

## **COP31 ACTION AGENDA PRESENTATION JUNE 9, 2026 / BONN**

**Your Excellencies, Esteemed Colleagues, Dear Friends,**

I am very pleased to be here in Bonn today to share the COP31 Action Agenda with you.

On our journey to COP31, I extend my gratitude and respect to all of you for your unwavering support for the future of our world. Welcome.

**Dear Friends,**

The Action Agenda is the driving force behind the implementation.

As the COP31 Chair, we operate with an open and predictable approach that leaves no room for surprises and is open and predictable. In line with this approach, we have consulted with you throughout the year.

We consulted at the Japan-Brazil Dialogue, the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, and the first International Energy Agency High-Level Dialogue.

We listened to you at the Santa Marta Summit, the Baku World City Forum, and the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial Meeting.

The Action Agenda I will share today bears the mark of these early contacts. Here in Bonn, we want to further expand this circle of consultation. Our aim is to make our agenda more mature, more inclusive, and stronger together.

**Dear Friends,**

We built COP31 on dialogue, consensus, and action, with contributions from our stakeholders. We positioned this approach as "The COP of the Future," with an implementation-oriented vision. At the same time, we want to transform climate commitments into concrete actions, and actions into measurable results.

The COP31 Action Agenda aims to strengthen partnerships, further develop practical solutions, contribute to implementation, and leave a lasting legacy.

In building this lasting legacy, we are working closely with our Australian friends. In particular, we have a good working relationship and dialogue with my dear friend Chris Bowen. I thank him in your presence. We are building on the COP29 Baku process and the Global Climate Action Agenda launched at COP30 Belém.

In this context, we identified ten priority themes under the COP31 Action Agenda. In determining these themes, we didn't just choose topics.

Today we focused on the world's most pressing needs, the common challenges nations face in practice, and the areas where COP31 can leave a lasting legacy.

Therefore, to support the transition to a circular economy, we have prioritized zero-waste approaches and methane gas reduction.

Because the waste issue is no longer just about environmental management, but also one of the areas where the fastest results can be achieved in climate action.

A fair and powerful transition depends on access to secure energy. Therefore, we have prioritized clean energy and electrification initiatives to ensure sustainable and secure energy for all.

To transform our food systems and build a resilient future for our farmers, we have made food security and sustainable agriculture a top priority. The direct impact of the climate crisis on our food supply, production, and rural life makes this a topic that can no longer be postponed.

To increase sustainable competitiveness and achieve climate goals, we have prioritized green industrialization to enhance competitiveness and achieve our climate goals. We believe that lasting results cannot be achieved if production, trade, and employment remain outside of this transformation. These sectors should be included and maintained.

In order to protect coastal and marine ecosystems, we have addressed oceans and seas as a separate topic. Our country is surrounded by the sea on three sides. The fact that pre-COP will be held in the Pacific Islands I believe demonstrates sensitivity to this matter.

We have once again demonstrated that the seas are central to climate balance, food security, and the livelihoods of millions of people.

We have prioritized climate-friendly, resilient cities to create safe living spaces for everyone. We all know that the effects of climate change are most visibly felt in cities, neighborhoods, and people's daily lives.

To make the most of the energy, enthusiasm, and productivity of young people, we have placed youth participation at the heart of our Action Agenda. The youth will be at the core of our activities. This is because we believe that young people should not only be the stakeholders of the future, but also partners in finding solutions for today.

Considering the impacts of the climate crisis on human health, public services, and societal resilience, we have prioritized dynamic and resilient health systems. Our goal is to support health infrastructures that can anticipate climate-related shocks, adapt to these shocks, and recover quickly.

We will also support cross-sector collaborative actions to create stronger synergies between climate change, biodiversity, and land degradation.

We will also introduce an additional support system to strengthen the implementation of National Contribution Declarations and to transform the commitments made into tangible results.

The fundamental approach of COP31 is clear: not to produce headlines, but to accelerate implementation; not to declare intentions, but to achieve results. We want to make the results of climate action tangible in cities, fields, industry, energy systems, schools, hospitals, and in people's lives.

## **Dear Participants,**

As you know, Türkiye experienced two major earthquakes on the same day in 2023. After these earthquakes, which were called the "Disaster of the Century," we focused directly on the target while maintaining a culture of consultation with all sectors.

Thanks to the strong will of our President, the coordination and intense efforts of our Ministry, we have rebuilt 455,000 homes in just two years, bringing 11 provinces back to life.

Just as we conducted a multi-layered, rapid, and results-oriented reconstruction process after the earthquake, we are acting with the same understanding and determination in the COP31 process.

We conducted a seamless process that brought together stakeholders from different sectors through face-to-face consultations, thematic working groups, international partnerships, and an open digital platform.

We systematically incorporated feedback from national and international stakeholders into the development process of the COP31 Action Agenda.

We will continue to work shoulder to shoulder with our international partners going forward.

As the COP31 Chair, we will support joint initiatives under ten priority themes by providing resources, visibility, and political weight.

We will make the work of partners and Activation Groups visible. We will increase their impact and contribute to strengthening the momentum for implementation.

**Dear Friends,**

I have just shared with you the main framework of our COP31 action agenda. Now I would like to share with you our global goals that will concretize this agenda, invite parties to joint action, and strengthen the will

to implement it. As the COP31 presidency, we invite all parties and the international community to unite around these goals.

Yes, one theme stood out very clearly in all the meetings we held: electrification. Electrification is one of the main headings that complements renewable energy and energy efficiency in achieving the 1.5-degree target.

It is also one of the most important keys to decarbonization. Today, electricity demand is increasing significantly.

However, grid inadequacies, funding gaps, policy inconsistencies, and high initial investment costs are limiting progress in electrification.

Despite all these challenges, by demonstrating a shared global will to accelerate electrification, we aim to reach a 35 percent electrification rate by 2035.

“The target of 35 percent by 2035” will be one of the key priorities of our COP31 Presidency.

In the period leading up to COP31 in Antalya, we will work to build a strong global coalition for this goal. We want it to be an implementation COP, and in this framework, we will give it our utmost efforts.

Secondly, I would like to highlight the Zero Waste Movement and methane reduction initiative launched by the First Lady, Mrs. Emine Erdoğan. With this initiative, we aim to take zero waste to a higher level in climate policy. Reducing methane gas in landfills is one of the quickest and most implementable opportunities to slow global warming.

The waste sector accounts for approximately 20 percent of human-caused methane emissions. We have proven and scalable solutions available. This presents a significant opportunity, particularly for reducing methane emissions from human-caused waste.

We call on all parties to adopt the goal of halving the increase in waste production by 2035.

Thirdly, resilient cities are a key focus of our Action Agenda. This topic has numerous sub-dimensions.

However, at this stage, I would like to share with you our specific goal of reducing emissions in buildings. Reducing emissions and increasing energy efficiency in buildings is critical for the climate resilience of cities.

In this context, we want to open up for discussion among the stakeholders the target of reducing energy consumption intensity in the building sector by at least 25 percent by 2035.

Fourthly, I would like to emphasize the topic of green transformation in industry. For green transformation in industry, achieving a "recycled materials usage rate" of at least 15 percent in the production and manufacturing sector by 2035 would be a significant achievement.

This target will make a significant contribution in terms of both emission reduction and resource savings.

Fifth, we view the fight against waste, food security, and climate awareness not as separate issues, but as a common area of transformation that should be extended to all segments of society.

Today, millions of people around the world face food insecurity. The climate crisis directly affects our food supply, water, agricultural production, rural life, and the livelihoods of future generations. Therefore, we must bridge the gap between food, water, and climate topics; we must build a more resilient, more efficient, and more equitable system.

Within this framework, we will support an approach that reduces waste, uses resources efficiently, and strengthens climate awareness in every field, from agriculture to industry, education to social life, public services to the business world.

We believe it is important to educate young people, farmers, producers, workers, and the entire community about climate-resilient practices.

At this COP, we aim to include climate change issues in educational curricula by 2030 and to create strong climate awareness throughout society by 2035 through widespread educational activities.

**Dear Participants,**

In implementing and achieving all these goals, we will adopt an inclusive approach that takes into account the different conditions and priorities of each country.

To support the achievement of these goals, we will work closely with all countries, especially developing economies.

We will contribute to strengthening access to technical assistance, capacity-building activities, and financial support mechanisms.

The new mechanism, which we define as the Climate Implementation Bridge, aims to fill precisely this gap.

The Climate Implementation Bridge aims to strengthen the alignment between climate goals and economic and development policies, particularly in developing and least developed countries. This mechanism will contribute to creating an investment-friendly environment.

The Climate Implementation Bridge will support the establishment of a stronger link between NDCs and economic policies. It will help countries transform their priorities into portfolios of investable projects.

It will also play a facilitating role in providing suitable financing solutions and mobilizing private capital on a larger scale.

I would like to emphasize that the Climate Implementation Bridge is not a new fund. It is not a new financing mechanism. Nor is it an alternative to existing initiatives.

On the contrary, it is a complementary initiative that supports the existing climate finance and implementation ecosystem, strengthens partnerships among actors, and focuses on implementation.

Our aim as the COP31 Presidency is to bridge the distance between climate targets and real investments. We want to ensure that financing reaches the ground faster, more effectively, and in a more results-oriented way.

The COP31 Presidency is resolutely pursuing the preparations for COP31, which will be held in Antalya.

Over the coming weeks and months, we want to advance work on all ten priority themes and in areas beyond them.

We want to work together to bring our efforts under COP31 and the Global Climate Action Agenda to a successful conclusion. To achieve this, as the COP31 Presidency, we need the support of all of you.

**Dear Friends,**

Today, the world isn't just waiting for new decisions. The world wants to see those decisions implemented. Because nature is tired, and humanity is tired.

Drought reaches the dinner table; floods wipe out a lifetime's labor in a single night; fires burn not only trees, but also memories, homes, and hopes for the future. Together, we stand for the children who lack access to clean water, for the farmers who entrust their future to the land, and for the families who have lost their homes and hopes in disasters;

For the societies that pay the heaviest price despite not being responsible for emissions; and for the generations that will inherit this world after us, we must act faster now.

In response to the call of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi:

"Yesterday is gone with yesterday, my dear, now we need to say new things, do new things!" Yes, now is the time to do new things.

Let's take action instead of waiting. Let's turn intentions into action. Let's bring commitments to fruition. Let's transform our differences into a shared strength for solutions.

In Antalya, let's not just talk about the future; let's shape the future together. Following the call of Yunus Emre, one of Anatolia's spiritual leaders: "Let's get to know each other, let's make things easier." We met and listened in Bonn, and we will meet again in Antalya. And together, we will take climate action from words to action, and from action to results. We will shape the future together. Thank you all.