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COP 31 CLIMATE ADAPTATION EVENT GUIDE

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Side events at the UN Climate Change Conference.
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MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

8:00 - 9:00 AM TRT
MORNING HARVEST: CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD
Farmers for Climate Action

Australian Pavilion

This event will bring together farmers from Australia and the Pacific who represent the frontline of climate change. Attendees will better understand how farmers are adapting to the challenges faced by our food and agriculture systems, and why showcasing this innovation on a global platform is vital.

11:20 AM - 12:05 PM TRT
MAKING ADAPTATION WORK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: FROM DATA TO DECISION-MAKING, FROM STORYTELLING TO SOLUTIONS
Save the Children, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), YOUNGO, Young Lives

Children and Youth Pavilion

This roundtable brings together youth and experts to explore how children and youth realities on the ground can better inform, and be informed by, global adaptation discussions under the UNFCCC. Participants will explore how to integrate children and youth within adaptation policies at the national and intergovernmental level, with a spotlight on data generation and transmission — from children and youth to their governments, and back again.

12:00 - 1:00 PM TRT
FROM CLIMATE RISK TO RESILIENT HEALTH SYSTEMS: FINANCING GENDER-RESPONSIVE ADAPTATION IN CENTRAL ASIA
Global Green Growth Initiative (GGGI), UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

Uzbekistan Pavilion

This event aims to showcase the joint GGGI-UNFPA partnership, which addresses how climate risks in Central Asia disproportionately strain health infrastructure, maternal care, and rural women's livelihoods. It will bring together governments, donors, academia, and climate finance institutions.

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1:00 - 2:00 PM TRT
ALL HANDS ON DECK: REIMAGINING CLIMATE RESILIENCE THROUGH TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE
Canada's International Development Research Center, Climate and Development Knowledge Network, Futuro, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, SouthSouthNorth

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavillion

What's needed for transformative resilience to become possible? Using the Climate and Development Knowledge Network's All Hands on Deck interactive experience, participants will explore this question together and co-create a "Transformative Resilience Compass" that captures shared priorities for transformative change and helps guide conversations throughout the Resilience Hub at COP 31.

Learn more here.

2:00 - 2:45 PM TRT
AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC: WHERE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS BEGIN
Dairy Australia, Farmers for Climate Action

Australia Pavilion

The panel "Agriculture: Where Climate Solutions Begin" will place farmers in front of a global audience to share the impacts of climate change on farmers, and help ensure grassroots realities are positioned at the forefront of policy conversations.

2:30 - 3:30 PM TRT
"BREAKING BAD": TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS AWAY FROM UNDESIRABLE RESILIENCE
Future Earth, Global Resilience Partnership (GRP), Stockholm Resilience Center

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavilion

Any system transition comes with trade-offs. Not all resilient systems are desirable to upkeep. These elephants in the room will be tackled head-first in a dialogue with resilience system experts who will dive into the specifics of how to transform food systems for sustainable, healthy, and just livelihoods.

Learn more here.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 9

2:30 - 3:30 PM TRT
FROM GLOBAL INDICATORS TO LOCAL RESILIENCE: MAKING ADAPTATION MONITORING WORK FOR COMMUNITIES
Climate Alliance, ICLEI Europe, Save the Children Germany, UNU Global Health, Yaşama Dair Vakıf Association Türkiye

German Pavilion

This session will connect the UNFCCC negotiations with adaptation implementation on the ground. It will examine how the indicators can be strengthened through child-sensitive and socially-disaggregated data, as well as respond to the local realities and facilitate access to adaptation finance. Representatives from cities and civil society will share how adaptation planning currently takes place at the local level, particularly in relation to heat resilience, and how cross-border and multilevel cooperation can strengthen local capacities.

3:00 - 4:30 PM TRT
BUILDING RESILIENCE BY COMMUNITY-LED CLIMATE ADAPTATION: TRADITIONAL WISDOM AND LOCAL SOLUTIONS
Shenzhen One Planet Foundation, Vanke Foundation

Side Event Room 8 - BERGAMA

This event explores lived experiences, local knowledge, and adaptive strategies in responding to climate change. Together with NGOs, cultural tourism institutions, and research institutions, participants will explore how to identify both culturally-specific insights and transferable commonalities across local solutions.

Speakers: Bai Yali, Vice Head of Hongshan Forest Zoo and Researcher of Zoological Society of London; Yun Hong, Director of China Blue Sustainability Institute; Liu Xi, Vice Head of Cteam; Bayaertu, Director of West Ujimqin Banner Pastoral Information Service Center.

3:00 - 4:30 PM TRT
STRENGTHENING MOUNTAIN RESILIENCE THROUGH ADAPTATION FINANCE
Bhutan, International Center for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, ZOÏ Environment Network

Side Event Room 5 - HATTUŞA

Mountains are climate tipping points and the world's water towers yet they face accelerating climate impacts and major adaptation finance gaps. This session will explore how UNFCCC processes can strengthen mountain resilience, mobilize finance, and inform the second Global Stocktake.

Learn more here.

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4:00 - 5:00 PM TRT
TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE ADAPTATION: HOW CAN WE MOBILIZE THE NECESSARY FINANCE?
Basque Country, Regions4

Spanish Pavilion

Climate risks are escalating faster than current adaptation efforts, and many promising solutions never move beyond the pilot stage for lack of finance. This session will showcase innovative, transformative, and replicable adaptation projects, featuring new solutions, technologies, and intervention models that generate territorial, social, and economic impact. It will look at how to overcome the barriers that keep these initiatives from being financed, explore public and private instruments, and new approaches to turn them into bankable projects. The discussion will also highlight how partnerships between territories, financial institutions, knowledge centers, and the private sector can accelerate innovation, mobilize resources, and bring impactful adaptation projects to life.

Learn more here.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM TRT
CLIMATE-RESILIENT URBAN WATER SERVICES: HOW THE URBAN WATER CATALYST INITIATIVE TRANSFORMS UTILITIES
German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

German Pavilion

Water resources, drinking water supply, and wastewater management are under severe pressure worldwide as a result of climate change, pollution, aging infrastructure, and the need for expansion. In cities, municipal water suppliers are primarily responsible for this. However, they are usually unable to provide reliable supply for a rapidly growing urban demand. This is further aggravated by climate risks affecting the business technically and financially. As a result, there is a massive shortfall in access to services (SDG 6) and in adaptation to climate change (SDG 13).

The Catalyst Initiative helps to close these gaps. It is a global initiative with initial funding from Germany, the Netherlands, and the Stone Family Foundation that addresses this challenge by mobilizing private local capital for critical investments: It supports urban water utilities to make the essential transition to repayable domestic financing, enabling them to become climate-resilient while leaving no one behind. The Catalyst Initiative offers a unique package of technical and financial assistance to reform-minded utilities to support their transformation into well-performing, financially sustainable, and climate-resilient service providers.

The session will showcase the initiative's approach to drive climate resilience for water and sanitation services and investment in urban areas.

Livestream here.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM TRT
ADAPTATION INNOVATIONS AND CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURE AND AGROPASTORALISM
Helvetas; Population, Health, and Environment Ethiopia Consortium; Welthungerhilfe

Side Event Room 8 - BERGAMA

Farmers and agro-pastoralists are the first innovators in adaptation, yet their solutions remain underfinanced and underrepresented. The event highlights food systems innovations and explores how locally-led adaptation can scale solutions while staying rooted in community knowledge and priorities.

Learn more here.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM TRT
UN DISASTER RISK FINANCING (DRF) PLATFORM TECHNICAL INTRODUCTION
UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, World Food Programme (WFP)

Side Event Room 4 - AŞIK VEYSEL

The session will introduce the DRF Platform for Pre-Arranged Humanitarian Financing and present its role in strengthening anticipatory action and rapid response to climate and other shocks. Bringing together UN agencies, donors, technical partners, and practitioners, the event will showcase how joint risk financing solutions, shared analytics, and coordinated approaches can improve efficiency, reduce duplication, and expand financial protection for vulnerable populations. Practical examples from recent anticipatory action insurance initiatives will illustrate the Platform's operational value and opportunities for collaboration.

Learn more here.

1:30 - 3:00 PM TRT
FROM COMMITMENTS TO ACTION: FINANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE
UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)

Italian Pavilion

From commitments to action, this joint side event presents two complementary models for turning climate finance and partnership into real delivery for enhancing resilience of territories and vulnerable communities. Interreg NEXT MED — the largest EU-funded transnational cooperation program in the Mediterranean, led by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia — launches 49 new green-transition projects worth over €120 million, mobilizing 300+ partners across 15 countries. UNHCR's Refugee Environmental Protection Fund — the first large-scale carbon-financing facility for refugee and host communities — delivers high-integrity ecosystem restoration and clean cooking in displacement-affected Uganda and Rwanda. Bringing together government, international organizations, the private sector, and youth, the session explores how cross-border cooperation and community-led finance turn pledges into concrete, scalable action — reaching the people and places that finance too often misses.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

3:00 - 4:00 PM TRT
FROM LOCAL DATA TO GLOBAL GOAL: TESTING THE BELÉM ADAPTATION INDICATORS ACROSS LATIN AMERICA AND AFRICA
Argentina 1.5 (Arg 1.5), Fundación Avina (FA), Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change, Fundación Gran Chaco (FGCH), National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network

Regional Climate Foundations Pavilion

Adaptation is planned, financed, and delivered locally, yet assessed through global frameworks. With the Belém Adaptation Indicators (BAIs) agreed under the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience, the task is now operationalization. This 60-minute, moderated panel brings early results from ground-testing the BAIs in Latin America and Africa together with perspectives from adaptation science, local and national governments, adaptation economics, regional data institutions, and private-sector physical risk. Through South-South pairings, a fishbowl, and live polling, it examines which indicators governments already use to plan, budget, and report; how local data can roll up into national and global instruments (NAPs, Nationally Determined Contributions [NDCs], Biennial Transparency Reports, Adaptation Communications); and what must change institutionally, technically, and financially, and in gender and social inclusion for local evidence to count internationally and inform the Belém-Addis vision.

3:00 - 4:30 PM TRT
ADAPTATION SOVEREIGNTY: FINANCING A JUST TRANSITION FOR ADAPTATION IN AFRICA
HEDA Resource Center, Power Shift Africa, Robert Bosch Foundation, Support Humanity Cameroon

Side Event Room 3 - ZERZEVAN

This event reframes adaptation from a technical fix to systemic transformation, applying recognitional, procedural, distributive, and restorative justice to advance African-led pathways, knowledge, equity, and grant-based finance.

Learn more here.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

6:30 - 8:00 PM TRT
ADAPTATION CANNOT WAIT: FINANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND JUST TRANSITION FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES
ActionAid International Foundation, CARE International, Climate Action Network International

Side Event Room 1 - GORDIYON

Lack of adaptation leaves communities vulnerable to escalating impacts. This event unpacks the nexus between grant-based finance for adaptation, energy transition, and just transition pathways to address the barriers to implementation and what is needed for communities to survive and thrive.

Learn more here.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

9:00 - 10:00 AM TRT
TRACKING ADAPTATION EFFORTS: EMERGING PRACTICES ON PILOTING THE BELÉM ADAPTATION INDICATORS (BAI)
Arg 1.5, FA, FGCH, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil (MMA Brazil), NAP Implementation Alliance (NIA)

Brazil Pavilion

This panel will bring together country representatives and partners to share experiences and lessons learned from testing the 59 BAI adopted at COP 30. Through country presentations and an interactive discussion, it will explore methodological and practical challenges, emerging solutions, and opportunities for peer learning. The panel aims to support the operationalization of the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), inform the Belém-Addis Vision, and strengthen the link between global adaptation frameworks and implementation at national and subnational levels.

9:30 - 10:30 AM TRT
THE RESILIENCE GAP: FROM ISOLATED LEADERSHIP TO SYSTEMIC RESILIENCE
GRP, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavilion

Businesses are already demonstrating what effective climate resilience can look like, but individual examples will not close the resilience gap. Experts from business, government, and philanthropy discuss what it would take to move private-sector adaptation from isolated examples of good practice to systemic resilience. The session will also include the Awards presentation for the Climate Resilience Awards for Business to showcase and celebrate real-world examples of action and explore how to make resilience the norm rather than the exception.

Learn more here.

1:00 - 2:00 PM TRT
FOSTERING INVESTABLE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN NATIONAL ADAPTATION PRIORITIES AND INVESTMENT-READY OPPORTUNITIES
Atlantic Council, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavilion

Developing countries face an annual adaptation finance gap of up to $365 billion, underscoring the urgent need to mobilize private investment and strengthen enabling policies. Fostering Investable National Implementation, a three-year initiative launched by the Atlantic Council's Climate Resilience Center and NRDC, bridges the gap between national adaptation priorities and investment-ready opportunities.

Learn more here.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 11

2:30 - 3:45 PM TRT
INVESTOR FORUM: CONNECTING INNOVATORS AND INVESTORS FOR CLIMATE ACTION
GRP

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavilion

The GRP Investor Forum brings together locally-led innovators and key investors, funders, corporate partners, and implementers to unlock new pathways for climate resilience solutions to scale. Showcasing innovations from across GRP's challenge portfolio, the Forum connects promising ideas with the capital, partnerships, and networks needed to turn solutions into lasting impact. It is a space to discover what is possible, build connections, and accelerate investment in solutions shaped by the communities they serve.

Learn more here.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

9:00 - 10:00 AM TRT
FROM BELÉM TO IMPACT: OPERATIONALIZING CHILD-SENSITIVE GGA HEALTH INDICATORS
Save the Children Germany, UNU Global Health

World Health Organization (WHO) Health Pavilion

This side event will explore opportunities and challenges in operationalizing the GGA health indicators, with a particular focus on child-sensitive and equity-focused reporting.

9:15 - 10:15 AM TRT
NAVIGATING WATER EXTREMES: A MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE APPROACH TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE
Government of Lombardy, with the support of Regions4

Italian Pavilion

Climate change is intensifying droughts, floods, and other water-related hazards, exposing communities, ecosystems, and economies to increasingly complex risks. This session will showcase how regional governments can connect climate science, territorial planning, disaster risk reduction, and integrated water management to strengthen resilience across river basins, mountain systems, and metropolitan areas. Drawing on experiences from Lombardy and other subnational governments, the discussion will explore replicable approaches to addressing both water scarcity and extreme rainfall, while advancing stronger access to international climate finance for territorial action.

Learn more here.

10:00 - 11:00 AM TRT
ROUNDTABLE: BRIDGING NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANNING AND LOCAL DELIVERY: FINANCING LOCAL ADAPTATION IMPLEMENTATION
European Climate Foundation, NIA, Regions4 (host)

Regional Climate Foundations Pavilion

As countries move from adaptation planning towards implementation, ensuring that finance reaches the regions and communities where climate impacts are most acute is critical. This roundtable will explore how NAPs, national climate finance systems, and multilevel governance can better integrate subnational priorities and create stronger pathways for territorial investment. The discussion will highlight emerging financing and governance models, and explore how national governments, subnational governments, development finance institutions, and international partners can work together to scale locally-led adaptation.

Learn more here.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

10:15 - 11:15 AM TRT
ACCELERATING NAP IMPLEMENTATION: EXPERIENCES FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
COP 30 Presidency, International Institute for Sustainable Development, NAP Global Network, NIA, UN Development Programme (UNDP)

Brazil Pavilion

The money gap is real, but it is also a missed opportunity. Adaptation investments generate several times more benefits than costs. They strengthen productivity, stabilize markets, improve fiscal performance, and lower the cost of capital. For the region, mainstreaming adaptation into macroeconomic, industrial, and social policy is both a competitiveness strategy and a precondition for development.

NAPs are the bridge between national priorities and finance. Seventeen of the region's 33 countries have submitted a NAP, and for them the challenge is now implementation: building institutions, preparing investment-ready projects, and mobilizing public and private resources. Against this background, the event will:

- Highlight successful experiences from Latin American and Caribbean countries in shifting from planning to implementation in the NAP process.
- Share technical lessons on effective, efficient, and coordinated approaches to this transition, including stronger links between the countries that develop NAPs and the institutions that finance them.
- Make the case for adaptation as a development and competitiveness strategy for the region.
- Identify opportunities for strengthening regional and international cooperation and support for NAP processes.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

12:00 - 1:00 PM TRT
FROM CLIMATE RISK TO MUNICIPAL ACTION: BUILDING URBAN RESILIENCE
Association of German Cities, City of eThekwini, City of Nairobi, Connective Cities, Landeshauptstadt Stuttgart

German Pavilion

Cities concentrate people, infrastructure, economic activity, investment, and many of the risks associated with a changing climate. They are therefore places where climate impacts are felt particularly strongly, but also where planning, investment, and practical interventions can translate climate ambition into concrete action.

Using urban heat as a concrete climate challenge, this interactive training seminar will bring together municipal practitioners to exchange practical experience and jointly reflect on local adaptation. Stuttgart will present its current approach to tackling heat stress through the Climate Innovation Fund and forthcoming "Stuttgart Challenge," and will bring a concrete challenge from its ongoing work into the session. A second city from the Connective Cities network will contribute its own experience with urban climate adaptation and heat action.

Building on these inputs, the session will move into a structured peer-to-peer exchange centered on the challenge case presented by the City of Stuttgart. Drawing on their own municipal experience, participants will work together to reflect on the challenge and develop practical recommendations. The exchange will conclude with five key takeaways, highlighting how peer learning between cities can help strengthen and advance local climate adaptation.

Livestream here.

1:30 - 2:30 PM TRT
UN DISASTER RISK FINANCING PLATFORM OFFICIAL LAUNCH
UNHCR, WFP

U.K. Pavilion

Held during Leaders' Day at COP 31, this high-level event will formally launch the UN Disaster Risk Financing Platform and position pre-arranged humanitarian financing as a critical component of climate resilience. Convened with the support of the U.K. Government, the discussion will highlight the need to move from reactive crisis response towards anticipatory, risk-informed and financially prepared systems. The event will present the Platform's 2030 ambition, emphasize the value of coordinated UN action, and invite governments, financial institutions, and partners to join a growing coalition for climate and disaster resilience.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

3:30 - 4:30 PM TRT
LEFT OUT IN THE HEAT? RETHINKING URBAN HEAT STRATEGIES FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS
German Federal Ministry for Housing, Urban Development. and Building

German Pavilion

Extreme heat is becoming one of the most direct impacts of climate change on cities worldwide. Record-breaking summer temperatures in 2026 — from Europe to other regions represented at COP 31 — have again shown that heat risk is not distributed evenly across the population. Vulnerable groups, such as homeless people, people in inadequate settlements, or people who face poverty, are consistently among those hit hardest, yet they are the groups least likely to be reached by conventional cooling infrastructure or early-warning systems. Homeless people face particularly acute risk: They typically lack access to shaded or cooled shelter, are often excluded by design from public cooling spaces, and are harder to reach through standard communication channels during heat emergencies. This is a shared challenge across very different urban and institutional contexts — what varies is how cities have responded, and there is much to learn from comparing approaches. This session offers a platform to bring city practitioners, national governments and welfare organizations together around this specific, often under-addressed dimension of urban climate adaptation: protecting the people most exposed to heat and least able to protect themselves.

Livestream here.

4:45 - 6:15 PM TRT
ADAPTATION FINANCE: STRATEGY, REACH, AND IMPACT
Adaptation Fund

Side Event Room 6 - KATİP ÇELEBİ

The scale of adaptation needs in response to the worsening effects of climate change requires a focused strategy, greater reach, and deeper impact to make climate finance go further.

Learn more here.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

4:45 - 6:15 PM TRT
RESILIENT HEALTH FOR MOTHERS AND NEWBORNS: FINANCING CLIMATE-RESILIENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS AND PROTECTION SYSTEMS
UNFCCC, UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), UNU Global Health, Wellcome Trust

Side Event Room 9 - Blue Zone

The purpose of this side event is to elevate climate-resilient reproductive, maternal, and newborn health and well-being as a core climate adaptation priority. It will also promote global dialogue on how countries can protect human capital, maternal survival, and neonatal health from climate shocks through sustained investment in people, strong social systems, and evidence-informed policymaking in line with the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

8:00 - 9:30 AM TRT
FINANCING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN REFUGEE-HOSTING AREAS
DLA Piper, UNHCR

Goals House, Ruin Adalia Hotel

The challenge of climate displacement cannot be addressed without investment. Join humanitarian, sustainability and investor leaders for a breakfast conversation focused on financing climate resilience in displacement-affected settings. Together, we will explore the Refugee Environmental Protection Fund and the role the private sector can play in scaling solutions that support displaced and host communities while delivering meaningful environmental, social, and economic returns.

Invite only. For inquiries, email hqrepfund@unhcr.org.

9:00 - 10:00 AM TRT
ADAPTATION WITHOUT A BASELINE: HEAT, HEALTH, AND THE LIMITS OF CLIMATE RESPONSE IN FRAGILE SETTINGS
UNU Global Health, WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean

WHO Health Pavilion

Objectives of this session include: 1) Present a regional technical position on climate-sensitive disease surveillance and heat-health action in fragile and emergency settings; 2) Surface Member State experience of adapting to extreme heat under emergency and transition conditions; and 3) Identify what adaptation, early warning, and finance instruments need to change in order to function where the health system and registration are degraded.

10:00 - 11:00 AM TRT
ONE UN APPROACH TO ACTION ON CLIMATE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
UNU Global Health

UNFCCC Pavilion

This action lab will bring senior UN representatives together to identify where their mandates and capabilities can combine to advance climate action that protects health and well-being.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM TRT
INVESTING IN RESILIENCE: FROM SUBNATIONAL ACTION TO LOCAL DELIVERY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
Carbon Disclosure Project Worldwide, Regions4, World Resources Institute, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

Side Event Room Green

This event will explore how investing in systemic, growth-oriented approaches to resilience can strengthen local implementation and support communities most vulnerable to climate hazards. Anchored in multilevel governance, robust data, and stronger links between policy and investment, the discussion will highlight how subnational leadership can help turn resilience strategies into practical action on the ground.

The event will be livestreamed on this Official Secretariat YouTube Channel.

2:00 - 3:00 PM TRT
THE CLIMATE-MOBILITY-HEALTH NEXUS: RESEARCH AS A BRIDGE TO ACTION
International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC), Migration Youth and Children Platform, UN Refugee Agency, UNU Global Health, WHO, YOUNGO Health

WHO Health Pavilion

This session will explore how research and lived experience can help move from recognition of the interconnections between health, climate change, migration, and displacement to practical action at national, regional, and global levels. It will consider what is already being done, where important gaps remain, and what needs to happen next to ensure migrant and displaced populations are meaningfully included in climate adaptation and resilient health systems.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13

3:30 - 4:30 PM TRT
THE ADAPTATION GAP: WHAT PHYSICAL CLIMATE RISKS MEAN FOR FINANCE
Deutsche Bundesbank

German Pavilion

As climate change intensifies, cutting greenhouse-gas emissions remains a priority. However, some climate impacts are already irreversible. With the frequency and severity of extreme weather events increasing, adaptation investments have become an immediate economic and financial policy issue. Yet responsibility for adaptation remains fragmented, and investment often lags behind identified risks.

The session will open with a presentation by Bundesbank, looking at the relevance of physical climate risks for the German economy and financial sector, and sharing insights into climate adaptation measures taken in reaction. New analysis of Germany's adaptation planning will be presented, examining how the public sector is responding to growing physical risks. The results highlight differences in adaptation planning by municipality and shed light on possible gaps in protection against extreme weather events, which can leave the economy, financial sector, and people exposed to risk.

Livestream here.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

10:30 - 11:30 AM TRT
WOMEN LEADING RESTORATIVE CLIMATE TRANSITIONS: FROM LATIN AMERICA TO THE WORLD
Barranquilla+20, La Ruta del Clima, World Rural Forum

Food and Agriculture Pavilion

This gathering will explore how women's leadership can drive restorative and inclusive climate transitions, while addressing both economic and non-economic losses — including heritage, social cohesion, and health — as essential dimensions of climate justice and resilience.

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM TRT
A JUST TRANSITION THAT WORKS FOR ALL: ADDRESSING UNEQUAL IMPACTS
UNHCR

ILO/Just Transition Pavilion

Climate and economic transitions do not affect everyone equally. Brazil's MDA, Lahore Smog Collective, National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE), UNCHR, and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) bring case studies from coal dependent regions, Pakistan's smog crisis, Asia-Pacific climate hazards, and refugee hosting areas. The session explores how data, social protection, clean air policies, and innovative finance can identify and address distributional impacts, including a practical demonstration of ESCAP's climate impact analysis tool.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

12:30 - 1:30 PM TRT
CATALYZING THE SHIFT FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS
COP 30 Presidency, NAP Global Network, NDC Partnership, NIA, UNDP

GCAA/UNFCCC - Special Event Room 6 (Amphitheatre)

This event convened by the NAP Implementation Alliance will spotlight developing country experiences in accelerating the transition from planning to implementation of priorities put forward through NAP processes, as well as opportunities for technical partners and funders to better support this shift. Government speakers will set out how their NAPs have been used to prioritize action, strengthen institutional arrangements, access finance and move to delivery — and what difference better-coordinated support has made.

The session will produce practical insights from countries, providers, and funders on how support can be organized more coherently around country-identified needs, feeding directly into the Alliance's ongoing work.

1:00 - 2:30 PM TRT
UNLOCKING INVESTMENT IN DISPLACEMENT SETTINGS
UNHCR

ICC Pavilion

Climate finance is not reaching many of the communities most exposed to climate and environmental risks. Displacement-affected settings face particular barriers to investment, including perceived risk, limited project pipelines, complex operating environments, and insufficient financial and legal infrastructure. This session brings together perspectives from humanitarian actors, investors, corporates, advisers, and legal experts to examine what it would take to unlock greater investment in these contexts. Drawing on the experience of the Refugee Environmental Protection Fund, the discussion will explore how innovative finance, catalytic capital, strong governance, legal infrastructure, and credible impact frameworks can work together to make projects more investable, while ensuring that investment delivers meaningful benefits for refugees and host communities. The discussion will focus on the practical conditions needed to move from individual projects and pilots towards scalable investment models, and on what different actors can do to help close the financing gap.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

3:00 - 4:30 PM TRT
RESILIENT AND DYNAMIC HEALTH SYSTEMS: PROGRESS FROM RECENT COPS
OHCHR, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNU Global Health, WHO

Side Event Room Blue

Aligned with COP 31's focus on resilient and dynamic health systems, this event will take stock of progress from recent COPs and focus attention on the next implementation phase. It will bring together UN agencies, country representatives, health and climate negotiators, civil society, and other partners to examine what is working, where gaps persist, and which forms of collaboration can accelerate measurable gains for health, equity, and climate action.

3:00 - 4:00 PM TRT
TURNING CLIMATE RISK FINANCE INNOVATION INTO BETTER PROTECTION
African Risk Capacity, BMZ (host), Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility, Caribbean Development Bank, Global Shield Against Climate Risks, Global Shield Solutions Platform Government of Barbados, Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company, SEADRIF Insurance Company

German Pavilion

The event will kick off closer financial collaboration via a Global Reinsurance Facility with support by the German government. This pioneering approach will combine and improve access to international reinsurance, making risk transfer more efficient, particularly for vulnerable countries. By pooling risks and sharing technical capacity, the Facility aims to stabilise insurance premiums and make financial protection more affordable and sustainable in the long term. This event brings these innovations together around a common purpose: turning innovative climate and disaster risk finance and insurance systems into better protection for climate-vulnerable countries and people. It will explore how greater collaboration, from global risk pooling and reinsurance to regional and country-level solutions, can make protection more affordable, close protection gaps and better safeguard lives, livelihoods, and development gains. The event will feature an announcement of new support from the BMZ to enable these innovations, underscoring Germany's commitment to strengthening financial protection for those most at risk from climate impacts.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

4:00 - 6:00 PM TRT
COP 30 PRESIDENCY HIGH-LEVEL EVENT – THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION: ACCELERATING NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS IMPLEMENTATION
COP 30 Presidency, NIA

Special Event Room LIKYA

This high-level event will show how NIA is working to support countries at different stages of NAP design and implementation, strengthen existing initiatives, and help elevate NAP implementation as a political priority on the road from Antalya to COP 32. The dialogue will show how State and non-State actors are advancing NAP implementation, the main challenges they face, and how the NIA community can help address them.

The event has five segments: an opening that sets the scene with a first look at the NAP ecosystem mapping; a fast-paced conversation in three rounds, one per Alliance objective, with countries and non-state actors side by side; and a "voices from the room" segment in which participants react to what they heard and say what they expect NIA to deliver by COP 32, followed by the Chair handover.

4:30 - 6:30 PM TRT
DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE DAYS
DanChurchAid, GRP, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), Red Cross Climate Center

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavillion

For over 20 years, Development and Climate Days (D&C Days) have brought together leaders, thinkers, and innovators on locally-led adaptation in frank, honest conversations that break down barriers to identify commonalities in building climate resilience that leaves no one behind. At COP 31, we are bringing D&C Days to the Resilience Hub to critically reflect on how to bridge the disconnect between grassroots movements and formal climate negotiations at COP. Discussions will include a critical reflection on how to position D&C Days going forward, as we enter a new phase of transition from negotiation to action.

What role can D&C Days play beyond its historical role of linking negotiations to the broader communities of practice? We will seek perspectives from our community on strategic key messaging, partnerships, positioning for the future of D&C Days, and how it can evolve to support implementation, accountability, and learning as the global climate agenda moves from negotiation to action.

Discussions from this in-person event at COP 31 will carry forward into a post-COP webinar in February 2027 to continue the conversation and plan the road to COP 32.

Learn more here.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14

5:00 - 6:00 PM TRT
SCALING AGRICULTURAL INNOVATIONS FOR CLIMATE AND NATURE RESILIENCE
AGRA, Ban Ki-moon Foundation, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) U.K.

Food and Agriculture Pavilion

Facing climate and nature loss threats, farmers, youth, local communities, food businesses, financial institutions, and governments will discuss how to prepare, invest in, and leverage regenerative agriculture, forest-positive practices, and green finance to build resilient food systems and deforestation-free supply chains to strengthen resilience and nature security.

5:00 - 6:00 PM TRT
CLIMATE-RELATED HEALTH RISKS FOR BUSINESS: FROM EVIDENCE TO RESILIENT ACTION
Deutsches Klimakonsortium, Universität Heidelberg

German Pavilion

Climate change is already affecting human health, work, and economic activity. Rising temperatures, heat stress, extreme weather, infectious disease patterns, air pollution, and other climate-sensitive hazards increasingly affect workers, productivity, occupational safety, continuity, and supply chains. These impacts are felt in both the Global North and the Global South, but differ in exposure, vulnerability and adaptive capacity.

The proposed side event brings together climate and health science, corporate governance, digital and data-driven approaches, and business perspectives. It asks how companies can translate scientific evidence on climate-related health risks into concrete risk management, worker protection, adaptation, and resilience strategies.

The discussion will connect scientific knowledge with the practical needs of companies, investors, insurers, and policymakers. It will examine how data, digital tools, and warning systems can help identify risks across sites, workforces, and value chains. It will also address governance, sustainability reporting, due diligence, occupational health and safety, and corporate accountability.

By combining academic expertise with business perspectives from different regions, the event aims to move climate-health risks from abstract concern to implementation. The expected outcome is a concise risk-to-action framework linking climate hazards, health impacts, exposure, data needs, governance implications, and adaptation responses.

Livestream here.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

12:00 - 1:00 PM TRT
MOBILIZING INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR 50 BY 35
UNHCR

SDG Pavilion

50 by 35 sets a direction for UNHCR: Help millions of refugees in long-term displacement move beyond dependence on humanitarian assistance through greater self-reliance and pathways to solutions by 2035. Delivering on that ambition will require more than humanitarian funding. It will require new sources of capital, stronger partnerships, and new ways of sharing risk. This session will explore how climate finance can contribute to the shift from managing prolonged displacement towards greater self-reliance, resilience, and opportunity for refugees and host communities. Inspired by the concept of İmece, collective effort around a shared need, the discussion will bring together governments, financial institutions, private sector actors, and refugee representatives to examine what it takes to move capital from ambition to implementation. It will explore how governments can create enabling conditions for investment, how public and private finance can work together to address risk, and how climate and innovative finance can support longer-term investment in refugee hosting areas.

1:15 - 2:45 PM TRT
CLIMATE ADAPTATION AS A RIGHT TO PROTECT TERRITORIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
Arg 1.5, Climate Action Network Latin America Task Force “Adaptation as a Priority”, Climate Finance Group for Latin America and the Caribbean, Geledés, Instituto Talanoa, Latin American Youth Climate Scholarship

Side Event Room 9

The event will discuss recognizing climate adaptation as part of the right to protection of people, territories, and ways of life. It will put reshaping policies and finance in Latin America and the Caribbean at the center of the discussion while highlighting racial, gender, and territorial inequalities.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

9:30 - 10:30 AM TRT
NEGOTIATING RESILIENCE: CLIMATE FINANCE AND ADAPTATION CONVERSATIONS FROM THE UNFCCC PROCESS
Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance

Resilience Hub

This session takes stock of where adaptation and finance negotiations stand and what's genuinely at stake in getting the outcome right. Three strands are converging: implementation of the new collective quantified goal on climate finance, delivery on the BAIs under the GGA, and the persistent challenges for local actors in accessing finance. Rather than treating these as separate technical tracks, the conversation will map how they interlock and where the real negotiating leverage and blockers sit right now.

What would an ambitious outcome look like for local communities, what is happening in the negotiating rooms, and where might momentum stall? This session will pair adaptation and finance negotiators to unpack where their positions align, where they diverge, and what it would take to bridge the two ahead of a bold outcome.

Learn more here.

12:00 - 1:00 PM TRT
FROM HEAT TO HEALTH RESILIENCE: A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO CLIMATE ADAPTATION
Global Climate and Health Alliance, OHCHR, UNU Global Health, World's Youth for Climate Justice

WHO Health Pavilion

The discussion will bring together health, climate, human rights, development, civil society, youth, and frontline perspectives to identify practical pathways for integrating equity, participation, accountability, and justice into national adaptation and health strategies. The event will move from vulnerability to action, identifying concrete policy, financing, and implementation priorities for building resilient health systems and advancing a rights-based approach to climate adaptation — both at COP 31 and beyond.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

1:15 - 2:45 PM TRT
INTEGRATED SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: BUILDING RESILIENCE AMID GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES
Adelphi, Ban Ki-moon Foundation, German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Side Event Room 8 - BERGAMA

The event explores the linkages between climate change and key elements of security, including natural and built infrastructure and food systems, and examines how conflict-sensitive cooperation can strengthen resilience while contributing to peace and stability amid growing geopolitical challenges.

2:00 - 3:00 PM TRT
FROM LAND RIGHTS TO FINANCE: INNOVATING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN DISPLACEMENT CONTEXTS
UNHCR

CGIAR, Food and Agriculture Pavilion

Climate resilience in displacement contexts is not simply a question of technology or capital. It depends on whether people have the legal conditions to act, whether finance can reach the context, and whether evidence can demonstrate what works. This session brings together perspectives from law, finance, science, and humanitarian practice to explore how these enabling conditions can be created and connected. It will examine how legal and policy innovation can enable people and communities to invest and adapt, how innovative and blended finance can reach contexts underserved by conventional capital, and how science, evidence, and new monitoring approaches can make interventions credible, measurable, and scalable. Drawing on practical experience from UNHCR's Refugee Environmental Protection Fund and its partnership with WFP's Asset Impact Monitoring from Space, the discussion will explore how law, finance, evidence, and implementation can work together to support durable climate resilience in displacement affected settings.

Learn more here.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

3:00 - 4:30 PM TRT
PEOPLE-CENTERED LAND GOVERNANCE: SECURING WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS FOR CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCE
International Development Law Organization, The Land Alliance, Rural Development Institute, World Rural Forum

Side Event Room 3 - ZERZEVAN

This event explores how people-centered land governance and legal and policy solutions can advance women's land rights, climate resilience, economic empowerment, and food security, while contributing to the goals of the Rio Conventions. It will bring together perspectives from government, international organizations, and civil society, including representatives of women and youth constituencies.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

1:00 - 2:00 PM TRT
CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT: ANTICIPATORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED SOLUTIONS TO SLOW-ONSET DISASTERS
Secours Islamique France (SIF), Tamdeen Youth Foundation (TYF)

IOM Pavilion

This panel discussion will present actionable solutions to migration and displacement induced by slow-onset climate disasters (drought and desertification) and where they intersect with fragility and/or conflict. It will use cases from Yemen and Pakistan, with a focus on age and gender-specific vulnerabilities.

1:15 - 2:45 PM TRT
BEYOND THE MISSING MIDDLE: STRUCTURING A BANKABLE PRIVATE ADAPTATION FINANCE PIPELINE
Bhutan Ecological Society, Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development, Stockholm Environment Institute

Side Event Room 5 - HATTUŞA

How does locally-led adaptation reach private sector investors? Through a pipeline that bridges the "missing middle" and turns proven risk reduction into bankable assets — aggregating demand, documenting avoided loss, and matching results to inclusive, gender-responsive instruments.

Learn more here.

3:00 - 4:00 PM TRT
OPERATIONALIZING THE ASEAN CENTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE (ACCC): LESSONS LEARNT UNDER THE AUS4ASEAN PROJECT AND WAYS FORWARD
Adapt40 Ltd, Brunei Climate Change Office

ASEAN Pavilion

The panel will connect the project's achievements and lessons with the ACCC's next phase. Whilst waiting for the needed ratifications for the entry into force of the Agreement to Establish the ACCC, this panel session can provide the opportunity to brainstorm ways forward from the outcome from the project. It offers an opportunity to reflect on what has worked, discuss the project's priority, and consider how the Governing Board can be established in a manner that effectively fulfills its role in overseeing the ACCC.

By bringing together ASEAN Member States, ASEAN institutions, development partners, donors, and technical organizations at COP 31, the session also aims to show how regional cooperation on climate change can be delivered in practice, raise the visibility of ACCC priorities, and highlight opportunities for continued international cooperation and support.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

3:30 - 4:30 PM TRT
CLIMATE-INDUCED DISPLACEMENT, MIGRATION, AND RELOCATION
Brot für die Welt, Nordkirche

German Pavilion

Climate change is increasingly affecting where and how people can live safely and with dignity. Droughts, floods, sea-level rise, and other climate impacts can force people to move, while migration can also be an important adaptation strategy. Yet people affected by climate change often lack adequate legal protection, resources, and meaningful choices. From the perspective of Bread for the World, the key question is how human mobility can be addressed in a way that protects human rights, preserves dignity, and avoids creating new forms of vulnerability.

- How can governments ensure that people displaced by climate impacts have access to protection, housing, livelihoods, social services and legal remedies?
- How can migration be supported as a safe and voluntary adaptation strategy, rather than becoming a last resort for people who have lost their livelihoods?
- Under what conditions can planned relocation be considered a rights-based adaptation measure – and how can it ensure free, prior and meaningful participation of affected communities, respect for land and cultural rights, and compensation for economic and non-economic losses?
- What happens when adaptation is no longer sufficient and communities face permanent loss of their homes, land, livelihoods and cultural identity?
- How can international climate finance, including finance for loss and damage, adequately address the costs and human rights implications of displacement and planned relocation?

Livestream here.

6:30 - 8:00 PM TRT
ADVANCING LOCALLY-LED ADAPTATION AT SCALE: ALIGNING FINANCE, POLICY, AND ACTION
Concern, IIED, IFRC, Plan International, Practical Action, Prosper Global

Side Event Room 8 - BERGAMA

Scaling locally-led adaptation requires finance that delivers for local communities. Reflecting the growing focus on access, the event explores how governments, funders, and local actors can strengthen pathways from global and national finance flows to local action, while embedding locally-led adaptation across sectors and aligning with GGA.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

9:30 - 10:30 AM TRT
FROM INDICATORS TO IMPACT: MEASURING ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE THROUGH THE BELÉM ADAPTATION INDICATORS
Resilience Hub, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Resilience Hub: ALL IN Pavillion

As countries advance climate adaptation implementation, measuring progress and resilience outcomes is becoming essential for effective decision-making. This COP 31 side event will explore how the BAIs can help track adaptation progress under the GGA while minimizing reporting burdens and building on existing data systems.

Learn more here.

10:30 - 11:30 AM TRT
RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: FROM LOCAL ADAPTATION TO SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION
Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Alliance Bioversity International - CIAT, Food and Agriculture Organization, Germanwatch, Welthungerhilfe, WWF

German Pavilion

Bringing together policy and practice, the discussion will identify how climate finance can better reach locally-led solutions and how resilient food systems can create synergies across the three Rio Conventions, contributing simultaneously to climate adaptation and mitigation, biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management, and a just transition.

- Which locally-led adaptation approaches successfully strengthen food systems and vulnerable communities, and how can NAPs, NDCs, and the GGA indicators help create the conditions to scale them?
- How can climate finance better support locally-led adaptation and resilient food systems while unlocking co-benefits for mitigation, biodiversity, land restoration, and a just transition?

Livestream here.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

1:15 - 2:45 PM TRT
DISASTER RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE (DRI) FOR ADAPTATION: IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK FOR RESILIENCE
Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), Northeastern University

Side Event Room 5 - HATTUŞA

DRI is a strategic climate adaptation investment generating a resilience dividend of 7 to 12 times, protecting economies and communities from cascading risks. CDRI, MMA Brazil, and Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF) Ghana will organize a high-level launch of a collaborative framework for integrating DRI into national adaptation strategies.

Speakers: High-level representation from the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Brazil, India, and Türkiye; Mr. Tom Mitchell, Executive Director, IIED; Mr. Nana Dwemoh Benneh, CEO, GIIF, Ghana; Ms. Chibesa Pensulo, Commonwealth Regional Climate Finance Adviser - Africa, Commonwealth Secretariat; Mr. Amit Prothi, Director-General, CDRI

Learn more here.

1:15 - 2:45 PM TRT
PREPARED FOR TIPPING? ADAPTATION AND DECISION MAKING UNDER DEEP UNCERTAINTY
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Technical University Munich, University of Reading

Side Event Room 4 - AŞIK VEYSEL

Climate policies and adaptation planning often assume gradual and predictable change. But Earth's system tipping points can cause non-linear, irreversible change. Our event brings together science, policy, finance, and civil society to explore preparedness and decision-making under deep uncertainty.

Learn more here.

5:00 PM TRT
EMPOWERING MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN YOUTH: BUILDING DIGITAL TRUST FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND PEACE
Marfa'a Al-Tamaayz for Youth Capacity Development

Virtual (Panel Discussion and Interactive Workshop)

In this session, we'll dive into how youth-led initiatives are using data-backed resilience action and inclusive policymaking to drive local climate adaptation. We will also focus on using responsible digital communication and storytelling to build community trust and advocate for stronger adaptation outcomes at COP 31.

Join here.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

6:30 - 8:00 PM TRT
THE SPIRIT OF RIO UNDER STRAIN IN FRAGILE SETTINGS: ADAPTING TO SLOW-ONSET CRISES
SIF, TYF

Side Event Blue Room (UNFCCC Pavilion)

It examines climate change and slow-onset disasters (drought and desertification) impacts on fragility, conflict, displacement, and adaptation solutions, in line with Rio spirit integrating climate, land, biodiversity challenges, building on COP 30, COP 17, and the G7 Declaration on Desertification and Security.

Learn more here.

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