High-Level Dialogue

Seizing the Green Industrial Opportunity: Investment, Jobs and Growth for Every Economy

11 November 2026, 17:00 – 18:30, Leaders' Roundtable Room 1 (Selimiye)

1. Overview and Context

At the COP 31 Leaders' Summit, Heads of State and Government will join leaders from finance, industry and international institutions to turn green industrial ambition into investable projects, stronger supply chains and quality jobs. The Dialogue is hosted by Türkiye, as the COP 31 Presidency, and co-hosted by Egypt, Germany and the United Kingdom, with organizational support from international organizations, particularly the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The event will show how clean technologies, electrification, sustainable fuels and feedstocks, and AI-enabled digitalization can unlock competitive growth, supported by affordable clean power, skilled workforces and finance at scale.

Industry accounts for over a quarter of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions directly, and nearly a third when indirect emissions from electricity use are included. It remains one of the hardest sectors to decarbonize. At the same time, clean industrial technologies are becoming increasingly competitive, investment in low- and near-zero-emissions production is accelerating, and a growing number of countries see green industrialization as a driver of growth, resilience and quality jobs.

For emerging and developing economies, green industrialization offers a route to add value locally, move up global value chains, create quality jobs and leapfrog to clean, competitive production. For advanced economies, it offers a route to re-industrialize around future-facing manufacturing, clean technologies and the engineering, financial and professional services that enable investment.

The first Global Stocktake recognized the need for deep, rapid and sustained emissions reductions across all sectors, in line with the Paris Agreement temperature goal. International cooperation on industrial transformation has grown, but implementation remains uneven. Delivery will require coherent national transition and investment plans, carbon pricing and other policy instruments that reward low-emissions production, predictable demand for low-emissions products, and cooperation on standards and trade.

At COP 30, through the Belém Declaration on Global Green Industrialization, countries made a shared commitment to green industrialization, recognizing it as a path to growth, jobs and resilience for every economy, not only a climate obligation. A year on, that commitment is moving into delivery, with green industrialization and industrial electrification set as key priorities of the COP 31 Action Agenda, supported by the launch of the Antalya Green Industrialization Compact, the UNIDO-hosted Global Green Industrialization Agenda, and the Least Developed Countries Green Industrialization Facilitation (LDC-GIF) Mechanism. Bringing the issue to the level of leaders allows the meeting to advance work launched at previous COPs, connect political commitment with industry and finance, and sustain momentum through COP 32 and beyond.

2. Purpose and Objectives

The Dialogue will bring together leaders and representatives from industry and finance to strengthen industrial transformation's contribution to climate goals, sustainable development and quality jobs, and translate political commitment into implementation.

- A Leader-level message: Green industrialization is a growth agenda for every economy. Innovation, electrification and sustainable fuels across industry and manufacturing can drive quality jobs, investment and more resilient economies in advanced, emerging and developing economies alike.

Its objectives are to:

- Encourage policies and announcements that support the competitiveness of, and scale-up of investment in, low- and near-zero-emissions production, clean energy and infrastructure, and improve developing countries' access to finance, whilst taking into account national circumstances and priorities.
- Deepen international cooperation and public-private partnerships on innovation, technology, skills and a just transition, aligning governments, industry, finance institutions and delivery partners behind country-led industrial transitions, including through support for the Antalya Green Industrialization Compact, the Global Green Industrialization Agenda (GGIA), the work of the Climate Club and other initiatives.

3. Participation Level and Invited Participants

The Dialogue will be attended by Heads of State and Government, and leaders of international organizations and CEOs.

4. Session Overview and Format

The Dialogue will feature an opening segment with keynote speeches by high-level representatives of the co-hosts, followed by technical perspectives, a facilitated high-level roundtable discussion among leaders and other senior representatives, and closing remarks.

- **Opening:** A keynote segment with speeches from leaders of Türkiye, Egypt, Germany and the UK as the four co-hosts.
- **Technical Perspectives:** Contributions highlighting global trends in green industrialization, key implementation challenges, investment needs and opportunities for accelerating industrial decarbonization through international cooperation.
- **Leaders' Segment:** A facilitated high-level discussion featuring interventions. Participants will be invited to make brief, action-oriented interventions reflecting their national circumstances, priorities and implementation experience, focusing on:
  - National priorities, experiences and practical actions to advance industrial transformation, including country-led transition and investment plans and the role of carbon pricing.
  - Approaches to addressing implementation challenges, including access to finance, technology and skills, markets for low-emissions products, standards and trade.

  - Opportunities for investment, partnerships and international cooperation to accelerate implementation, particularly in support of developing countries.
- **Closing**

5. Guiding Questions

Participants are invited to structure their intervention along the following guiding questions:

- What is your country or organization doing to make low- and near-zero-emissions production commercially viable and scalable, while addressing the specific challenges of the high cost of capital, access to affordable finance and technology, and the need to expand industrial capacity and create jobs?
- How **can** international cooperation and public-private partnerships mobilize finance, technology and skills behind country-led industrial transition plans, particularly in developing countries?
- What concrete steps over the next twelve months, at COP 31 and beyond, would most accelerate green industrialization?

6. Logistical Details

Hosts / Organizers:	COP 31 Presidency of Türkiye
Co-hosts:	Egypt, Germany, the United Kingdom
Date and time:	11 November 2026, 17:00–18:30
Venue:	Leaders' Roundtable Room 1 (Selimiye), COP 31 Antalya
Format:	High-Level Dialogue (90 minutes)