

COP29

Sustainability Policy

In Solidarity for a Green World



COP29
Baku
Azerbaijan



COP29 Sustainability Vision

Our sustainability vision for COP29 is to create a climate neutral event that adhere to highest standards of environmental responsibility by minimizing carbon emissions, maximizing resource efficiency, promoting renewable energy, and fostering sustainable practices across all operations.

COP29 aims to minimize ecological impact and enhance societal participation, embodying sustainability and solidarity in all event aspects.

Our Sustainability Commitments



Carbon Neutrality

Achieve carbon neutrality by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through renewable energy use, energy efficiency, and offsetting unavoidable emissions.



Promotion of Sustainable Practices

Encourage sustainable practices such as reducing single-use plastics, promoting sustainable transportation, and adopting environmentally friendly procurement.



Accessibility and Inclusivity

Ensure the event is accessible to all, regardless of physical abilities or socio-economic backgrounds, with a focus on youth, women, and underrepresented groups.



Legacy and Continuity

Leave a positive legacy by supporting local sustainability initiatives and investing in long-term infrastructure and capacity building for ongoing climate action.



Transparency and Accountability

Maintain transparency in decision-making and accountability for commitments, with regular reporting on progress toward sustainability goals.



Collaboration and Partnerships

Foster partnerships with governments, organizations, civil society, and the private sector to address climate change and advance sustainability.



Safety for All

Ensure all COP29 event activities prioritize health, safety, and well-being.

COMMITMENT TO

Carbon Neutrality

COP29 aims to achieve carbon neutrality by measuring, reducing and compensating unavoidable GHG emissions associated with COP29 operations.



Measure

The goal is to accurately **measure, monitor, and report** the carbon footprint of COP29 across all operational aspects, including direct (Scope 1), indirect (Scope 2), and value chain (Scope 3) emissions, ensuring transparency and enabling targeted reductions in GHG emissions throughout the event.



Reduce

Sustainable Mobility: Free metro, new micromobility lanes, electric shuttles, and hybrid/ electric taxi fleet for COP29 participants.

Energy Efficiency: Efficient lighting and appliances, energy management systems and regular energy audits in COP29 venues.

Renewable Energy: Use of renewable energy at COP29 venues: hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) and renewable power procurement.



Compensate

Compensation of Unavoidable Emissions: Purchasing high-quality international carbon offsets and supporting local climate change mitigation initiatives in Azerbaijan.

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Promote Sustainable Behaviour

At COP29 we are committed to promote sustainable behavioural practices among event participants and the broader community.

Optimize
Water Usage



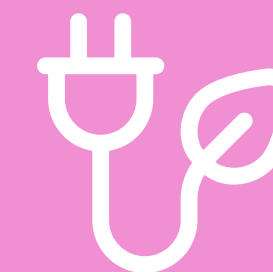
Adopt Waste
Separation
Practices



Promote
Circularity
Economy



Use Energy
Efficiently



Choose
Sustainable
Food Options



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Sustainable Practices

COP29 is committed to a zero-landfill policy, aiming to divert 100% of waste through recycling, composting, waste minimization, and waste-to-energy solutions.

Recycling, composting and waste minimalization through waste streams:

Dry Mix Recyclables

Office Paper

Medical Waste

Bio-wastes

E-waste

Sustainable Procurement:

COP29 will prioritize sustainable suppliers of goods and services.

100%
purchased paper
products and furniture
FSC certified

60%
of textile products
to be **eco-certified**

Over 80%
of food supplies to be locally
sourced

Prioritizing locally sourced
construction & temporarily structures

COMMITMENT TO

Accessibility and Inclusivity

At COP29, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants. Our Code of Conduct ensures that attendees of all abilities and backgrounds can fully engage in the event.

Respect

We foster a culture where all participants feel welcomed and valued, encouraging respect for diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

Inclusivity

COP29 actively promotes participation of all communities, embracing diverse perspectives and ensuring open, constructive dialogue.

Accessibility

Venues and services are fully accessible, featuring ramps, elevators, and assistive listening devices to accommodate all attendees.

Digital Access

All event sessions will be live-streamed to ensure seamless access to event materials.

Support

Staff and volunteers are trained to uphold best practices in inclusivity, providing personalized support to ensure that every attendee has a positive and equitable experience.

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A Lasting Sustainability Legacy

COP29 will drive lasting change through climate education, professional training, and the integration of sustainability and ESG practices in business and public sector operations, while ensuring second-life plans for all goods and materials used at the event.

Capacity Building



- **“Climate Education for All”** On-line Course
- Climate Curriculum for Schoolchildren
- COP29 Youth Academy
- Professional Training on sustainability practices and ESG reporting
- Workforce Engagement and Sustainability Training for COP29 volunteers and staff
- ESG Business Transformation

Circularity



Second-Life Plans for All Goods and Materials:

COP29 will implement second-life strategies for goods and materials used across event venues, ensuring they are repurposed, donated, or recycled post-event: Textiles, Furniture, ICT Equipment, Wood and Metals

Beneficiaries of Circular Initiatives:

Goods and materials will be repurposed to benefit: Schools, Charities and Local Communities

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Transparency & Accountability

COP29 adheres to the highest standards of transparency and accountability:

- ✓ Pursuing **ISO 20121 Certification** for sustainable event management.
- ✓ All staff and participants are required to adhere strictly to the **UNFCCC Code of Conduct**, promoting **integrity, respect, and accountability** throughout COP29.
- ✓ Public disclosure of COP29 Sustainability Report.



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Collaboration and Partnerships

COP29's Green Zone will serve as a platform for fostering new partnerships and innovation, while broader efforts will promote sustainability in Azerbaijani businesses through a National Pledge Campaign and collaboration with business associations, the UN, and international agencies.

Green Zone

a dedicated space at COP29 for

- Partnerships, innovation, and dialogue
- Media engagement
- Collaboration across sectors and raising awareness about COP29's goals

Promoting Sustainable Commitments

and business practices in Azerbaijan

- National Pledge Campaign
- Fostering collaboration with business associations, NGOs, UN, and other international agencies

COMMITMENT TO

Safety for All

1

Employee Wellbeing
and Safety

2

Health and Safety
at The Venue



6

Ambulance



7

Medical Room



11

Fire Trucks

Our Sustainability Targets



Net-Zero Carbon

Achieve carbon neutrality across all scopes of GHG emissions.



Energy

Grid power from renewable sources.
On-site energy from hydrated vegetable oil (HVO),
100% carbon neutral.



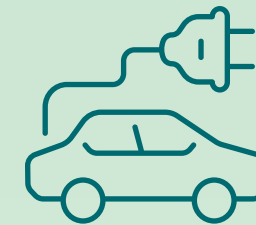
Waste

100% waste diverted from landfills, comprehensive waste separation and composting.



Legacy

Climate education curricula for secondary school students. Integrating ESG in local business practices.



Mobility

160 electric buses, 17 km micromobility lanes,
50% hybrid / electric taxi fleet.



Procurement

100% of strategic vendors with environmental plans
80% local food sourcing.



Capacity Building

100% of staff, vendors and volunteers trained in sustainability, broad access to online training courses.



Community Engagement

Local sustainability initiatives promoted by COP29.



We Value Your Feedback:

Share your questions, comments, or suggestions about COP29's Sustainability Policy by emailing us at sustainability@cop29.az. Your insights are important in helping us improve.



Join the Conversation:

Engage with the COP29 community online by using our official hashtag **#COP29Sustainability** and be a part of the global sustainability movement.



Stay Connected:

Follow COP29's journey toward sustainability on our social media channels for the latest updates, news, and actions from the event.



Let's Shape the Future Together:

Your feedback on COP29's sustainability efforts helps us continue making a positive impact:

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