



COP29 FAQ

ABOUT COP

What is a COP?

- The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (the “UNFCCC”) is the highest decision-making body of the UNFCCC. It takes place once a year and brings Governments together to discuss and agree on how to jointly address climate change and its impacts.
- Parties to the COP comprise the Governments who are signatories of the UNFCCC, as well as key treaties in particular the Kyoto Protocol (COP3 in 1997) and the Paris Agreement (COP21 in 2015).
- The COP is attended by world government leaders and by representatives from “non-State parties” who act as observers: civil society including business representatives, international organizations and the media. The formal outcomes of the COP are negotiated among government negotiators (including Ministers in the final days of the Conference) while the observers provide their views on the issues under discussion. You can find more information on the UNFCCC website [HERE](#)
- The COP is hosted by a different government every year, rotating regionally. COP28 in 2023 was hosted by the United Arab Emirates and COP29 is hosted by Azerbaijan. The outgoing presidency continues to hold the COP Presidency until the beginning of the following COP: Azerbaijan will take over the Presidency from the United Arab Emirates at the start of COP29. You can find more information on COP29 on the official website of the incoming Presidency [HERE](#)

Where and when is COP29 taking place?

- COP29 will take place from 11-22 November 2024, in Baku, Azerbaijan. The official venue for COP29 is Baku Stadium. You can find the latest map of the Blue Zone [HERE](#)

Who is attending “COPs”?

There are three categories of participants at meetings and conferences in the UNFCCC process:

- Governments: Representatives of Parties to the Convention and Observer States
- Representatives of accredited observer organizations – including NGOs, International organizations and intergovernmental organizations
- Members of the press and media

Observer organizations are further categorized into three types: UN, IGOs and NGOs. Companies cannot obtain observer status.

Why should a company attend?

- Have a voice in the conversation on how to tackle the climate crisis while ensuring sustainable growth and prosperity
- Interact with decision makers & innovators from across the globe to build partnerships and networks
- Be present for important climate-related conversations to establish relevance in the space
- Showcase solutions!

Access

What is the difference between the Green Zone and the Blue Zone?

- Since 2010, some COPs have had two zones, the Blue Zone, where participation is limited to participants registered with the UNFCCC, and the Green Zone that is open to the general public. Access to the Green Zone is managed by the host country.
- **The Green Zone**, when there is one, generally serves as a platform to non-accredited delegates, including youth groups, civil society, NGOs, the private sector, and indigenous groups to have their voices heard, promoting dialogue and awareness about climate action. It also hosts technical conferences, panels, and activations with a focus on existing and future solutions to climate change mitigation.
- **The Blue Zone**, called as such given that it essentially becomes UN territory during the Conference, is where the formal negotiations and events and/or space managed by the UNFCCC secretariat take place. It is only open to Blue Zone badge-holders, i.e. those registered through national governments, accredited observer organizations and/or accredited media.

What are the entry points to get access to the Green Zone at COP29?

- The Green Zone is open to the general public and access is managed by the host country. In Baku, electronic tickets will be necessary to enter the Green Zone. Tickets will be free of charge and can be obtained through a dedicated platform in early November. You can find the latest on the Green Zone [HERE](#).

What are the entry points to get access to the Blue Zone at COP29?

- UNFCCC allocates a number of Blue Zone badges per accredited organization every year.

How do companies access the Blue Zone at COP29?

- Companies cannot obtain accreditation as an observer organization, but their representatives can attend events in the Blue Zone by joining delegations. In some

exceptional cases, the UNFCCC secretariat issues courtesy badges to extremely few individuals by invitation only, in order to showcase specific progress and ambition.

- UN Global Compact and the country networks are not in a position to provide badges to companies invited to speak at any events within the Blue Zone, including at the UN Global Compact Pavilion. Therefore, they must secure their badges through other channels.

Is UNGC providing visa letters?

- UNGC does not provide visa letters. The Azerbaijani Government has authorized a free “COP29 Special Visa”, valid until 30th November 2024, which can be obtained through the country’s official e-visa portal or Azerbaijan’s diplomatic representations and consulates abroad. As of now, these special visas will be issued within 3 working days of submitting a complete online application through the official portal. For more information, check out the COP29 visa page [HERE](#).

OVERARCHING COP PROGRAMME AND UNGC PRESENCE

What are the different thematic days for COP29?

- Each year, the Host Country determines themes for each of the days throughout COP. The Azerbaijan Presidency has announced them as follows:

Monday 11 Nov	Tuesday 12 Nov	Wednesday 13 Nov	Thursday 14 Nov	Friday 15 Nov	Saturday 16 Nov	Sunday 17 Nov
COP29 Opening	World Leaders Climate Action Summit	World Leaders Climate Action Summit	Finance, Investment and Trade	Energy / Peace, Relief and Recovery	Science, Technology and Innovation / Digitalisation	Rest Day and No Thematic Programming

Monday 18 Nov	Tuesday 19 Nov	Wednesday 20 Nov	Thursday 21 Nov	Friday 22 Nov		
Human Capital / Children and Youth / Health / Education	Food, Agriculture and Water	Urbanisation / Transport / Tourism	Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous People / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones	Final Negotiations		

What does the UN Global Compact's presence in the Blue Zone look like?

The UN Global Compact is preparing to provide meaningful contributions from the private sector to the thematic days of COP29, through a series of events and sessions for which exact dates are still to be confirmed, including:

- **The 12th High-Level Meeting of Caring for Climate** - an in-person event co-hosted with UN Climate Change and UNEP, bringing together UN, Business and Civil society actors. Date and time are TBC. This event is by invitation only and at CEO level. Same as last year, we will reach out in due course to seek Country Network input to invitees for the event
- **Thematic and side events** on ABLC, Mitigation, Just Transition, Adaptation, Biodiversity & Nature, and/or Sustainable Finance (details TBC)

UNGC Blue Zone Pavilion Programme

- **Location:** Within the Blue Zone, exact location is TBA

What are the hours of the pavilion?

- The regular hours of the pavilion are 8:30AM - 5:00PM but we will only host sessions starting at 10AM.

HIGH LEVEL PRIORITIES

What are the Azerbaijan Presidency priorities for COP29?

- Build political momentum on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Agree on a New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on climate finance, i.e. amount, modality, contributor base and recipient eligibility
- Finalize agreement on Article 6
- Submit the first Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs) to build confidence and trust across all Parties

Presidency initiatives will focus on the following themes, while ensuring efforts to integrate Just Transition principles throughout:

- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Loss and Damage

You can find more details on the above in the [COP29 President-Designate's Letter to Parties and Constituencies](#).

Who are the High-Level Champions and what are their priorities?

- The High Level Champions under the UNFCCC are figures initially established at UNFCCC COP 21 appointed "to act on behalf of the President of the Conference of the Parties to facilitate through strengthened high-level engagement for the successful execution of existing efforts and the scaling-up and introduction of new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions." Currently, the two High-Level Champions are Ms. Razan Al-Mubarak for the UAE and Ms. Nigar Arpadarai for Azerbaijan. Ms. Al-Mubarak defined biodiversity as her priority, while Ms. Arpadarai is prioritizing SMEs.
- You can find more information on the work of the High Level Champions in [their Work Programme for Global Climate Action for 2024](#).

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