



“We want to lay the foundations here for joint resolutions, and we’re entering dialogue here with concrete partnerships for climate action, also across geopolitical borders.”

FOREWORD

Baku Decides I Youth Climate Negotiations is an annual forum for youth discussions focused on regional climate negotiations and actions against climate change. The Youth Climate Negotiations is a global initiative that aims to empower and engage young people in discussions and actions related to climate change. It provides a platform for youth from different backgrounds and regions to come together and exchange ideas, experiences, and perspectives on climate-related issues.

The dialogue focuses on raising awareness about the urgent need for climate action and fostering a sense of responsibility among young individuals. It encourages them to become active participants in shaping sustainable and resilient communities for the future. Through the dialogue, young people have the opportunity to learn about the impacts of climate change, explore innovative solutions, and advocate for policies that address the crisis.

Overall, the Youth Climate Negotiations serves as a catalyst for youth engagement, empowerment, and collective action in addressing the pressing issues of climate change, ensuring that young voices are at the forefront of the global efforts towards a sustainable future.

The journey continues, and the challenges ahead require sustained commitment. Let’s continue to unite, to act and to deliver.

KEY NEGOTIATING OUTCOMES

- *The participants will continue their joint efforts in creating the Baku Decides Youth Statement.*
- *The Azerbaijan-led initiative will select a **Youth Negotiator**, to help facilitate the inclusion of youth perspectives in the climate negotiations*

AGENDA

Venue: *The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Shusha Room*

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09:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-10:30	Opening ceremony Welcome Remarks by Ms. Indira Hajiyeva , Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan Opening Remarks by Ms. Umayra Taghiyeva , Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Welcome Remarks by Mr. Yalchin Rafiyev , Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Lead Negotiator for COP29 Inaugural address by Ms. Vladanka Andreeeva , UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Azerbaijan Inaugural address by Ms. Alessandra Roccasalvo , UNDP Resident Representative a.i. Keynote Remarks by Mr. Nasar Hayat , FAO Representative to Azerbaijan
10:30-11:00	Youth Discussion: <i>What climate means to youth?</i> Moderator: Shargiyya Hasanova, Lead Advisor of Ministry of Youth and Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Youth advices by Ms. Joyce Mendez, Member, UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change- Youth Advices by Mr. Okan Dursun, UN SDG Young Leader, Co-Founder & CEO Carbongate
11:00-11:30	Group Photo (followed by Coffee Break)
11:30-13:00	Moderator: Listening of National Climate Policies of participants countries: <i>"Interregional Partnership Opportunities in Europe and Central Asia"</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Gulruh Jafarli, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Rahimzoda Shabnam, <i>First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Youth and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan</i> - Mr. Aleksei Stanonis, Counselor of the International Youth Cooperation and Tourism Office, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation - Ms. Evgeniya Bertosh, Senior Researcher at International Research Cooperation and Climate department, the Republican Research Enterprise “Bel NIC “Ecology”, Republic of Belarus - Ms. Kurmanbekova Kunduz, Leading Specialist of the Youth Policy Department of the Ministry of Culture, Information, Sports and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, Youth Policy and Ecology in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan - Mr. Vinari Petru- Moldova Communication manager of the NGO from Moldova, Ecological Society BIOTIC <p>Head of Delegations of the Representing Countries accordingly</p>
13:00- 14:00	Lunch
14.15-14.30	<p>Presentation on 18th National Sustainable Development Goal</p> <p>Represented by Mr. Elnur Ibrahimov, the National Coordination Council on Sustainable Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sustainable Development and Social Policy Department of the Ministry of Economy</p>
14.30-15.00	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Financing Youth Innovation for Green Solutions” Lead discussant: Ms. Fatima Davudlu, <i>SDG Youth Ambassador</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jevanic Henry, UN Secretary General’s Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change - Ms. Tugrakhanim Musayeva, Internal Innovations Lead, PASHA Holding - Ms. Rukhsora Shakirova, Environmental activist, Republic of Uzbekistan
15.15- 16.00	<p>Global climate change goals and the role of the youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Fizza Gurbanova, Director, Bonega Consulting LLC - UN Global Compact Participant - Mr. Chingiz Orujov, Certified Energy Manager, Bonega Consulting LLC - Mr. Javid Hidayatov, Business Process Consultant, Bonega Consulting LLC
16.00- 16.30	Coffee break
16.30- 18.00	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Technological Development and Ecological Issues” Lead discussant: Mr. Okan Dursun, <i>SDG UN Leader, Co-Founder & CEO Carbongate</i></p>

	<p>Keynote speaker: Ms.Natavan Hasanova, Strategy & Business Development director at Azercosmos (Space Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan), 15 mins</p> <p>“Healthy environments for healthy youth and children”</p> <p><i>UNICEF works to ensure that policies on climate, environment, energy and disaster risk reduction integrate children's and young people's views, concerns and solutions. Policies shape the world that the younger generation experiences today and will inherit in the future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Speech by Mr. Abheet Solomon, UNICEF New York Headquarters Health Division Sr. Program Manager (online), 4 mins - Introductory remarks by Desiree Raquel Narvaez, UNICEF New York Headquarters Health Division Health Specialist (online), 4 mins - A short video called healthy environments create healthy children (4 min) - Presentation of the Children's Environmental Health assessment findings in Azerbaijan by Dr.Ismayil Afandiyev, Doctor of Philosophy, Associate Professor of the 1st Department of Internal Medicine of the AMU (12 min) <p>“Climate resilience”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Zsuzsanna Keresztes, Specialist on IPM and climate resilient practices (REU) - Ms. Aldayarova Zhumabubu, Ecological problems and Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan
20.00	Dinner

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09:30-13:00	<p>Field trip to "Baku International Sea Trade Port" CJSC , The Port of Baku</p> <p><i>The first Green Port of the region!</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Regional Energy Transition: Where are the Youth?” Lead Discussant: Laman Jalilova, SDG7 Youth Ambassador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan (TBC) - Ms.Janaina Fonseca Nolasco, Special Advisory of International Relations at Ministry of Mines and Energy of Brazil - Mr. Aleksandr Kormishin, Head of International Partnerships, Rosatom Corporate Academy - Mr. Chingiz Orujov, Certified Energy Manager, Bonega Consulting LLC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Javid Hidayatov, Business Process Consultant, Bonega Consulting LLC
15:10-16:10	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Caspian Sea and Life under Water” Lead Discussant: Ms.Nazrin Baghirova, Research Fellow at the Institute for Development and Diplomacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amb.Juan Rodrigo Labardini, IDD Research Fellow - Ms.Roxana Boboruta, Senior Project Manager, Steinbeis Transfer Management s.r.l, Black Sea – Caspian Sea corridor and considering Romania`s strategic position as gate to Europe and European Union - Ms.Diana Sharafgalieva, Ecologist, "Clean Seas" International Ecological Fund - Mr. Rovshan Abbasov, UNDP NAP Expert
16:10- 17:00	Networking Room (Coffee Break)
17.00-18.00	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Cities, Climate Advocacy and Youth” Lead Discussant: Mr.Ilgar Manafsoy, Former SDG11 Youth Ambassador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An official from the State Committee of Urban Planning and Architecture - Ms.Aytaj Alisultanli, Architect, Deputy-head of Urban Planning and Architecture department in Baku General Directorate of Architecture and Urban Planning near the State Committee of Urban Planning and Architecture - Ms.Chunueva Nurzhan, Youth, Cities and Climate Change in Kyrgyzstan Case, Climate-activist
20.00	Dinner
21:00-22:00	Working on “Baku Decides” Youth Statement

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09.30- 10.30	<p>High Level Ministerial Segment - Hard Talks</p> <p>Lead discussants:</p> <p>Ms.Joyce Mendez UN Secretary-General Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change</p>
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	<p>Ms.Zarifa Maharramova, Project Lead of Youth for SDGs initiative by Ministry of Youth and Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr.Farid Gayibov, Minister of Youth and Sport of Republic of Azerbaijan - Mr.Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources - Ms. Vladanka Andreeeva, UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Azerbaijan - Mr.Manuel Montenegro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federative Republic of Brazil <p><i>Followed by Q/A session</i></p> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>
<p>10.45-11.00</p>	<p>Cofee break</p>
<p>11.00-12.00</p>	<p>Youth Panel by UNICEF Azerbaijan</p> <p>UNDP's showcase for Climate Solutions by Youth</p>
<p>12.00-13.00</p>	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Agriculture, Youth Employability, and Climate” Lead Discussant: Mr. Tural Maharramov, SDG13 Youth Ambassador, AZGREEN Engineering and Environmental Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Katalin Ludvig, Deputy Regional Initiative Coordinator for Empowering Smallholders, Family Farms and Youth, FAO Representative - Mr.Murad Jamalov , GIS centre - Thematic image processing team, Team Leader, AZERCOSMOS - Mr.Seyedeh Khamisa Asbaghian, Investigating the role of soil microbial communities in the carbon cycle and climate change, PhD Candidate in Soil Science engineering at the University of Tehran - Mr. Nadir Nadirli, The function of Participatory Guarantee Systems in the transition towards sustainable agriculture, GLOBALG.A.P. Certified Consultant, Bonega Consulting LLC - Mr. Emil Hasanov, Importance of patterns understanding and root-cause analysis in achieving sustainable agriculture goals, Certified Permaculture Designer, Bonega Consulting LLC

13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.15- 15.15	<p>Youth Negotiations: “Climate Drought Problems: Drought and Future of Agricultural Sector”</p> <p>Lead Discussant: Mr.Tural Maharramov, SDG13 Youth Ambassador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr.Saleh Nabiyeu, GIS center, Thematic image processing, Leading expert on Cadastre - Mr.Kydyev Bektan, Mountain ecosystem of Kyrgyzstan, Climate-Activist - UNDP “Adapting to future: Success stories from National Adaptation Plan Project” - Ms. Elina Kostina, Head of "MGIMO Goes Green" Environmental Club, Russian Federation
15.15-16.15	Networking Room (Coffee Break)
16.15-17.30	Expert Presentation: Climate In Media
17.30-19.00	Working on “Baku Decides” Youth Statement
20.00	Dinner

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09.00- 12.00	Preparation of “Baku Decides” Youth Statement
11.00 -12.00	Paralel Coffee Break
12.00-13.00	<p>Declaration of Baku Decides</p> <p><i>moderator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr.Farhad Hajiyev, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan - Ms.Umayra Taghiyeva, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources <p>Announcement of City Nominations for II “Baku Decides”</p>
13.00-14.00	Group Photo and Lunch
16:00-20:00	Visit to Walled City of Baku

20.00

Farewell dinner