INFORMATION NOTE ON THE 2026 HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON PRE-2030 AMBITION

Tuesday, 17 November 2026 | 15:00 – 18:00 (UTC+3)
Meeting Room 19, Zone D3
Antalya, Türkiye
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I. Mandate

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at its third session decided to convene an annual high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition, beginning at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement[1].

II. Background and context of the 2026 high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition

The COP 31 Presidency is convening the 2026 annual high-level ministerial round table (HLMRT) on pre-2030 ambition on **Tuesday, 17 November 2026, from 15:00 – 18:00** in Antalya, Türkiye.

The 2026 annual HLMRT on pre-2030 ambition will provide a space for Ministers and other high-level representatives to exchange views on the COP31 mitigation outcomes to strengthen political momentum, international cooperation and the enabling conditions needed to accelerate implementation.

As mandated by Decision 4/CMA.4, paragraph 17, participants will also hear from the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation programme (MWP) on the annual reports of the work programme outlining the activities undertaken in 2025 and 2026.

The 2026 annual HLMRT on pre-2030 ambition will invite participants to reflect on how mitigation outcomes at COP 31 can support implementation and accelerate high-impact solutions and cooperation. With CMA 8 considering the progress of the MWP, the HLMRT will also invite reflections on how the work programme could be improved.

Please see section V for guiding questions of the HLMRT.

III. Audience and process for participation

- The dialogue at the HLMRT will be held in a round table setting, to be facilitated by Honorable Carsten Schneider, Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and

[1] Decision 1/CMA.3, para. 31.

Nuclear Safety from Germany, and Honorable Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change from India.

- Once the round table discussion opens, Ministerial Co-Chairs will open the floor for interventions and invite Ministers with raised flags to speak, with priority given to Ministers speaking on behalf of groups of Parties, then to Ministers speaking on behalf of Parties, followed by representatives speaking on behalf of groups of Parties, and by representatives speaking on behalf of individual Parties, in that protocol order.
- Interventions should be **limited to three minutes and will be timed**; Parties should note that otherwise it may not be possible to accommodate all speakers in the allocated period.
- Interventions will be invited first from Parties, followed by constituencies of admitted NGOs and observers, time permitting. Constituencies of admitted NGOs are invited to share their full statements in writing for publication on the web page of the round table via: mitigation_meetings@unfccc.int.

IV. Logistical information for the high-level ministerial roundtable

The meeting room (Meeting Room 19) will be set up in a square format. Please note that priority for seating at the table will be accorded to Ministers.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. The event will also be webcast live on the COP 31 virtual platform and a link for public webcast will be provided on the event page.

This is a ticketed event. Due to the limited capacity of the meeting room, participation will be limited to **one minister or deputy minister, plus one accompanying member per delegation**.

Tickets can be collected from the Distribution Counter in the Information and Service Hub (Area C1).

- Monday, 16 November, from 09:00 to 17:00
- Tuesday, 17 November, from 09:00 to 14:00

Participants are kindly requested to arrive at Meeting Room 19 at least **10 minutes before the start of the event (by 14:50)** to allow sufficient time for seating.

V. Guiding questions

The guiding questions informing the roundtable discussion are:

1. Drawing on national experiences, what are the trends, opportunities and challenges impacting the development and implementation of climate policies?
2. What are the key mitigation outcomes that Parties want to achieve at COP 31?
3. What specific improvements are Parties seeking for the MWP, including on the future timeframe for the MWP?

VI. Agenda/Programme

2026 High-level Ministerial on pre-2030 Ambition | Tuesday, 17 November | 15:00 – 18:00 (TRT)

Time	Session
15:00 – 15:15 (*15 minutes*)	**Opening by Ministerial Co-Chairs:** **Hon. Carsten Schneider,** Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany and **Hon. Bhupender Yadav**, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India **Welcome address by COP31 Presidency** o **His Excellency Murat Kurum**, COP31 President o **The Hon Chris Bowen MP,** COP31 President of Negotiations **Welcome remarks by Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC secretariat**
15:15 – 15:45 (*30 minutes*)	**Scene-setting session:** - **Special interventions from representatives of previous Presidencies** - **The 2026 and 2025 annual report of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme** o **Angela Churie Kallhauge** and **Gao Xiang**, co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme present on the 2026 and 2025 Annual Report of the work programme
15:45 – 17:55 (*130 minutes*)	**Round table discussion – Guiding Questions** 1. Drawing on national experiences, what are the trends, opportunities and challenges impacting the development and implementation of climate policies? 2. What are the key mitigation outcomes that Parties want to achieve at COP 31? 3. What specific improvements are Parties seeking for the MWP, including on the future timeframe for the MWP? **Format:** 1. The dialogue will be held in a round table setting, to be facilitated by Hon. Carsten Schneider, Minister for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany and Hon. Bhupender Yadav, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India 2. Once the round table discussion opens, Ministerial Co-Chairs will open the floor for interventions and invite Ministers with raised flags to speak, with priority given to Ministers speaking on behalf of groups of Parties, then to Ministers speaking on behalf of Parties, followed by representatives speaking on behalf of groups of Parties, and by representatives speaking on behalf of individual Parties, in that protocol order. 3. Interventions shall be limited to three minutes and will be timed. Parties should note that otherwise it may not be possible to accommodate all speakers in the allocated time. Reactions to previous interventions are encouraged, as to allow for a meaningful exchange among high-level representatives of parties.

Time	Session
17:55 – 18:00 (*5 minutes*)	**Summary of discussion and closing remarks** Ministerial Co-Chairs

Further information available on the event page.

In case of any questions or clarifications, please reach out to the secretariat via: mitigation_meetings@unfccc.int