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#Together4Transparency Opening High-Level Event: Celebrating the Transparency Journey

12 November 2024, 17:00 – 19:00

Venue: Shirvan Special Room, Zone B, COP29, Baku

Background

Transparency builds trust and lays the foundation for ambitious climate action by helping to track successes in climate action and identifying areas for improvement and keeping us on the path to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The enhanced transparency framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement requires countries to submit the first biennial transparency reports (BTRs) by the end of 2024 and every two years thereafter. The BTRs will be a primary vehicle for Parties to demonstrate the progress of implementation of the Paris Agreement. Broadly speaking, the ETF is already in operation as few Parties have started submitting their BTRs and the technical expert reviews were conducted. Many Parties are making the last efforts and final preparations to ensure they can submit their BTR by the stipulated deadline of 31 December 2024.

Support is available all along the way, and UN Climate Change, together with the COP29 Presidency and support providers, is working overtime to provide a range of practical supports, with a view to ensuring that all countries can effectively participate in the ETF. Moreover, the COP29 Presidency has launched **the Baku Global Climate Transparency Platform (BTP)** to enable the delivery of BTRs in 2024 and serve as a platform for targeted support for the ETF implementation.

To ensure universal participation in the ETF and to support the full implementation of the Paris Agreement, all stakeholders must be involved, and collaboration is essential between Parties and Non-Party stakeholders. Everyone has a role in working #Together4Transparency.

Objectives

This HL event will aim to:

- Celebrate and recognize the effort of the frontrunners who have already submitted the 1st BTRs;
- Generate strong momentum for the timely submission of the BTRs and the universal participation in the ETF;
- Show that the ETF is operational;
- Showcase the importance of climate transparency for all stakeholders committed to implementing the ETF such as cities regions and corporations.



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Speakers

- Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, UNFCCC
- COP29 President-Designate, H.E. Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Hon. Philip Davis, Prime Minister of the Bahamas
- UN Assistant Secretary General, Abdallah AIDardari, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States
- COP29 High-Level Co-Pair for Transparency, Ms. Zulfiya Suleimenova, Advisor to the President of Kazakhstan and Special Representative for International Environmental Cooperation
- COP29 High-Level Co-Pair for Transparency, Mr. Francesco Corvaro, Italy's Special Envoy for Climate Change
- Pradeepa Bholanath, Senior Director for Climate and REDD+ of Guyana
- Mr. Juan Carlos Monterrey, Head of the Panama Delegation
- Teresa Solana Méndez de Vigo, Head of the Spanish Delegation
- UN Climate Change High-Level Champion, Ms. Nigar Arpadarai
- Sherry Madera, CEO at CDP

Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
17:00 – 17:05	Welcome	Moderator: Veronica Colerio
17:05 – 17:19	Opening Remarks	Executive Secretary Simon Stiell, UNFCCC
		COP29 President-Designate, H.E. Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
17:19–17:34	Recognition of BTR frontrunners	Executive Secretary Simon and COP29 President-Designate certificates to HL National representatives from Guyana, Panama, Spain
	Family photo	HL participants
17:34–17:46	Keynote speaker	Hon. Philip Davis, Prime Minister of the Bahamas
	Keynote speaker	UN Assistant Secretary General, Abdallah AIDardari, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States
17:46 – 18:11	Dialogue sharing of experiences on the first BTR submissions	HL Transparency Co-Pairs will share an update on BTR submissions HL National representatives from Parties will share their experiences
18:11 – 18:26	Dialogue on the importance of the universal participation of	Ms. Nigar Arpadarai, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion Sherry Madera, CEO at CDP



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	all stakeholders in transparency	
18:26 – 18:30	Closing Remarks	Moderator
18:30 – 19:00	Reception	All