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COP29 Presidency Launches initiative to address climate change driven conflicts

- COP29 Presidency launches the *Baku Call on Climate Action for Peace, Relief, and Recovery*, in collaboration with **Egypt, Italy, Germany, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom**.
- This milestone initiative is aimed at addressing the urgent nexus of climate change, armed conflict and humanitarian needs, bringing into partnership an unprecedented set of Global North and South countries.
- *The Baku Call* establishes the **Baku Climate and Peace Action Hub**, a cooperative platform designed to facilitate collaboration between national, regional, and international peace and climate initiatives.

COP29 Presidency launched today the ***Baku Call on Climate Action for Peace, Relief, and Recovery (BCCAP)***, a milestone initiative aimed at **addressing the urgent nexus of climate change, conflict and humanitarian needs**. This initiative will respond to the growing recognition that the adverse effects of climate change—such as water scarcity, food insecurity, land degradation and human displacement—can act as catalysts for violent conflict and instability, especially in the most climate-vulnerable regions.

BCCAP was launched by **Azerbaijani Minister of Foreign Affairs Jeyhun Bayramov** at the High-level panel at an event attended by Ministers and Governmental Envoys from a wide range of countries across both the Global North and South. The aim is to develop a strategy for preventing climate-induced conflicts, and scaling up support for climate and conflict vulnerable nations with high humanitarian needs.

Partner co-lead countries in BCCAP are **Egypt, Italy, Germany, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom**. Amongst the first decisions of the coalition is to establish the **Baku Climate and Peace Action Hub**, as a coordination platform to deliver on pledges to mitigate challenges on peace and climate nexus. The COP29 Presidency will host the Secretariat of the Hub in Baku.

Mr Bayramov stated, *“We appreciate the confidence of the Co-lead partners in entrusting Azerbaijan to host the Hub and reaffirm our commitment to continue inclusive, cooperative and results-oriented operationalization of the Hub. Together, we must seize this critical moment to deliver bold and inclusive solutions, to turn pledges into tangible actions so that climate and peace*

nexus will eventually bear not a connotation of crisis and destruction but the one of peace and development.”

COP29 President Mukhtar Babayev added: *“With a disproportionate impact on the most at-risk communities, particularly in developing, lower-income, climate-vulnerable, and conflict-affected states, the Baku Call emphasizes the importance of peace-sensitive climate action. It also prioritizes support for the most vulnerable groups, including women, children, and youth, who bear the brunt of these intersecting crises”.*

Notes to editors:

1. For the full text of the initiative please see [Call on Climate Action for Peace, Relief and Recovery | UNFCCC](#)
2. Partner Quotes for Attribution:
Special Envoy for Climate Change of the Italian Government Francesco Corvaro:
“We highly appreciate the leadership of COP29 Presidency in creating a truly inclusive and transformative process. By bringing together an unprecedented set of nations from the Global North and South, COP29 Presidency has exemplified the spirit of global unity and cooperation needed to address the climate and peace challenges. This collective approach has not only fostered meaningful dialogue but also aligned diverse initiatives under one cohesive umbrella, paving the way for solution-oriented and equitable climate action that addresses the unique challenges and priorities of all stakeholders.”
Director-General of the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCPA) Ahmed Abdel-Latif: *“This Call marks a significant moment in climate action for peace, strengthening the momentum for further progress. The Baku call not only addresses the urgent need for collaborative solutions but also embodies the spirit of cooperation that characterizes the work of the COP29 Presidency. With these efforts, the Baku COP will have made a key contribution to advancing the climate and peace agenda with pledges for a sustainable and climate-resilient future converging under a shared vision of collaboration and action.”*
Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Amy E. Pope:
“In an era where climate-induced displacement has surpassed the number of conflict-driven refugees, the establishment of a broad international partnership around the Baku Call, alongside the historic development of a specialized Climate and Peace Hub in COP history gives the hope for urgent action to address the interconnected challenges of climate change and peace to come.”
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