

*Your Highnesses,  
Your Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

At the outset, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to Azerbaijan for their generous hospitality and hosting.

*Your Excellencies,*

Now is the time for action.

As a low-lying island state, Bahrain contributes to less than 0.1% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Yet, we choose to lead by example.

Under the vision and leadership of His Majesty, King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain has set progressive goals across the climate agenda.

On mitigation, we have set an ambitious nation-wide commitment to reduce our emissions by 2035 and achieving net zero by 2060. Correspondingly, we have developed a national energy strategy, uniting key private and public stakeholders to ensure success.

Our targets on adaptation are equally as bold. We have set targets to double the Kingdom's tree coverage and quadruple its mangrove coverage. To address the pressing challenge of mobilizing finance that besets adaptation action globally, we proactively developed a National Adaptation Investment Plan that identifies innovative financing options to bring our vision to fruition. In addition to this, we have developed a comprehensive national strategy that ensures our coastal resilience and protects all 946 km of our coastline.

*Your Excellencies,*

Bahrain stands ready to share its insights and experiences with the world. We are doing our role.

But let us be clear: climate change is a global challenge that requires global solutions. We must restore faith in multilateralism, where the developed countries continue to take the lead in climate action and enablers such as finance, technology and capacity building are provided for all the developing countries to achieve their targets.

The urgency we face implores us to deliver.

We can't forget what we built in Paris, and we must act in Baku and beyond.