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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 16 November

08:00–09:00 Registration and distribution of badges

09:00–09:40 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

Welcoming remarks:

- High representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- High representative of the Parliament of Australia
- Representative of the Turkish COP 31 Presidency (TBC)
- Mr. Numan Kurtulmuş, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye

09:40–10:00 **SPECIAL ADDRESS TO THE GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMUNITY**

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

This segment will include a 10-minute interactive Q&A session with the floor.

10:00–11:15 **SESSION 1 –TURNING CLIMATE COMMITMENTS INTO NATIONAL ACTION:
WHAT DO TODAY’S CLIMATE REALITIES REQUIRE FROM POLITICAL
LEADERS?**

This session will explore what today’s climate realities and their impact on people’s daily lives require from political leaders. Bringing together leading scientists, parliamentarians and community perspectives, the session will examine: how the latest scientific evidence can inform political decision-making; what these changing realities mean for governments, communities and political leaders; what must be done to strengthen resilience; and what is the role of parliaments in translating international climate commitments into effective national action.

11:15 –11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30–13:00 **SESSION 2 – FROM ZERO WASTE TO CLIMATE ACTION: PARLIAMENTS
DRIVING RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND METHANE REDUCTION**

Reducing methane emissions from the waste sector is one of the fastest ways to slow climate change while delivering improved public health and more sustainable resource management. COP31 places greater emphasis on improving waste management and translating climate commitments into practical action through its Zero Waste Agenda. This session will therefore aim to: strengthen parliamentarians’ understanding of the links between waste and methane; highlight the contribution of waste prevention, resource efficiency and circular approaches to climate action; and examine how parliaments can drive progress through legislation, budgetary decision-making, oversight and engagement with stakeholders.

13:00–14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14:00–14:30 **SESSION 3 – A PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE ON THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE LEADERSHIP**

How can climate action remain a political priority in a rapidly changing world? In this session, two parliamentarians from different geographical contexts will share their experiences of advancing climate leadership and building support for ambitious climate action. Through an open exchange, they will explore how political narratives, public expectations, economic opportunities and national priorities are shaping the future of climate politics with particular attention to the perspectives and expectations of younger generations. The dialogue will highlight how parliamentarians can help sustain momentum, strengthen public trust and ensure that climate action remains high on political agendas for years to come.

14:30–16:00 **SESSION 4 – THE CLIMATE FINANCE LANDSCAPE: ACCESS, MOBILIZATION AND PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT**

Meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement demands a massive scale-up of climate finance and investment together with improved access to predictable and affordable financial resources. In line with COP31 priorities, this session will focus on specific key areas where parliaments have an important role such as: developing a strong pipeline of investment-ready climate projects; supporting the mobilization of finance from public and private sources; reducing risks to attract private investment in climate action; and strengthening climate-action related national budget systems. The session will equip parliamentarians with practical legislative and oversight tools to improve climate investment frameworks, support access to and mobilization of climate finance, and ensure public climate funds are allocated, managed and monitored effectively through the budget process.

16:00–16:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:15– 17:30 **SESSION 5 – STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

Designed to support practical implementation, this session will explore how knowledge resources and international partnerships can support domestic legislative progress on climate action. Complementing practical guides and analytical tools, it will highlight capacity-building initiatives, specialized workshops, and peer-to-peer exchanges among parliaments. It will also help map key actors in the field and provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and identify practical avenues for strengthening parliamentary cooperation in support of climate implementation.

17:30–18:00 **CLOSING: ADOPTION OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT AND MAPPING THE ROAD AHEAD FOR PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

- Adoption of the meeting Outcome Document led by the co-Rapporteurs, Ms. Sally Sitou, Member of Parliament, Australia and Mr. Oğuz Üçüncü, Member of the Grand National Assembly, Türkiye.
- Closing remarks

18:30–20:00 **RECEPTION**