COP31/ ANTALYA 2026

FINANCE & TRADE DAY

TRADE TRACK
TRADE AS AN IMPLEMENTATION BRIDGE FOR CLIMATE ACTION

VENUE Antalya EXPO Center
Specialized Event Zones 3 & 4

FORMAT Live Stream

Through the Thematic Day programme, the COP Presidency aims to bring together global leaders, policymakers, businesses, international organizations, experts, and civil society to foster dialogue, strengthen collaboration, and accelerate practical climate action across key priority areas, including finance and trade.

The trade programme, organized jointly by the COP31 Presidency and the Turkish Trade Ministry, focuses on the role of trade and trade policy in enabling climate transition, with discussions centered on governments' experiences, practical solutions, international cooperation, and opportunities to align trade with climate objectives.

Through high-level dialogues and expert discussions, the track will connect policy with practice and highlight approaches that can support a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive global trading system, and provide Türkiye, as COP31 Presidency, with an opportunity to showcase its own experience in advancing the green transition, including through its Green Deal Action Plan.

I/ OPENING CEREMONY

08:00–08:15 • SPECIALIZED EVENT ZONE 3
INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY THE COP31 PRESIDENT

- **Murat Kurum**, COP31 President and Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate- (TBC)

08:15–08:30 • OPENING REMARKS

- **Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat**, Minister of Trade, Republic of Türkiye

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II / HIGH-LEVEL PANEL

08:45–09:45 • SPECIALIZED EVENT ZONE 3

Climate, Trade and Competitiveness: From Regulation to Coordination for Implementation

MODERATOR

Maya Hennerkes, EBRD Managing Director, Environment and Sustainability Department

SPEAKERS

- **Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat**, Minister of Trade, Republic of Türkiye / COP31 Presidency
- **Pedro Manuel Moreno**, Acting Secretary-General, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- **Jean-Marie Paugam,** Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **John Denton,** Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce
- **Jaime de Bourbon de Parme**, Director of the OECD Environment Directorate, OECD
- **Ambassador Ram Prasad Subedi**, Chairperson of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment, and Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nepal to Switzerland

As climate policies increasingly interact with global trade and investment, international cooperation can help ensure that the sustainable and low carbon transition supports sustainable growth, industrial competitiveness and inclusive development.

This high-level dialogue will bring together ministers, international organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders, to identify coordinated pathways to harness trade for climate action, resilient, diversified and sustainable value chains, and practical cooperation for implementation.

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III / THEMATIC PANELS

SESSION 01 / 9:50-10:50 / Specialized Event Zone No:3

Sustainable and low carbon Transitions, Resilient Value Chains and Inclusive Development

MODERATOR

Fatih Özkadı, Deputy General Manager, Sustainability, Quality and Customer Services, Arçelik

SPEAKERS

- **Mustafa Tuzcu**, Deputy Minister of Trade of Türkiye
- **Vladimir Ilichev,** Deputy Minister of Economic Development, Russian Federation
- **Aik Hoe Lim,** Director, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization
- **Luz Maria de la Mora**, Director of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
- **Emily Wilkinson**, Principal Research Fellow and Director, Resilient and Sustainable Islands Initiative, Global Risks and Resilience, ODI
- **Mehmet Özalp,** President for Türkiye and Central Asia, Schneider Electric
- **Abdoul Salam Bello,** Lead Advisor – Policy and Operations, Office of the President, African Development Bank Group

The transitions to low-carbon sustainable economies require not only cleaner production and energy systems, but also more resilient, diversified and inclusive value chains. However, the opportunities and adjustment costs associated with the sustainable and low carbon transitions are unevenly distributed across countries, sectors and communities.

This session will explore how trade, investment and international cooperation can support these transitions and foster structural transformation that strengthens economic resilience, competitiveness and inclusive development for all. Discussions will consider pathways for industrial and land use decarbonization including through circular models that create new opportunities in sustainable agriculture, the bioeconomy and the blue economy, particularly for developing countries.

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The session will also examine how affordable access to climate-relevant and other clean technologies, finance, skills and capacity building can enable countries and businesses to participate effectively in emerging sustainable value chains, creating opportunities for SMEs and local communities.

SESSION 02 / 16:00-17:00 | Specialized Event Zone 3

Empowering SMEs for Climate-Ready Trade

MODERATOR

Vanessa Erogbogbo, Director, Division of Sustainable and Inclusive Trade, International Trade Centre (ITC)

SPEAKERS

- **Yousif Muayad Alhadithi**, Director of the National Climate Change Centre, Ministry of Environment, Iraq
- **Iresha Sanjeewanie**, Regional focal point for Environment and Climate Change for Fairtrade Network for Asia Pacific Producers
- **Maximo Torero**, Chief Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- **Dr. Alessandro Sanches Pereira**, Member of the UN Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition (CEET)
- **Sandra Hanni,** Head of Climate, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- **Mmakwena Moesi,** Co-founder and CEO, Viva Organica

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) play a vital role in global trade but often face disproportionate challenges in meeting emerging climate-related market requirements. This session will explore how governments, international organizations, financial institutions and the private sector can work together to strengthen SMEs' capacity to adapt to the green transition. Discussions will focus on practical solutions to improve access to knowledge, digital tools, technical assistance, finance and international markets, enabling SMEs to remain competitive in an evolving global trading environment.

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SESSION 03 / 18:00-19:00 | Specialized Event Zone 4

Trade, Finance and Investment for Climate Action

MODERATOR

Chantal Line Carpentier, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch, UNCTAD

SPEAKERS

- **Fehmi Tutulmaz**, Deputy General Manager, Strategy and Finance, Türk Eximbank
- **Prof Dr. Zou Ji**, President and CEO of The Energy Foundation, China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED)
- **Patricia Ojangole**, Managing Director, Uganda Development Bank
- **Mounia El Khawand**, Youth Negotiators Academy
- **Vanessa Erogbogbo**, Director, Division of Sustainable and Inclusive Trade, International Trade Centre (ITC)
- **Thomas Eriksson**, Director, Department of Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East Region, Green Climate Fund

Mobilizing adequate finance and investment is essential to translate climate ambition into implementation. This session will explore how trade finance, green investment and international financial cooperation can accelerate the transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies. Discussions will focus on scaling up financial instruments that support sustainable trade, industrial decarbonization and clean technology deployment, while ensuring that developing countries and SMEs have access to the resources needed for an inclusive and effective transition.

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SESSION 04 / 19:00-20:00 | Specialized Event Zone 4

Advancing interoperability and strengthening international cooperation on climate and trade

MODERATOR

Aik Hoe Lim, Director, Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization

SPEAKERS

- **Sergio Mujica**, Secretary-General, International Organization for Standardization
- **Mathilde Mesnard**, Deputy Director of the OECD Environment Directorate
- **Elif Berrak Taşyürek,** Head of the Department of EU Single Market and Green Deal, Ministry of Trade, Türkiye
- **Lindy Fursman**, Executive Director of the Coalition to Grow Carbon Markets
- **Annie Heaton**, CEO of Responsible Steel
- **Ambassador Amna Baloch,** Ambassador of Pakistan to the Republic of Türkiye

As governments pursue their climate objectives through different policies and measures, international cooperation can help foster mutual understanding, enhance interoperability and facilitate trade, while recognizing different national circumstances and priorities. This session will explore how different approaches to climate action can work alongside one another through greater transparency, exchange of experiences and practical cooperation, including in areas such as data, carbon accounting methodologies, monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems, and traceability tools. Bringing together perspectives from the trade and climate communities, discussions will also consider the needs and capacities of developing economies and SMEs.

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