

Parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the 29th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29)

16-17 November 2024, Earth Conference Room, COP29 Green Zone, Baku, Azerbaijan

Organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and
the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 16 November

09:00 Registration and distribution of badges

10:30–11:10 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

Welcoming remarks:

- Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, Speaker of the Milli Majlis, Azerbaijan
- Ms. Tulia Ackson, IPU President
- Mr. Mukhtar Babayev, President, COP29

11:10–11:20 **SPECIAL ADDRESS TO THE GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNITY**

Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

11:20–11:25 **PROMOTING PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION AT COP29: THE 150TH IPU ASSEMBLY AND BEYOND**

Ms. Tanzila Narbayeva, Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis, Uzbekistan

11:25–11:40 **COFFEE AND TEA BREAK**

11:40–12:30 **SETTING THE SCENE: UNDERSTANDING THE REAL IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**

This session will feature people living on the frontlines of climate change, including youth, indigenous people and representatives from the most climate vulnerable countries, to provide a picture of the climate realities they face and inspire collective efforts to address the climate crisis. This session will highlight urgent climate priorities facing humanity, setting the scene for the Parliamentary Meeting.

- Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, indigenous woman of the Mbororo people from Chad, Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), COP29 Advisor
- Lord Fakafanua, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Tonga
- Mr. Mahmadoir Zokirzoda, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Tajikistan
- Ms. Leyla Hasanova, Youth Climate Champion for COP29

12:30–13:30 **LUNCH BREAK**

13:30–15:00

**SESSION 1 - MAKING CLIMATE COMMITMENTS A REALITY:
PARLIAMENTS' ROLE IN RAISING MITIGATION AMBITION AND
IMPLEMENTING NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS**

This session will focus on ensuring that the mitigation commitments made under the Paris Agreement effectively translate into national action. It will pay particular attention to the role of parliaments in the development and implementation of revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), which will be submitted in 2025. The session will showcase best practices at the national level in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including from methane, and how parliaments have played an integral role in these efforts.

Moderator: Mr. Moses Kajwang, Member of the Senate, Kenya

Panellists:

- Mr. Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit
- Ms. Alina Averchenkova, Distinguished Policy Fellow and Lead for Governance and Legislation, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics
- Ms. Elisa Spiropali, Speaker of Parliament, Albania
- Mr. Lukas Hammer, Member of the National Council, Austria

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

15:00–16:20

**SESSION 2 - UNPACKING THE GLOBAL CLIMATE FINANCE
ARCHITECTURE: MOBILIZING RESOURCES AND STREAMLINING ACCESS
TO CLIMATE FINANCE**

This session will focus on parliamentary efforts to ensure climate finance is scaled up and made available to countries in need, particularly developing countries. It will discuss key developments in global climate finance, including the Loss and Damage Fund and the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on climate finance, which will be a major topic at COP29. Parliaments from both developed and developing countries will have the opportunity to discuss how they can support these critical funding arrangements to accelerate the mobilization and distribution of essential financial resources with a view to ensuring countries most in need are provided with sufficient funding.

Moderator: Ms. Nigar Arpadarai, Member of the Milli Majlis, Azerbaijan and Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29

Panellists:

- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Alain Beauvillard, Director of Strategy, Policy and Innovation, Green Climate Fund
- Ms. Krista Mikkonen, Member of Parliament, Finland
- Mr. Samson Matema, Member of the National Assembly, Zimbabwe

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16:20–17:45 **SESSION 3 - ENHANCING RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF CLIMATE CHANGE: SCALING UP ADAPTATION AND LOCAL EMPOWERMENT**

This session will focus on national and global efforts to address the adaptation needs of people already severely impacted by climate change. It will discuss progress made on the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA) and opportunities for parliaments to support the implementation of national adaptation plans (NAPs), including by ensuring they are backed by appropriate legislation. The session will provide an important platform for showcasing parliamentary efforts to support successful adaptation and empower local communities to drive climate action, which can serve as inspiration for other parliaments.

Moderator: Mr. Marwan Al Mehairi, Member of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates

Panellists:

- Ms. Mirey Atallah, Chief of the Adaptation and Resilience Branch, Climate Change Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Mr. Jonathan Stone, Manager, Climate, Environment and Resilience Unit, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Mr. Awais Haider Jakhar, Member of the National Assembly, Pakistan

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18:00 **DEPARTURE FOR RECEPTION**

19:00–20:30 **RECEPTION**

Sunday, 17 November

10:00–10:10 **WELCOME TO DAY 2 AND RECAP OF DAY 1**

10:10–11:30 **SESSION 4 - ADDRESSING CLIMATE VULNERABILITY: PROMOTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND EQUITABLE APPROACH TO CLIMATE ACTION**

Building on the insights gained in Day 1 on the real-life impacts of climate change, this session will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to delve deeper into how to address the unique vulnerabilities of different countries, such as SIDS, mountainous and landlocked countries. It will discuss some of the important features of these environments, such as nature and biodiversity, that are essential for sustainable development in these contexts and how they can be protected and utilized to address climate change. The session will also encourage dialogue on social vulnerabilities exacerbated by climate change, particularly among youth, and promote an intergenerational dialogue on climate change.

Moderator: Ms. Jacqueline Amongin, Member of Parliament, East African Legislative Assembly

Panellists:

- Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- Mr. David Potter, Strategic Group Lead, Regional Action and Global Advocacy, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- Mr. Jérémie Adomahou, Member of the National Assembly, Benin

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

11:30–12:45 **SESSION 5 - HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENSURING FAIR ACCESS**

This session will explore the role of technology, including artificial intelligence (AI), in addressing climate change, and showcase some new technologies that can be instrumental in advancing climate action. It will also focus on how parliaments can ensure technologies are used in a safe, responsible and inclusive manner. Opportunities for parliaments to promote fair and equal access to such technologies, particularly in developing countries, will also be discussed.

Moderator: Mr. Fariz Ismayilzada, Member of the Milli Majlis, Azerbaijan

Panellists:

- Ms. Michal Nachmany, Founder and CEO, Climate Policy Radar
- Ms. Tatiana Estevez, Founder and CEO, Permalution
- Ms. Meera Al Suwaidi, Member of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates

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12:45–13:45 **LUNCH**

13:45–15:10 **SESSION 6 - EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH AND FOOD SECURITY IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE**

This session will discuss the impacts of climate change on people's health with a particular focus on the health consequences created by climate-induced food insecurity. It will explore how parliaments can take a comprehensive and complementary approach to addressing health-climate challenges. It will also discuss strategies for reducing losses in the agricultural and fisheries sector, which are driving food insecurity and malnutrition.

Moderator: Mr. Chris Law, Member of Parliament, United Kingdom

Panellists:

- Mr. Martin Frick, Director, World Food Programme (WFP) Global Office Berlin
- Ms. Irene Moreira, Member of the Senate, Uruguay
- Ms. Parvana Valiyeva, Member of the Milli Majlis, Azerbaijan

The panellists' presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

15:10–16:30 **SESSION 7 - NAVIGATING HUMAN MOBILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: ADDRESSING CLIMATE-INDUCED MIGRATION AND DISPLACEMENT**

This session will focus on the growing trend of migration and displacement due to growing climate change impacts. It will discuss opportunities for parliaments to address the underlying causes of migration and displacement and promote strategies to ensure the protection of displaced persons and migrants. It will also explore the linkages between climate and human security, and how parliaments can promote this, including in contexts where countries are at risk of disappearing due to climate change.

Moderator: Mr. Gaya Mammadov, Member of the Milli Majlis, Azerbaijan

Panellists:

- Ms. Michelle Yonetani, Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Refugees on Climate Action, UNHCR

- Ms. Ayoo Hellen, Refugee Fellow, Refugees International
- Ms. Saniwan Buaban, Member of the House of Representatives, Thailand

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16:30–17:00

CLOSING: ADOPTION OF OUTCOME DOCUMENT AND MAPPING OF THE ROAD AHEAD FOR PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- Adoption of the meeting Outcome Document and closing remarks. The session will be led by the Rapporteur, Mr. Soltan Mammadov, Member of the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- Closing remarks: Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General