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NOTIFICATION TO PARTIES AND OBSERVER STATES

**United Nations Climate Change Conference
COP 31/CMP 21/CMA 8
9 to 20 November 2026**

Antalya, Republic of Türkiye

I am pleased to notify Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, of the forthcoming sessions:

- Thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 31), from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 November 2026.
- Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 21), from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 November 2026.
- Eighth sessions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 8), from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 November 2026.
- Sixty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 65) from Monday, 9 to Saturday, 14 November 2026.
- Sixty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 65) from Monday, 9 to Saturday, 14 November 2026.

I wish to further notify Parties and observer States of the dates of the preparatory meetings as follows:

- Least developed countries, Tuesday, 3 to Wednesday, 4 November 2026.
- Small island developing States, Thursday, 5 to Friday, 6 November 2026.
- African Group, Thursday, 5 to Friday, 6 November 2024.
- Group of 77 and China, Saturday, 7 to Sunday, 8 November 2026.

The preparatory meetings and sessions will take place at the [COP31 Venue](#) in Soğucaksu, Antalya, Republic of Türkiye.

Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Türkiye.



The online registration system (ORS, available at <https://onlinereg.unfccc.int/>), which allows Parties and observer States to nominate representatives¹ to attend sessions on-site will be opened in due course. A message on the opening of the ORS will follow. The secretariat strongly recommends accessing the ORS as soon as it opens and requests that all delegates be nominated and confirmed as soon as possible to enable timely processing of the information.

When nominating representatives, please note that it is **imperative that a correct and unique email address be provided for each** participant for the swift processing of registration confirmations. Once the delegate is confirmed in the ORS, an email with a link to download the acknowledgment letter will be sent to the email address of the confirmed delegate. For further details, please refer to the [Information for COP 31 Participants \(COP 31 IFP\)](#).

In registering Party overflow badges, Parties are also encouraged to recall the invitation by the SBI in paragraph 193(a) of document [FCCC/SBI/2025/11](#)².

With a view to promoting gender balance and improving the participation of women in UNFCCC negotiations and in accordance with decision 23/CP.18, the nomination of women delegates to attend the conference is kindly encouraged. Additionally, in accordance with decisions 1/CP.26 and 1/CMA.3, and with a view to promoting youth participation in relevant climate processes at the national and international level, the nomination of youth delegates is also kindly encouraged.

Three annexes are attached to this notification. Annex I provides information on the credentials of Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement for the sessions. Annex II provides preliminary information on the Summit and high-level segment for COP 31, CMP 21 and CMA 8, and Annex III provides general information for participants.

Additional information on the sessions, including the provisional agendas for COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8, SBSTA 65 and SBI 65, the opening of the conference, participation of Heads of State and Government to the Summit on Wednesday, 11 and Thursday, 12 November 2026, high-level Party events, and respective protocol arrangements, including for the high-level segment, will be issued in follow-up messages.

Relevant information will also be posted on the UNFCCC website when it becomes available. Information on the logistical arrangements for the conference, including the digital platform, can be found in the [COP 31 IFP](#). The IFP will be updated regularly as soon as information becomes available. Please consult the web page and the IFP.

Yours sincerely,

(signed by)

Simon Stiell

¹ In this regard, reference is made to paragraph 20 of document [FCCC/SBI/2026/L.6](#)

² As recalled in paragraph 46 of document [FCCC/SBI/2026/L.6](#)



Annex I

Credentials of Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement

In accordance with rule 19 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the credentials of representatives of Parties, as well as the names of alternate representatives and advisers, shall be submitted to the secretariat no later than 24 hours after the opening of **COP 31, CMP 21 and CMA 8**. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall be communicated to the secretariat as early as possible.

The credentials must be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by a competent authority of that organization. They should indicate the date and place where the instrument was issued, be signed by the competent authority and indicate the title of the signatory. In the case of a person acting ad interim as the Head of State or Government or as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the title must indicate that the person is exercising such powers ad interim. In this respect, the secretariat will accept the following formulations: Acting President, Acting Prime Minister, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, President ad interim, Prime Minister ad interim and Minister of Foreign Affairs ad interim.

The secretariat wishes to remind Parties that, in accordance with decisions **17/CP.9, 36/CMP.1** and **2/CMA.1**, only one set of credentials is necessary to cover the participation of Parties in **COP 31, CMP 21 and CMA 8**.

Original credentials, duly signed as indicated above and written in one of the six official languages of the United Nations,³ **should be deposited during COP 31, CMP 21 and CMA 8 at the External Relations Office, located in the conference venue**. To ensure proper handling and delivery to the repository, no other office or authority of the secretariat or the host country has been designated to receive credentials.

To acknowledge receipt of credentials, the badge of the delegate delivering the credentials will be scanned as confirmation of receipt of the document. A list of valid credentials will be posted on the UNFCCC secretariat COP 31 web page. The secretariat strongly recommends that Parties verify that their credentials have been listed on the official web page of the session. In the event that they are not listed 48 hours following the deposit of credentials, the External Relations Office of the UNFCCC secretariat should be contacted. In accordance with rule 20 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the Bureau will examine the credentials and submit its report to the COP.

Information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the sessions that is communicated by fax, email, letter or note verbale from a ministry, embassy, permanent mission to the United Nations or other participating government office or authority or through a local United Nations office will not be considered as a credential.

³ Credentials may be submitted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish. To facilitate the examination of credentials, a courtesy translation into English would be appreciated if the credentials have been executed in another language.



Annex II

Summit and High-level segment of the conference

A Summit for the Heads of State and Government for all Parties to the Convention is scheduled to be held during COP 31 on Wednesday, 11 and Thursday, 12 November 2026.

The Government of the Republic of Türkiye invites all Heads of State and Government of Parties to the Convention to the Summit, which will be held within the Blue Zone. More information on the arrangements for the participation of and relevant plans and programme of events for Heads of State and Government on these two days will be provided in due course by the secretariat

The high-level segment (HLS) of COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8, will be held in two parts. The first part of the HLS for delivery of national statements by Heads of State and Government only will take place from 11 to 12 November during the Summit.

For those Parties whose Head of State or Government will not attend the summit or does not deliver a national statement at the first part of the HLS, the resumed HLS will take place during the second week of COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8 from Tuesday, 17 to Wednesday, 18 November 2026. National statements at the resumed HLS may be delivered by Heads of State or Government, special envoys, ministers or the head of delegation. Statements on behalf of groups will be delivered during the resumed HLS.

There will be one list of speakers for Parties to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. Parties will have only one opportunity to deliver a national statement at the joint plenary meetings of the COP, CMP and CMA, to be held during the first part and resumed HLS.

Registration for the list of speakers for COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8 will be received only through the [online registration system](#) (ORS). Under the tab “My delegation”, an action button – “High-Level Segment speakers” - will appear.

Registrations for the first part and resumed HLS for COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8 will be open from 9:00 am on Monday, 7 September 2026 Central European Summer Time (CEST) until Friday, 16 October 2026, midnight (CET). The secretariat will not be able to Parties are encouraged to register their speakers during the indicated time frame for the respective segments. **Please note that to register for the high-level segment, all speakers, including Heads of State and Government, must be included in the Party delegation in the ORS.**

For questions and all information regarding the high-level segment, please contact the External Relations unit of the secretariat at cophls@unfccc.int. The External Relations unit of the secretariat is the only authority with responsibility for coordination of the delivery of national statements and corresponding arrangements. Queries and requests sent through other channels will not be considered or accommodated.

Information on the list of speakers and modalities for the delivery of national statements will be communicated in follow up communications to Parties and observers in due course.



Annex III

Information for Participants⁴

Please note that additional information is available on the [official COP 31 website](#) and the [COP 31 IFP](#). The information will be updated as it becomes available. Participants are encouraged to regularly consult the IFP.

Accommodation	The Government of Republic of Türkiye has designated Coral Travel as the official accommodation provider for COP 31 in Antalya. Extensive efforts have been undertaken to ensure the availability of adequate, affordable and easily accessible accommodation for all participants. Access to the dedicated online booking platform is available to all duly registered COP participants through the following link: COP31 Official Accommodation Hotel Booking in Antalya – Coral Travel A wide range of accommodation options has been secured to meet varying budgetary requirements, including establishments ranging from 2-star to 5-star categories. Participants are strongly encouraged to secure their accommodation as early as possible. The accommodation inventory available through the official booking platform will be updated regularly; participants are therefore encouraged to check the platform frequently and make reservations at the earliest opportunity.
Code of conduct	UNFCCC conferences, meetings and events are guided by the highest ethical standards and are intended to provide a professional, respectful, inclusive and harassment-free environment for all participants. All participants are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and respect towards others attending or involved in any UNFCCC conference, meeting or event. Participation in UNFCCC sessions is governed by the applicable guidelines and policies, including the UNFCCC Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct provides detailed information on prohibited behaviour, reporting and investigation procedures, and the measures that may be taken in cases of misconduct. By nominating participants through the UNFCCC Online Registration System (ORS), Parties and observer States acknowledge and agree to comply with the applicable guidelines and policies. Individual participants are also required to comply with these guidelines and policies as a condition of participation in the conference.

⁴ Information for COP 31 participants can be found [here](#).



Conference Badges	An official UNFCCC conference badge is required to access the conference premises. Badges are issued only upon confirmation of registration through the UNFCCC Online Registration System. For security reasons, all participants are required to always wear their conference badges visibly while on the conference premises. It is strictly prohibited and constitutes a violation of the UNFCCC Code of Conduct to transfer an issued badge to another person for the purpose of accessing the conference venue. Such actions will result in the suspension of the badge and may lead to the individual being banned from participating in future UNFCCC conferences.
Disclaimer	Participants are strongly encouraged to obtain comprehensive international medical insurance for their period of participation. The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel or the period of participation. In the interest of the security and safety of all participants and the smooth running of the conference, the UNFCCC secretariat reserves the right to deny and/or restrict access to the conference premises or to request registered participants to leave the premises. The UNFCCC secretariat shall not be responsible for any or all expenses incurred by nominated participants who are requested to leave the premises or are refused registration or access to the conference for which they have been nominated and/or registered as participants.
Documents	All official documents COP 31, CMP 21, CMA 8, SBSTA 65 and SBI 65 will be made available on the respective session web pages, accessible through the UNFCCC website. Documents will be available in electronic format only. Participants are encouraged to consult the Documents section of the Information for COP 31 participants regularly for the latest information and updates.
Funding	Information regarding funding arrangements for eligible Parties will be communicated separately to the Parties concerned.



List of participants	The Lists of Participants (LoP) will reflect information provided in the UNFCCC Online Registration System (ORS) during the registration process. All registered delegates - for both onsite and virtual only participation, and across all badge types for Parties and observers - will appear in the Provisional List of Participants published on the first day of the conference. All delegates for whom an onsite badge has been issued, across all badge types for Parties and observers, will be included in the Final List of Participants. The LoP will also include participants registered under other badge categories, including Host Country Guest, Global Climate Action, Conference Invitee, Media and Temporary Pass. As part of the secretariat's ongoing efforts to enhance transparency in participation in the UN Climate Change Process, the LoP will contain the information provided during registration, including participants affiliations and their relationship to the nominating Party or observer organizations, as applicable.
Media	All correspondents granted access to the conference are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. They must abide by all policies in place, with due regard to the dignity, privacy and integrity of all individuals, in accordance with relevant guidelines and policies, including those of the United Nations Headquarters.
Photographs, audio and video recordings	The taking of still photographs and making of audio or video recordings within a United Nations designated conference venue or an online conference platform are subject to guidelines and any other guidance or instructions deemed relevant by the secretariat or United Nations Security. Photographs may be taken, and video and audio recordings may be made, by participants within the United Nations designated conference venue's public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, and meeting rooms (except during open and closed official meetings), provided that such activities do not disrupt the activities or movements of participants or the security provisions of that area. Permission of those who will be recorded should be sought. The making of audio and video recordings, including the use of AI tools, during open and closed official meetings and in designated high-security zones is not permitted. The secretariat provides full audio and video recordings for all official open plenary meetings. All webcast recordings are made available on the UNFCCC website.
Press Briefings	Parties and observer States wishing to hold press/media briefings during the sessions should inform the secretariat in advance of their intention to hold such briefings. This will facilitate adequate logistical and technical arrangements. All booking requests must be submitted using the designated press conference booking form, which will also be made available on the UNFCCC Press and Media page. For questions and further information on press conferences, please contact the UNFCCC Press Office by email to pressconf@unfccc.int. More detailed information can be found on the UNFCCC Press and Media page.



Registration	All registration-related formalities, including the issuance of conference badges to duly nominated participants, are provided free of charge. <i>Who can register</i> Parties to the Convention may register participants to attend the sessions of the Convention in accordance with the applicable registration procedures. <i>How to register</i> Registration for the conference is managed through the UNFCCC Online Registration System. Multiple registrations for the same individual are not permitted. Participants may not be registered simultaneously under more than one category (e.g. as a Party representative, observer organization representative, or press/media representative). Registration desk opening hours During the conference period the registration counters will open daily from 8:00 – 19:00 hrs. A detailed schedule, including opening hours for the pre-sessional meetings, will be made available through the COP 31 IFP in due course. The conference venue, including the registration area, will be closed on Sunday, 15 November 2026.
Schedule of Meetings and Announcements	Updates on scheduled meetings and announcements will be made available throughout the conference period via a dedicated link on the COP 31 website. This service will be available from 9 to 20 November 2026.
Shipment/freight forwarding and logistics	To reduce the carbon footprint of the conference it is recommended that each participant forwards shipments of not more than 50 kg of a cumulative total weight. Participants having pavilions and/or have been assigned an exhibit booth will be granted an extra allowance of 50 kg. Please consult the Shipment/freight forwarding and logistics section of the COP 31 IFP. Up to date information will be included once it becomes available.



Side events and exhibits	While the secretariat continues its efforts to find sufficient funding for the coordination of side events and exhibits at COP 31, in order to save the time for required authorization and mergers of applications, SEORS will be open in parallel so that the secretariat can immediately start the selection process if and when sufficient resources are found. The application period was opened on Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 10:00 CEST, and close on Monday, 20 July 2026, 17:00 CEST. The process would not begin or may be halted if and when resources are deemed not sufficient. In particular, the selection process for exhibits will be halted if the sufficient resources are not found. • The timelines for the selection process is available in the Side Events and Exhibits (SEORS) information page on the official UNFCCC website. • As in the past, SEORS will be the only channel used by the UNFCCC secretariat to receive applications for official side events and exhibits by admitted observer organizations, and Parties partnering with admitted observer organizations. For further information on side events and exhibits and up-to-date information please consult the SEORS information page on the official UNFCCC website or the Side Event and Exhibits section of the COP 31 IFP.
Transport	Complimentary transport services will be provided between the principal hotels listed on the official accommodation platform and the Conference premises for the duration of the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference. The Government of the Republic of Türkiye is working to ensure that participants have access to a range of efficient, reliable and sustainable transport options throughout the conference period. Information on airport transfers and local transportation arrangements during COP 31 (9 – 20 November 2026) is available on the official COP 31 website. Special rates are available for conference participants.
Visas	All foreign participants entering the Republic of Türkiye for the Pre-sessional Meetings/Conference must hold a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry into the Republic of Türkiye. Information on visas requirements and application procedures will be made available in due course. Participants requiring further information on visa arrangements may contact visas@unfccc.int.