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**Subject:** PR: COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) Declaration to Resilient and Healthy Cities

The COP29 Presidency today published the final texts of nine Declarations and Pledges as part of its Action Agenda for the upcoming UN climate summit in Baku this November. These documents provide pathways for all global actors to come together and commit to enhanced ambition across key climate priorities. The COP29 Presidency's Action Agenda is a comprehensive set of initiatives designed to complement the formal UNFCCC negotiation process.

I have included the wider press release below, but given your work in the urban space, I thought you might be particularly interested in the update to the COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) Declaration to Resilient and Healthy Cities. The outcome Declaration will seek to enhance multisectoral cooperation to address climate challenges in cities and an initiative to create coherence in all urban climate efforts and catalyse urban climate finance.

Here is a quote from Anacláudia Roszbach, Executive Director of the **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**, that endorses this initiative: *"Today, the climate crisis presents urgent challenges that are already directly affecting our cities, and the impacts are disproportionately higher in vulnerable communities such as informal settlements. Disrupting people's lives, services they rely on, and the ecosystems they depend on. UN-Habitat welcomes the COP29 Presidency's focus on sustainable urbanization as how we plan and shape our cities will be one critical aspect of overcoming this crisis."*

I would be happy to go through any questions you might have and talk to you more about the MAP Declaration, or any other aspects of COP29. I have also attached the final text of the Declaration for your interest.

Best, on behalf of COP29

Tomas Vitas

### **COP29 Presidency publishes final texts of Declarations and Pledges for upcoming UN Climate Summit**

- **COP29 Presidency calls on government and non-government stakeholders to endorse COP29 pledges and declarations**
- **COP29 Truce Appeal already supported by 127 countries and 1,100 non-state actors**
- **Full details revealed of COP29 Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge to increase storage capacity six times to 1,500 GW**

- **Host Azerbaijan to publish full programme of events to galvanise global climate action**

**BAKU, 21 October:** The COP29 Presidency today published the final texts of nine Declarations and Pledges as part of its Action Agenda for the upcoming UN climate summit in Baku this November. These documents provide pathways for all global actors to come together and commit to enhanced ambition across key climate priorities.

The COP29 Presidency's Action Agenda, first outlined in an open letter to Parties and Constituencies in September, is a comprehensive set of initiatives designed to complement the formal UNFCCC negotiation process. While not part of the official negotiations, these Declarations and Pledges aim to catalyse action and ambition across all sectors of society.

With the final texts now published, government and non-government stakeholders have the opportunity to endorse these documents, which will be formally launched at the COP29 climate summit in November.

The texts, finalised following a period of public consultation, include:

- COP29 Truce Appeal
- COP29 Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge
- COP29 Green Energy Pledge: Green Energy Zones and Corridors
- COP29 Hydrogen Declaration
- COP29 Declaration on Green Digital Action
- COP29 Declaration on Reducing Methane from Organic Waste
- COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) Declaration to Resilient and Healthy Cities
- COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Action in Tourism
- COP29 Declaration on Water for Climate Action

The COP29 Truce Appeal has already gained significant traction, with support from 127 countries and nearly 1,100 non-state actors. It calls for a pause in conflicts during the COP29 period to reduce emissions from military activities and promote global peace.

In line with the COP29 Presidency's two-pillar plan for the year, the Declarations and Pledges aim to enhance ambition across all climate pillars. They present opportunities for governments to incorporate sectoral targets into national climate plans and for stakeholders to agree on principles to strengthen collective climate efforts.

Alongside the Declarations and Pledges, the COP29 Presidency will release a programme of Presidency-hosted events for the UN climate summit. These sessions will bring together relevant stakeholders for focused discussions on thematic items and serve as platforms to launch the various declarations.

COP29 President-Designate Mukhtar Babayev said: "These Declarations and Pledges are vital tools to drive progress on climate action. They send strong market signals, help direct financial flows, and foster a sense of shared responsibility. I call on all parties and non-state actors to endorse these documents and help build momentum ahead of COP29. While signing these pledges alone will not deliver the changes we need, they play a significant role in supporting the COP29 Presidency's vision to enhance ambition and enable action."

He added, "The final texts reflect valuable input from a wide range of stakeholders, demonstrating the power of inclusive and transparent processes in addressing the climate crisis. We thank our partners for their collaboration throughout this process. We are particularly encouraged by the early support for the COP Truce Appeal, which highlights the interconnectedness of climate action and global peace."

These initiatives are designed to complement, not replace, the critical work of the formal UNFCCC negotiations. They provide additional avenues for commitment and action, particularly for non-state actors who play a crucial role in the global response to climate change.

The Presidency encourages all stakeholders to review the final texts and consider endorsing these important climate initiatives, which collectively aim to accelerate progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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#### **Notes to editors**

The COP29 Presidency shared a substantive update on the Action Agenda in its second open letter to Parties and Constituencies in September. This letter, containing descriptions of each Action Agenda initiative, can be found [here](#).

A brief explanation of the declarations and pledges in the Action Agenda can be found below:

#### **COP29 Truce Appeal**

The appeal for a COP Truce, modelled on the Olympic Truce, will highlight the importance of peace and climate action. It will aim to remind all nations of the interplay between conflict and climate change and emphasise the imperative of finding collective solutions to protect the most vulnerable.

#### **COP29 Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge**

The outcome Pledge will aim to increase global energy storage capacity six times above 2022 levels, reaching 1,500 gigawatts by 2030. To enhance energy grids, endorsers will also commit to enhance grid capacity through a global grid deployment goal of adding or refurbishing 25 million kilometres of grids by 2030, recognising analysis from the IEA on the need to add or refurbish an additional 65 million kilometres by 2040 to align with net-zero emissions by 2050.

#### **COP29 Green Energy Pledge: Green Energy Zones and Corridors**

The outcome Pledge will commit to green energy zones and corridors, including targets to promote investment, stimulate economic growth, develop, modernise and expand infrastructure, and foster regional cooperation.

#### **COP29 Hydrogen Declaration**

The outcome Declaration will unlock the potential of a global market for clean hydrogen and its derivatives with guiding principles and priorities, to address regulatory, technological, financing, and standardisation barriers.

#### **COP29 Declaration on Green Digital Action**

The outcome Declaration aims to accelerate climate-positive digitalisation and emission reductions in the Information and Communication Technology sector and enhance accessibility of green digital technologies.

#### **COP29 Declaration on Reducing Methane from Organic Waste**

The outcome Declaration will streamline work towards 1.5-aligned waste sector commitments in national climate policy documents with quantified targets to reduce methane in waste and food systems.

#### **COP29 Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) Declaration to Resilient and Healthy Cities**

The outcome Declaration will seek to enhance multisectoral cooperation to address climate challenges in cities and an initiative to create coherence in all urban climate efforts and catalyse urban climate finance.

#### **COP29 Declaration on Enhanced Action in Tourism**

The outcome Declaration will include sectoral targets for tourism in NDCs and promote sustainable practices by reducing emissions and increasing resilience in the sector. A further initiative with outcomes to enhance transparency in the sector and provide frameworks for sustainable food systems in tourism.

#### **COP29 Declaration on Water for Climate Action**

The outcome Declaration will call upon stakeholders to take integrated approaches when combating the causes and impacts of climate change on water basins and water-related ecosystems, strengthen regional and international cooperation, integrated water-related mitigation and adaptation measures in national climate policies. The Declaration will launch the Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate Action to enhance COP-to-COP continuity and coherence in the field.

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## **COP29 Declaration on Multisectoral Actions Pathways (MAP) to Resilient and Healthy Cities**

**We**, national governments, local administrations and municipal authorities, members of parliaments and their associations, and other stakeholders, including international organisations, financial institutions, philanthropies, private sector entities, academia, and civil society organisations;

**Recalling** the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Pact for the Future and subsequent decisions made at UN Climate Change Conferences on multilevel engagement, including the establishment of the High-Level Champion role at COP21 and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action at COP22;

**Recognising** that more than half of the global population lives in cities and urbanisation is rapidly increasing due to permanent and temporary human migration, economic growth and demographic shifts; that cities are the centre of mobility of people, goods, trade and ideas; that urban areas are responsible for 80% of global GDP and 70% of greenhouse gas emissions; yet are also impacted by climate change, with the most vulnerable being hit the hardest;

**Acknowledging** that local governments are taking ambitious climate action to deliver just and equitable transitions, supported by city networks, other non-party stakeholders and the work of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency in the UNFCCC, while **noting with concern** that many local governments, municipal and subnational authorities, in particular in developing countries, lack access to sufficient financial resources, technology, and human, institutional, and technical capacities, as well as access to data-based evidence to accelerate urban climate action;

**Recognising** that climate change and other global challenges require collaborating across levels of governments, sectors and disciplines toward common solutions at the local, regional and global levels, with a view to achieving the objective of the UNFCCC and the goals of the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Pact for the Future;

**Reaffirming** the significance of fostering meaningful dialogue, cooperation, knowledge sharing, and coordination among different stakeholders, including state and non-state actors, to promote positive climate mitigation and adaptation outcomes that support sustainable urban development through interventions in various dimensions;

**Highlighting** the necessity of inclusive urban planning and incorporating approaches responsive to race, age, gender and disability in urban climate strategies to address the impacts of climate change equitably and effectively across all communities and regions;

**Welcoming** the ongoing processes and initiatives by COP Presidencies, the UN system, multilateral development banks, philanthropic organisations, bilateral donors and their implementing agencies to create sustainable, climate-resilient and healthy cities, including the COP27 Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) Initiative and the COP28 Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) for Climate Action;

**We hereby intend to**, where applicable and appropriate within our respective mandates and based on national contexts,

- **On nature and health**, promote health equity and nature-positive urban development, including by enhancing urban afforestation, reforestation, sustainable infrastructure and spaces, sustainable patterns of consumption and production, nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches to mitigate urban heat and improve air quality;
- **On disaster resilience and early warning**, strengthen urban climate resilience by integrating disaster risk reduction and adaptation actions into infrastructure development and enhancing preparedness and early warning and anticipatory action systems;
- **On technologies**, reduce pollution and GHG emissions, enhance renewable and clean energy, and energy and water efficiency in cities through environmentally sound and clean technologies, digital solutions and adoption of circular economy approaches;
- **On jobs**, integrate sustainability-related education and green jobs considerations into urban planning;
- **On buildings and construction**, decrease GHG emissions from existing and new buildings, where applicable, by promoting energy-efficient materials, technologies, processes, certifications and smart systems and access to finance for low-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector;
- **On transport**, in close coordination with existing initiatives and programmes, develop and implement a vision for low- and zero-emission integrated and connected transport systems by promoting increased use of public transport and safe access to active mobility options, and reducing the sector's carbon footprint through low- and zero-emission solutions, such as renewable and low emissions fuels and the electrification of vehicles, including through digital solutions;
- **On urban agriculture**, where appropriate, promote integrated land use planning, sustainable urban agriculture and resilient food systems to increase climate action;

**Through**,

- **Planning**: future-oriented, sustainable, inclusive, nature positive and climate-resilient land use and urban planning;
- **Policies**: facilitation of participation by local and where appropriate subnational authorities in the development of multisectoral, multilevel and multistakeholder urban climate action plans, as well as their alignment with short- and long-term

national development strategies and national climate strategy and policy documents;

- **Science:** acceleration of urban climate action with science in an inter- and transdisciplinary approach;
- **Finance:** mobilisation of climate finance for both mitigation and adaptation in urban areas, across all channels, including through public, private and public-private partnerships;
- **Collaboration:** encouraging collaboration with the private sector, academia, and civil society, including youth organisations, UN specialised agencies, other international organisations, MDBs, MCFs, philanthropic organisations, bilateral donors, and their implementing agencies.

**We encourage**, where applicable and appropriate,

- **Stronger partnerships** among UN agencies and intergovernmental organisations, MDBs, MCFs, philanthropic organisations, bilateral donors and their implementing agencies for stronger ambition and actions for climate finance in urban areas and coordination for resource mobilisation for cities and regions to enhance climate finance in urban areas and access to finance for city and subnational, national and local governments;
- **Building linkages** between World Urban Forums, UN Climate Change Conferences, World Environment Days, and other relevant global and regional platforms for dialogue, actions, and initiatives, including through encouraging World Urban Forums' host governments to appoint a **Special Envoy for Urban Climate Action**;
- **Past, current and future COP Presidencies** to establish the **Baku Continuity Coalition on Urban Climate Action** with the facilitation of UN-Habitat and in close collaboration with LGMA to ensure continuity, foresight and synergies between past and future climate and urban initiatives and issues, including through COP29 MAP and to encourage the inclusion of sustainable urbanisation and urban climate action in future UN Climate Change Conferences.

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**National governments and other stakeholders can endorse this Declaration through:**

Any official written communications (letter, note verbale, etc.) to the COP29 Presidency or email to [MAP@cop29.az](mailto:MAP@cop29.az)