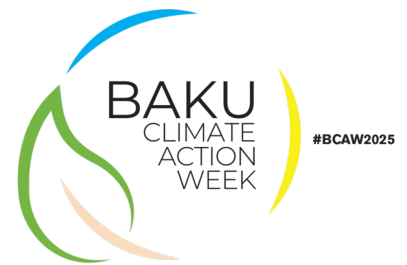


ROUNDTABLE



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Baku Climate Action Week

Roundtable on Strengthening Climate Laws and Institutions for Climate Resilience and Net Zero Transition

Date: Monday, 29 September 2025

Time: 14:00–15:30

Venue: Marriott Boulevard Hotel, Nagiyev Room

Organizers:

- Baku Climate Action Week organizing team
- GLOBE Legislators (UNFCCC Focal Point for the Informal Parliamentary Group)

Description

This session will focus on the role of climate laws and institutions – for example, independent climate change advisory councils – in shaping the next generation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and in creating carbon markets to drive transition in the real economy.

Experts will discuss best practices drawn from existing climate legislative frameworks and policies across different countries to ensure a sustainable and fair “net zero” transition by 2050.

During the roundtable, the Azerbaijani version of GLOBE’s “Parliamentary Guide on Article 6 and Carbon Markets” will be presented. This launch coincides with preparations for the Article 6 Ambition Dialogue to be held under UNFCCC COP30 in Belém and highlights the growing role of the private sector in implementing national climate plans and NDCs.

Introduction

Parliaments worldwide have played a central role in shaping the global architecture of climate legislation and have become a driving force in raising ambition for climate action.

Since the Kyoto Climate Summit (COP3) in 1997, the number of climate laws and policies has increased from 100% from around 50 to over 5,000 globally. Today, net-zero commitments cover



92% of the global economy, with more and more countries enshrining these goals into law. Several states have also adopted comprehensive climate framework laws to guide national ambition.

The current trajectory shows that global average temperatures may rise between 2.4°C and 2.9°C by 2100, and up to 3.1°C–3.7°C if climate policies are not strengthened. Achieving the Paris Agreement goal of limiting warming to 1.5°C is nearly impossible under current trends. To reach this target, climate policies must be significantly reinforced, and emissions reductions must go beyond existing commitments.

Therefore, the role of parliaments—in enacting laws, approving budgets, overseeing government action, and building public consensus—is vital.

This session will present the latest updates on parliamentary engagement in the climate agenda. The aim is to bridge the “Ambition Gap” between the scientific findings revealed by the first Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement in 2023 and the current trajectory of global greenhouse gas emissions.

As the private sector’s decisive role in achieving climate targets is now widely acknowledged, and with the UNFCCC’s Article 6 Ambition Dialogue scheduled for COP30 in Belém, **the Azerbaijani edition of the Parliamentary Guide on Article 6 and Carbon Markets will be launched.** This publication was first unveiled on 25 August 2025 at the Pre-COP30 Parliamentary Forum during Rio Climate Action Week in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Discussion Topics

- Best practices and innovative approaches in climate legislation and policy
- Parliamentary Guide on Article 6 and Carbon Markets
- Creating an enabling environment for private sector investment
- Balancing regulatory ambition with business resilience and social justice
- Role of independent climate advisory councils in shaping advanced policies
- Implementation of net-zero policies at national and sub-national levels

Objectives

- Provide an overview of global climate legislation and best practices.
- Present insights on climate litigation, the next phase of climate law, and parliamentary involvement in the NDC 3.0 process.
- Showcase progress in Azerbaijan’s climate policy and legislation, highlighting the active role of the Milli Majlis (Parliament).
- Share information on Article 6 and carbon markets as one of the key outcomes of COP29.
- **Launch the Azerbaijani version of the Parliamentary Guide on Article 6 and Carbon Markets to support legislators’ engagement and contribution to the UNFCCC Article 6 Ambition Dialogue at COP30 in Belém.**



AGENDA

14:00 – Welcome

Opening remarks by:

- **Sadiq Gurbanov**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chair of the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology
- **Mukhtar Babayev**, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for Climate Issues, President of COP29
- **Nigar Arpadarai**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29

14:15 – Expert Presentations on Climate Change, Legislation, and Carbon Markets

Moderator: **Dr. Fariz Ismailzade**, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan

- **Malini Mehra**, CEO, GLOBE Legislators
- **Kalyani Inampudi**, ESG Expert and report author (online)
- **Senator Moses Kajwang**, Parliament of Kenya (online)
- **Boleslaw Matuszewski**, Lawyer & Attorney for ClientEarth (online)
- **Members of the Milli Majlis and guests**

14:45 – Interactive Roundtable Discussion

Moderated exchange with participants

15:30 – Closing Remarks

15:30 – Thanks and Close

