FIRST WEEK OF COP31 ENDS WITH CLEAR MOMENTUM FOR CONCRETE ACTION

- **The world is coming together in Antalya for what is becoming the largest COP ever**
- **COP31 Presidency is launching initiatives across 10 critical climate priorities**
- **Governments and funds commit to mobilising climate finance**
- **Türkiye signs partnerships for over $26 billion of green investment**
- **Support for electrification building, as COP31 ushers in the age of electricity**
- **There are more than 100 agenda items and around 60 significant mandates under negotiation**

ANTALYA, Nov 16 – The first week of COP31 closed with clear momentum for concrete action. More than 100 world leaders attended the Leaders' Summit, and more than 100,000 participants have registered for a conference that brings together representatives from around the world.

Addressing a press conference at the end of the first week, COP31 President Murat Kurum said: *"We have made a strong start during the first five days. We have brought our leaders together, shared our experiences, advanced our negotiations and opened the door to new partnerships. Now we want to crown all these efforts with lasting achievements that will serve the future of humanity."*

"*On the first day, we addressed food, agriculture and health, followed by energy and transportation,*" he said. "*At the Electrification Forum, we discussed the clean energy transition, while at the COP Business Forum, we assessed the investment potential of the private sector. We have held important gatherings on a wide range of issues from resilient cities and green industry to trade and climate finance. The climate transition is creating opportunities for new technologies, new investments and new jobs.*"

Chris Bowen, COP31 President of Negotiations, said: "*At Monday's plenary, Minister Kurum and I set out how we intended to approach the Presidency-led decision. Consistent with our commitment to transparency and predictability, we have followed that approach throughout the week*."

"*The process is open, inclusive and Party-led. A range of ideas and perspectives are on the table, and discussions this week will help shape the draft text this coming week*."

A strong start at the Leaders' Summit

The Leaders' Summit, held on 11 and 12 November, marked the first major milestone of the conference. Heads of State and Government delivered national statements setting out their experiences, targets and challenges, and high-level events covered electrification, implementation, green industrialisation, resilience, zero waste and climate finance, with attention to the priorities of Africa, the Pacific and other regions.

In an address to world leaders during the Summit, His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Türkiye, called for a COP of implementation focused on translating Paris Agreement commitments into practical solutions through cooperation, multilateralism, and

contributions from all sectors of society. President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan also highlighted Türkiye's own commitment to the green transition through decarbonization across its economy and efforts to achieve Zero Waste.

Outcomes from the first week

Türkiye has signed partnerships for over $26 billion of green investment. Türkiye and China have signed an agreement for $15 billion in renewable energy. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development has joined REACT and plans to invest $6 billion in Türkiye over five years. Türkiye has also signed agreements worth $5.1 billion with development banks.

Governments and funds are stepping up across all priorities. Norway, Canada and the United Kingdom have committed to mobilise $10 billion in climate finance by 2030. The Asian Development Bank, the Green Climate Fund, and the Governments of the Cook Islands and Palau have launched a programme to mobilise more than $1 billion to support 14 Pacific island communities. Philanthropic partners have announced $480 million for action on methane and super pollutants, and $25 million for the Super Pollutant Country Action Accelerator. The International Fund for Agricultural Development has announced a $70 million bond.

The Presidency has launched a set of initiatives, including the Climate Implementation Bridge (BRIDGE), the Sustainable Urban Resilience Financing Facility (SURFF) and the Istanbul Zero Waste Action platform. Further initiatives address health, agriculture, green industrialisation, and children and youth.

The TOBB Business Forum brought 4,000 businesses to Antalya, the largest business forum ever held at a COP. Its focus areas were electrification, cities, AI and finance.

Electrification is a flagship priority of the Presidency, and it is about mobilising a global movement as COP31 ushers in the age of electricity. 180 companies with combined annual revenue of $1.69 trillion back electrification, and the International Chamber of Commerce, which represents 45 million companies, backs the 35-by-35 Global Electrification Pledge. A utilities alliance has raised its combined investment plans to at least $156 billion a year, meaning its members will mobilise over $1 trillion in the energy transition by 2030. The new Electrify Now Finance Coalition will catalyse funds for electrification, and the Climate Investment Funds are mobilising more than $1.2 billion for clean power, grids, storage and electrification.

Negotiations

Commenting on the negotiations, the COP31 President Murat Kurum said, *"From the very first day we succeeded in adopting our agenda by consensus among all parties. And at the end of the first week, our work is progressing as planned."*

"We now face an extremely important week in terms of negotiations," Kurum added. *"We will intensify our ministerial-level consultations and work hard to translate the issues under consideration by countries into common decisions."*

Recalling COP31's focus on implementation, the COP31 President called for collaboration between countries to strengthen trust and translate shared responsibility into concrete action. "*The Turkish and Australian teams have held three rounds of consultation,*" he said. "*We have*

established our first assessment document reflecting the views of the parties. Through the ministerial-level discussions next week, we aim to deliver a strong political outcome from Antalya."

"*Our objective is clear,*" he said. "*We will turn commitments into decisions that make a real difference in people's lives.*"

The COP31 President of Negotiations, Chris Bowen said "*there are more than 100 agenda items and around 60 significant mandates in play, with adaptation, finance, just transition, mitigation, science, transparency and implementation among the central issues.*

"The work so far has been constructive, with Parties making strong progress across a range of negotiating areas," said Chris Bowen, COP31 President of Negotiations.

"*While important issues remain to be resolved, we are continuing to move forward in a spirit of cooperation and shared purpose. The Transition Plenary provided an opportunity to outline the pathway for next week, including how technical and political engagement can help bring us closer to successful outcomes on Friday."*

The Presidency has published a summary of Parties' views on the Presidency-initiated decision. The summary reflects discussions to date and is intended to help guide further engagement by Parties. It is not a negotiating text. The Presidency expects to release an initial draft early next week to support the next phase of discussions.

ENDS

Notes to editors

- COP31 is the 31st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and takes place in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9–20 November 2026
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