zone

The panel session, titled “Empowering Youth for a Digital Climate Revolution”, focused on digital solutions for climate action, highlighting the crucial role of young people as drivers of innovation and change. The discussion highlighted how digital technologies are revolutionizing climate action, with young people emerging as key players in leveraging digital tools to advocate for sustainability, monitor environmental impacts, and scale climate initiatives.

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