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Welcome to the October issue of our multilingual Parliamentarians@COP29 newsletter, prepared by [GLOBE International](#) serving as the [UNFCCC Focal Point](#) for the world's parliamentary constituency. Our work supports legislators to deliver on their Paris Agreement (and related) climate commitments, and to prepare for and engage effectively at COP29.

We are proud to work closely with the **COP28-COP29-COP30 Presidencies**, now brought together as the first such Troika, to better coordinate across the Presidencies and support Mission 1.5C.

Our focus is on ensuring that the global parliamentary constituency is well-informed and supported to engage in the UNFCCC process, COP29 and related international fora. Tune in for in-depth updates at our **monthly Webinars** for the Parliamentary constituency (details below) and our monthly newsletters.

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**At COP28, we hosted the first ever Parliamentary Pavilion. Most of the events at the Parliamentary Pavilion were livestreamed** and the videos for 32 events can be viewed directly on the **Parliamentary Pavilion playlist** [here](#). **Photos** from the Pavilion events can be viewed on Flickr [here](#).

**PARLIAMENTARY PAVILION AT COP29**



**GLOBE is proud to announce that we will be hosting the COP29 Parliamentary Pavillion in the Blue Zone from 11-22 November 2024.** The Pavillion will serve as the Hub for the Parliamentary constituency at COP29 with a packed daily agenda of briefings, panel discussions, fireside chats and events with MPs and thought leaders from around the world. There will be space for Caucuses and Meetings for members of parliament. To propose an event or request meeting space, kindly write to: [focalpoint@globelegislators.org](mailto:focalpoint@globelegislators.org)

## UN Updates

### COP29 President Writes to Constituencies & Parties, Stresses BTR



Image credit: COP29 website

With COP29 fast approaching, the COP29 Presidency has written to Parties and Constituencies calling for greater transparency and ambition. In the letters, the COP29 President-Designate, His Excellency Mukhtar Babayev, emphasised the key role of the Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs). With the deadline for the submission of the BTR fast approaching, the Presidency encouraged Parties to make early submissions ahead of COP29.

The COP29 Presidency also held a High-Level Dialogue on 3 September, 2024, to sustain momentum for increased transparency action in the lead-up to COP29. Read the [second](#) letter to Parties here.

In furtherance of its drive for representation and inclusivity, the COP29 Presidency also wrote to UNFCCC Constituencies asking that each Constituency appoints two persons to join the Friends of COP29 Presidency forum. The forum offers a chance for Constituencies to have their voices heard on negotiation issues while tabling their priorities. More [here](#).

## Progress Made in Climate Finance Negotiations



Image credit:COP29.az

On the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly, the COP29 Presidency on 27 September, 2024, convened a meeting of stakeholders to advance conversations on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG). The engagement which brought together “high-level representatives from a broad range of countries, including the chairs of negotiating groups” was targeted at advancing political conversations towards the adoption of the NCQG ahead of COP29. [More here](#).

## UNGA79: Countries Commit to Fossil Fuel Phaseout



Image credit: UN Foundation

Governments have demonstrated renewed commitment to phasing out fossil fuels -a bone of contention in past climate change talks as the United Nations General Assembly adopted a pact that makes explicit calls for the phaseout of fossil fuels. The Pact of the Future, an agreement the UN says is aimed at addressing the problems of today, as well as anticipating the troubles of tomorrow, lays down actions to address the fossil fuel challenge, while also calling for reaffirmed commitment to the Paris climate agreement. [More here.](#)

## Pacific States Showing Climate Leadership—Guterres



Image credit:UN

UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres has lauded Pacific Island States for their bold steps in tackling the climate crisis. Mr Guterres said the region's *Declaration on Sea Level Rise*, and their determination to have a just transition towards a fossil-fuel-free Pacific are proof of their commitment to enhanced climate action. He emphasised that the world has a lot to learn from the Pacific States. [More Here](#)

## Rio Trio Initiative Launched



Image credit: COP29

As part of efforts to leverage the intersection between the three Rio Conventions—climate change, biodiversity, desertification—the incoming Rio Convention Presidencies met on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79) to launch the Rio Trio Initiative. The Initiative brings together the climate change COP Presidency (Azerbaijan), the UN Convention on Biological Diversity COP Presidency (Colombia) and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification COP Presidency (Saudi Arabia) to “to drive global collaboration between climate change, biological diversity and desertification.” This is a significant step towards greater coherence amongst the Rio Conventions and one welcomed by GLOBE International, which has long advocated for such an approach as part of its Coherence and Convergence Agenda. [More here.](#)

## **COP29 E-visa Platform Launched**



Image credit: COP29

The COP29 Presidency has launched an e-Visa platform for COP29 to make it easier for accredited delegates going to Baku for COP29. The platform can be accessed [here](#).

## **6th Meeting of COP29 Organising Committee Held**



Image credit: COP29

The COP29 Organising Committee convened its sixth meeting on August 16, 2024. Addressing participants, Chairman Samir Nuriyev highlighted the inclusive approach to invitations for the UNFCCC parties and Azerbaijan's commitment to bridging the gap between developed and developing nations on the new financial target. Part of the process for this was the adoption of an informal innovative format of engaging with heads of delegations of countries. [More here](#).

## Seventh Cycle Outline Approved by IPCC



Image credit: MOEW

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) at its 61st Plenary Session in Sofia, Bulgaria, has agreed on the outlines of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities and the 2027 IPCC Methodology Report on Inventories for Short-lived Climate Forces. The Plenary Session with more than 230 delegates from 114 member governments in attendance also agreed on the respective timelines of the two reports. [More here](#).

## COP29 Daily Show Launched



Image credit: COP29

As part of efforts to ensure an inclusive COP29 leading to enhanced ambition, the COP29 Operating Company has launched the “Daily Show”. The show which will be produced by UK’s Hi-Impact company will provide highlights of daily events and decisions at COP29. It will be streamed online and on televisions across the world. [More here](#)

## NDC 3.0 Regional Fora Convened



Image credit: UNEP

Ahead of the submission of NDC 3.0 , the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and NDC Partnership, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have organised regional meetings to raise ambition in the next climate pledges. The regional meetings were aimed at supporting countries to set 2035 targets that align with limiting global warming to 1.5°C and enhancing resilience to climate impacts under the Paris Agreement. [Read More](#)

# Global Updates

## Baku Climate Action Week takes place



The city of Baku hosted its inaugural climate action week from 30 September to 4 October, 2024. Convened by the COP29 High-level Champion, Nigar Arpadarai, Baku Climate Action Week adopted a whole-of-society approach, in partnership with London Climate Action Week, to galvanise the private sector and society on climate action and set the stage for COP29.

With the strapline of **Engage, Innovate, and Accelerate**, BCAW2024 showcased Azerbaijan's leadership in national, regional, and global green transformation and climate action across all sectors. Curated by GLOBE International, CEO, Malini Mehra, in her role with London Climate Action Week, the week saw a range of programmes at iconic and historical venues across the city, drawing speakers and participants from around the world.

Baku Climate Action Week brought together over 700 participants in over 30 events featured high-level events which cut across several topics such as adaptation, risk and resilience; green economy; agriculture; financing the urban transition; energy transition; an ideathon for youths, a walk the talk for climate action championed by the UN in Azerbaijan in partnership with the COP29 High-level champion; etc., culminated in the launch of the first



standalone Agriculture Report of the Breakthrough Agenda. Led by CGIAR and in partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion; the launch of the Youth Climate Change Network, a new platform dedicated to empowering the next generation to actively participate in climate solutions and transition efforts; the setting up of a new Azerbaijan Universities Network on Climate Change (AUNCC), in partnership with COP29 Presidency and the British Council; among others.

COP29 President-Designate, Mukhtar Babayev, described the event as “another milestone in the deepening national conversation to accelerate climate action in Azerbaijan.” Baku Climate Action Week saw the link between Baku and Brazil strengthened with a strong message of partnership from the Mayor of Rio de Janeiro and a desire to work towards Rio Climate Action Week in 2025 ahead of COP30. [More here](#).

## **MEPs Call for Expansion of Climate Finance Donor Pool**



**Image credit:**European Union

Members of the European Parliament have said that the pool of climate finance donors must be expanded to “reflect the economic balance and responsibilities of all major global powers.” This is as the world prepares to adopt a new climate finance mechanism at COP29. The MEPs who believe that the current criteria used to determine donors is outdated said it is time to

include countries whose emissions per capita are now either at par with those of European countries, or even higher. [More here](#).

## Scottish Parliament Tables Ambitious New Climate Change Bill



**Image credit:** Institute for Government

The Scottish Parliament is seeking to amend its Climate Change Act 2009. The Bill which was introduced on September 5, 2024, seeks to replace the existing annual and interim targets with a system of five-year carbon budgets. It also seeks to remove the requirement for a new climate change plan to be laid by March 2025, replacing it with requirements for a plan ‘as soon as practicable’ after the first regulations setting a Scottish carbon budget come into force. [More here](#)

## MoU for Baku to Belem Climate Partnership Adopted



**Image credit:** Twitter/COP29\_AZ

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the “Baku to Belem (B2B) Climate Partnership” was adopted on 7 September, 2024. The official

adoption of the MoU was done by COP29 Presidency, Azerbaijan's Deputy Foreign Minister and COP29 Lead Negotiator, Yalchin Rafiyev and COP30 Presidency, Brazil's Vice-Minister for Climate, Energy, and Environment, André Aranha Corrêa do Lago in Rio de Janeiro on the sidelines of the 5th Global Conference on Synergies. The initiative paves the way for collaboration between the COP29, COP30 Presidencies, and the G20 Presidency (Brazil).

## Pacific Island Forum Held in Tonga



**Image credit:** Jason Oxenham

States of the Pacific Island held its 53rd Forum from August 26 - 30, 2024, at Nuku'Alofa, Tonga. The forum, which is held annually, represents an opportunity for leaders of the region to take stock of challenges and agree on policies that will benefit the people of the Pacific region. This year's forum was anchored on Tonga's vision of moving beyond deliberations to implementation; and building back resiliently which bestrides the seven thematic areas of the 2050 Agenda. [More here](#).

## 9th Africa Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Namibia

A blue graphic with white text. The text reads: "9th Africa Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction", "Act Now for the Resilient Africa We Want", "21 to 24 October 2024", and "Windhoek, Republic of Namibia". The background of the graphic shows a faint image of a cityscape.

**9th Africa Regional  
Platform for Disaster  
Risk Reduction**

*Act Now for the Resilient Africa We Want*

21 to 24 October 2024  
Windhoek, Republic of Namibia

From 21-24 October, 2024, the 9th Session of the Africa Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (AfRP-9) and the Eighth High-Level Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction will take place in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia. This year's session will be under the theme "Act Now for the Resilient Africa We Want". The meeting will "bring together Ministers and Heads of Delegations to consider and adopt the AfRP-9's outcomes, which will be submitted to the African Union Policy Organ for endorsement thereafter" with the outcomes and recommendations contributing to the [2025 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction](#). GLOBE is partnering with UNDRR and regional partners to organise an event for parliamentarians in the sidelines of the African Regional Platform. More [here](#).

## It's Time: New York Climate Action Week Held



**Image credit:** Climate Group

New York Climate Action Week was held in multiple locations across all five New York City boroughs from 22-29 September, 2024. At the heart of the 2024 week themed "It's Time", is the urgency for action, as the 1.5 degrees Celsius Paris target falls through the cracks. This year's NYC Climate Week also featured a special high-level meeting on the threat posed by sea level rise. [More here](#)

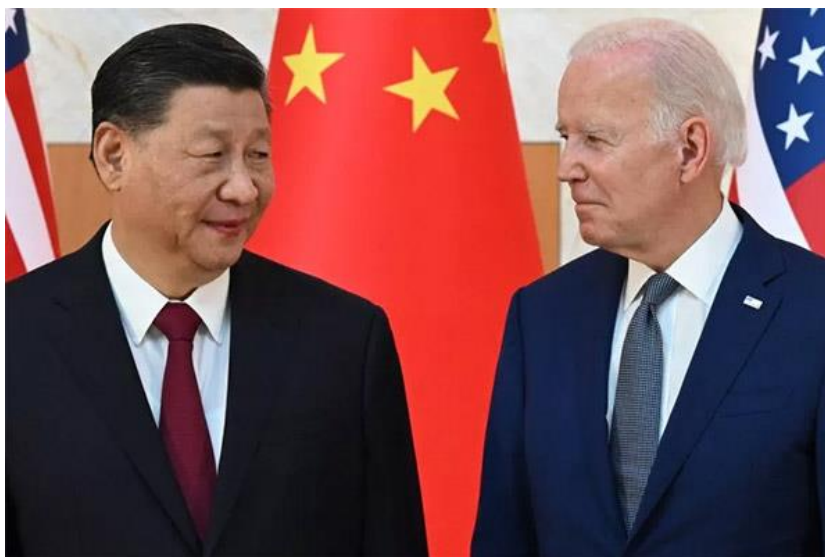
## Baku Global Climate Transparency Platform (BTP)



**Image credit:** COP29

As part of its plans for bolstering climate transparency ahead of COP29, the COP29 Presidency on September 3, 2024, launched the [Baku Global Climate Transparency Platform](#) to support developing countries' Parties in the preparation and submission of their Biennial Transparency Reports while promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange amongst all parties on the full spectrum of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). The BTRs will enable more ambitious climate action by helping countries assess progress, design more effective policies over time and attract needed climate finance. [More here](#)

## **Non-CO2 Greenhouse Gas Summit to take place at COP29**



**Image credit:** Village Voice News

The United States and China are set to co-host a summit on methane and other non- CO2 greenhouse gasses at COP29. The announcement came shortly after a three-day meeting of the US-China Working Group on Enhancing Climate Action in the 2020s, which was hosted in Beijing, China, and co-chaired by Liu Zhenmin, China's Special Envoy for Climate Change, and John Podesta, US Senior Advisor to the President for international Climate Policy. [More here](#)

## Executive Director for Loss and Damage Fund Appointed



**Image credit:** Ibrahima Cheikh Diong

The UNFCCC has announced Senegalese and American finance specialist, Ibrahima Cheikh Diong, as the first Director of the Board of the World Bank-administered Loss and Damage Fund. Diong will serve for a four-year term, starting from 1 November, 2024. The appointment of Ibrahima Cheikh Diong is a major milestone in the operationalization of the fund aimed at helping vulnerable countries most impacted by climate disasters. Mr. Diong who currently serves as Special Representative of the President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa on ESG and previously served as Assistant Secretary General and Director General of the African Union specialized agency, the African Risk Capacity Group (ARC), is set to provide strategic leadership and oversight for the Fund's Secretariat. [More here](#)

## Pact for the Future Adopted at UNGA79



World leaders on September 22, 2024, adopted a landmark agreement known as the **Pact for the future**, at the **UN Summit for the Future**, which aims to address pressing global challenges, and set forth strategies to

address them. The Pact covers a broad range of issues, with key deliverables on peace and security, sustainable development, climate change, digital cooperation, human rights, gender, youth and future generations, and the transformation of global governance. The pact also explicitly called for the complete phaseout of fossil fuels. [More here](#)

## Climate Change Summer Camp Held in Baku



**Image credit:** COP29

The COP29 Presidency has convened the first-ever climate change summer camp. The summer camp is aimed at educating young and passionate educators on climate change awareness and on the COP process which they will take back home to the youths in their home country. [More here](#)

## Africa Outlines Its COP29 Demands



**Image credit:** African Arguments

The African Group of Negotiators (AGN) has outlined what Africa's demand will be for COP29. The group made this known in Nairobi, in August, ahead of meetings of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and the Committee of African Heads of State on Climate Change (CAHOSCC). According to the AGN, Finance, Loss and Damage, Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, Mitigation and Just Transition, and Adaptation will be the focus of the continent at COP29. [More here](#).

## Parliamentary Network Reports

### UNFCCC Parliamentary Group Hold Monthly Webinar

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2024- Monthly webinars hosted by GLOBE International  
10:00am & 4:00pm Central European Time

Wednesday	31 January
Wednesday	21 February
Wednesday	20 March
Wednesday	24 April
Wednesday	29 May
Wednesday	19 June
Wednesday	31 July
Wednesday	28 August
Wednesday	25 September
Wednesday	30 October
Wednesday	27 November
Wednesday	19 December

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The monthly "**Road to COP29**" webinar of the UNFCCC Parliamentary Group, convened by GLOBE International, for the month of September took place on **Wednesday, 25 September, 2024**. The webinars serve as a platform for information sharing, planning and coordination by members of parliament, staff and parliamentary organisations for COP29 and related processes to inform and support parliamentary engagement. The next webinar will take place on **Wednesday, 30 October, 2024**.

To register, please email <[focalpoint@globelegislators.org](mailto:focalpoint@globelegislators.org)>.



## 16th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality to Take Place



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### *Migration in the Context of Socio-Environmental Challenges*

ParlAmericas will be holding its "Hemispheric interparliamentary meeting" as part of the "8th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability". Slated for 23-25 October, in San José, Costa Rica, the event will highlight several topics including: Responsible Migration Governance in a World of Environmental and Social Uncertainty; Legislative Experiences and Best Practices in Addressing Human Mobility; Gender Equality and Migration: Examining Differential Impacts; Legislative Tools for work and migration; etc. [More here](#).

## 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to Take Place in November

### 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

3-8 November 2024 | Sydney, Australia



The 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference-- an annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)—will take place in New Sydney, Australia, from 4 - 8 November, 2024. The conference which brings together Parliamentarians from across the Commonwealth to participate in plenary sessions on topics of Pan-Commonwealth interest will be hosted by the Parliament of New South Wales. [More here](#)

## Have Your Say

GLOBE tracks parliamentary engagements in the UNFCCC process on an ongoing basis. We would like to hear from you on your parliamentary engagement on climate change. Please connect <[focalpoint@globelegislators.org](mailto:focalpoint@globelegislators.org)> We look forward to hearing from

you with your news and views on how parliaments are impacting the climate agenda.

## Support Us

GLOBE International is an international charity registered in Belgium. We work in a cross-party and non-partisan manner to ensure that elected representatives are aware of and engaged in key international processes such as the United Nations conference of parties (COPs) on climate change, biodiversity and desertification.

Since 2021, GLOBE has served as the UNFCCC Focal Point for the Parliamentary Group, providing a range of services to help inform and organise the global parliamentary constituency. We seek to do the same for the other Rio Conventions and key international institutions and processes. As a non-profit organisation our work relies on public support and donations. If you would like to support our work, kindly Donate using our Paypal account: the beneficiary is <[secretariat@globelegislators.org](mailto:secretariat@globelegislators.org)>

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