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# COP29

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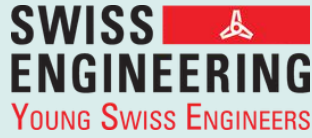
## EYE COP29 Daily Relations

Take a look into the daily COP29 events, EYE's statements, our delegate's experiences and many more!



11-22 November 2024

# Our Member Organisations



# What is COP?

The COP (Conference of the Parties) is the primary decision-making body of the

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). COP meetings bring together representatives from nearly all countries and numerous other stakeholders to assess progress in climate action, negotiate agreements and set climate action goals.



## Country of Azerbaijan

COP29 is being held in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan has a rich cultural heritage influenced by Persian, Turkic, Russian and Islamic cultures.

It is renowned for its traditional music and cuisine. Azerbaijan is also home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites and astonishing, diverse nature.



# Our Delegates



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Denis Hardi



Janna Beijer



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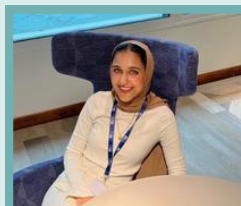
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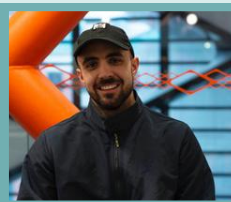
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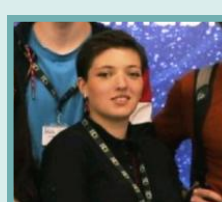
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# Day 1



## COP29 Opening Day: Youth Voices Amplified

Our delegates, Paul Jenkinson and Denis Hardi, made impactful contributions at COP29, championing youth engagement in critical climate conversations.

Their day began with the YOUNGO Spokes Strategy Meeting, where they strategized with global youth leaders. This vital networking opportunity set the tone for their active participation throughout the day.



At the Opening High-Level Plenary Segment, they observed the adoption of the agenda, which was delayed until 8 PM due to disputes among member states. This firsthand experience highlighted the intricacies of global negotiations.

A key highlight was the EU Distributed Generation (DG) Energy Bilateral Meeting. Paul and Denis joined youth NGOs and negotiators in a discussion with Ditte Jorgensen from the European Commission's DG Energy. The focus was on mechanisms for young engineers to engage with the commission and ways to monitor commitments on renewable energy and energy efficiency. They also advocated for a youth-led UNFCCC energy negotiation track.

Later, at the YOUNGO Energy Coordination Meeting, our delegates contributed to strategic debriefs and shared insights on energy-related initiatives. They continued their advocacy during the European Youth Network Climate Action (EYNCA) Coordination Meeting, working to unify the European youth approach to COP.



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Wrapping up the day, they met with UNAI and Mexican Young Engineers to discuss establishing a Global Young Engineers Roundtable, envisioning deeper synergies between UNAI and the European Youth Engineers initiative.

Through strategic dialogue and advocacy, Paul and Denis highlighted the essential role of youth in driving climate solutions, proving that young voices are integral to global climate action.

## Our Experiences

### What were your first impressions of COP29 when you arrived?

Janna Beijer - When arriving it was a bit overwhelming since I had no clue what to expect. However, after receiving my badge, it was very exciting to walk around the conference-ground and there is a great energy of motivated people.

Igor Ostrowski - It is not that I was surprised by the amount of people, but I think I did not realise just how immensely huge this event is. Just walking from one place to the other might take you 10-15min (if you walk in the right direction to begin with)



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Denis Hardi - This is the largest and most organized conference I have ever attended. The first day was a bit chaotic as I found my way around, but I soon got my bearings and located the stakeholders I wanted to engage with.

Paul Jenkinson - I felt excited to be representing European young engineers again here at COP29 - but also quite apprehensive of the progress that negotiations will have. The smell of oil is literally in the air!

## **What sessions or event did you attend today that stood out to you?**

Denis Hardi - As the Vice President of External Relations for European Young Engineers (EYE), I focused on events related to energy and youth. Given that EYE is a partner with YOUNGO, I attended many of their events and gained a lot of valuable insights. Other than that it was good to see some presidents and prime ministers.

Paul Jenkinson - So far, I particularly enjoyed attending a youth bilateral with Ditte Jorgensen, Director General for Energy at the European Commission. She provided some interesting responses to my questions of how progress towards renewable energy targets can be monitored in the COP process, discussing how a dedicated energy negotiation track could be considered. We also spoke about European engineers engagement with the commission and ways to integrate EYE conferences into EU policy agendas.



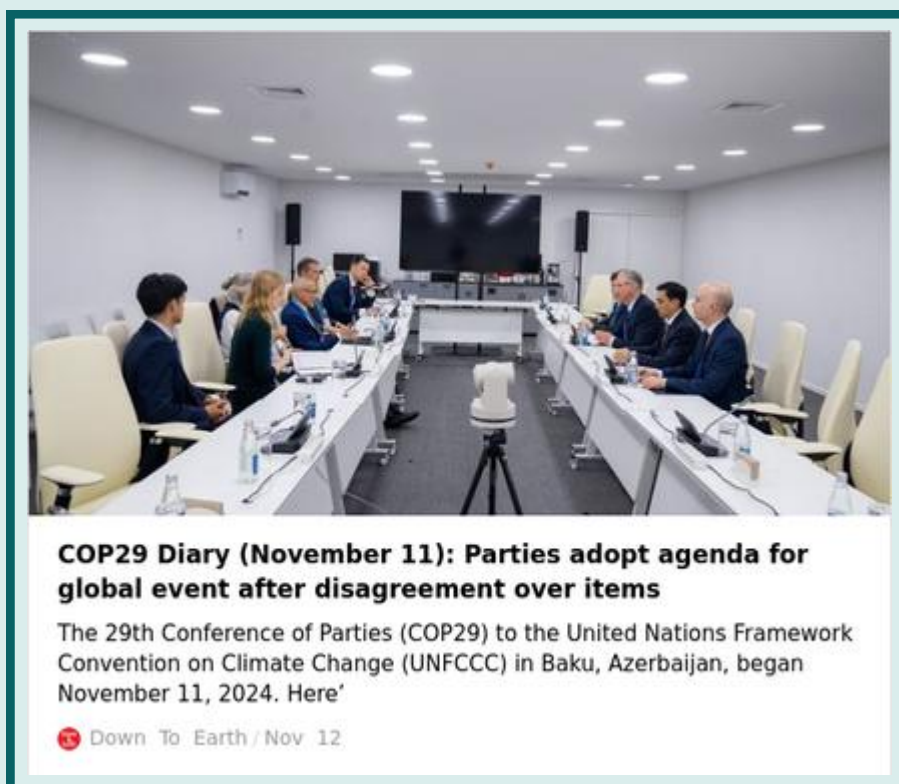
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## What happened at COP29

After delays and disagreement, Parties at COP29 finalized the agenda, with notable debate around adding "climate-related trade restrictions," such as carbon border taxes, which China proposed on behalf of the BASIC bloc but ultimately was not included. Key discussions will include the UAE-led dialogue on implementing the global stocktake (GST) outcomes and its financial implications.

A consensus was reached on the long-disputed Article 6.4 standards, which guide carbon credit generation under the Paris Agreement. These credits, representing emissions reduction or carbon removal efforts, will follow recently proposed methodologies approved by the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body. This marks a significant step forward in operationalizing the Article 6.4 carbon market, resolving issues that had stalled progress at COP28.



### **COP29 Diary (November 11): Parties adopt agenda for global event after disagreement over items**

The 29th Conference of Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Baku, Azerbaijan, began November 11, 2024. Here'

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# Day 2

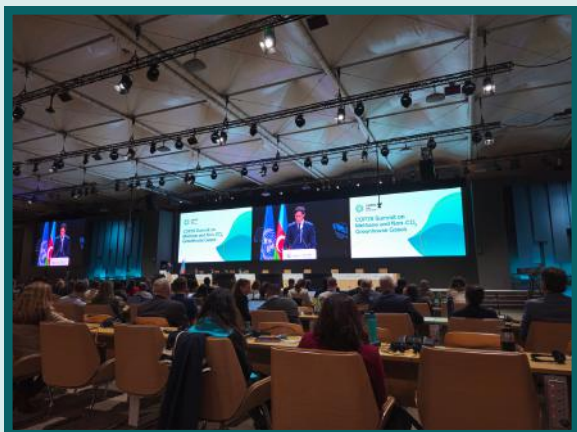


## COP Day 2: Building Momentum in the Fight against Climate Change

On Day 2 at COP29 in Baku, EYE delegates actively engaged in key discussions and workshops, focusing on vital topics in climate action. They attended the Summit on Methane and Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gases, exploring innovative approaches to reduce potent greenhouse gas emissions beyond CO<sub>2</sub>. The delegates also participated in the Forest and Climate Leaders Partnership (FCLP) event, where global leaders discussed strategies to protect and finance forest conservation. Additionally, EYE representatives joined the YOUNGO press conference advocating for youth inclusion and equitable climate finance, and engaged in a session with the International Solar Association to discuss renewable energy partnerships. These events allowed EYE to connect, learn, and champion youth perspectives within the climate movement.

## Tackling Non-CO<sub>2</sub> Greenhouse Gases

The day began with a summit addressing methane, nitrous oxide, and SF<sub>6</sub> emissions, which are often overlooked. Experts emphasized the urgency of global action to curb these potent greenhouse gases. Denis Hardi, VP of External Relations, noted: “Tackling non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases is



crucial as they often have a much stronger warming effect than CO<sub>2</sub>.” The session underscored the need for new regulatory frameworks, cleaner technologies, and international collaboration—areas where engineering solutions are essential.



# Day 2



## Advancing Forest Conservation

The Forest and Climate Leaders Partnership (FCLP) event gathered leaders to discuss forest protection as a climate priority. High-profile speakers, including Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo and Brazil's Environment Minister Marina Silva, highlighted the need for increased forest financing. Brazil's Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF) was introduced as an initiative to protect forests through financial rewards for conservation, relying on both private and public funding. Paul Jenkinson, President of EYE, observed: "The focus on forest conservation and sustainable development models is a call to young engineers to incorporate sustainability at every level."



## Youth-Led Initiatives:

### YOUNGO Press Conference

YOUNGO's press conference highlighted youth advocacy on equitable climate finance and food security. EYE's Janna Beijer shared her impression, saying, "Youth involvement isn't just about a seat at the table; it's about ensuring accountability and transparency in climate actions."

The forum emphasized the need for policies that protect young people and marginalized communities, aligning with EYE's mission to equip young engineers for sustainable change.



# Day 2



## Engaging with Industry Leaders

EYE delegates also met with the International Solar Association to discuss potential partnerships aimed at reducing carbon footprints in Europe's industries. Denis Hardi remarked, "Collaborating with ISA opens up new possibilities for European engineers to support global climate goals through practical, impactful projects in renewable energy and efficiency."



## Reflection and Looking Forward

Day 2 of COP29 emphasized the need for global collaboration to tackle climate challenges. From technical discussions on non-CO2 emissions to forest preservation, EYE's delegates continued to amplify youth voices, building connections that will advance EYE's mission long after COP29 ends.

## Did You Know?

COP29 has gathered over 65,000 delegates from around the world, each contributing their unique perspectives and expertise to advance the climate conversation! This broad representation underscores the global commitment to tackling climate change—one conversation, one connection, and one solution at a time. According to Carbon Brief, COP29 host Azerbaijan has the largest delegation at the summit, with 2,229 people registered for badges. This is followed by Brazil (1,914) and Turkey (1,862) with the second and third-largest delegations, respectively.



# Day 3



## Day 3 Highlights

Although it is only the third day of the 29th session of COP 29 to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), our EYE delegates are already immersed in a packed schedule. They have participated in a variety of sessions, including the Youth Climate Forum Dialogue, a workshop with European negotiators, a YOUNGO bilateral meeting with UNOCHR, the Poznan Strategic Programme on Technology Transfer, a youth gathering at the Azerbaijan Pavilion focused on building a new civilization, the Children and Youth Policy Debrief, and the International Climate Council Network.

## Youth Climate Forum Dialogue

The forum underscored the pivotal role of youth in driving a just transition to sustainability. The CEO of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) emphasized the need for greater youth involvement in policy dialogues, career development, and community-driven projects.

## Workshop with European Negotiators



The workshop offered EYE delegates Igor Ostrowski and Janna Beijer the opportunity to engage directly with European climate negotiators. During these discussions, they explored mitigation strategies with a Hungarian negotiator and delved into pathways for achieving a just transition with a Danish negotiator. These exchanges provided valuable insights into the negotiators' priorities and strategic approaches to climate action.



## YOUNGO Bilateral with UNOCHR

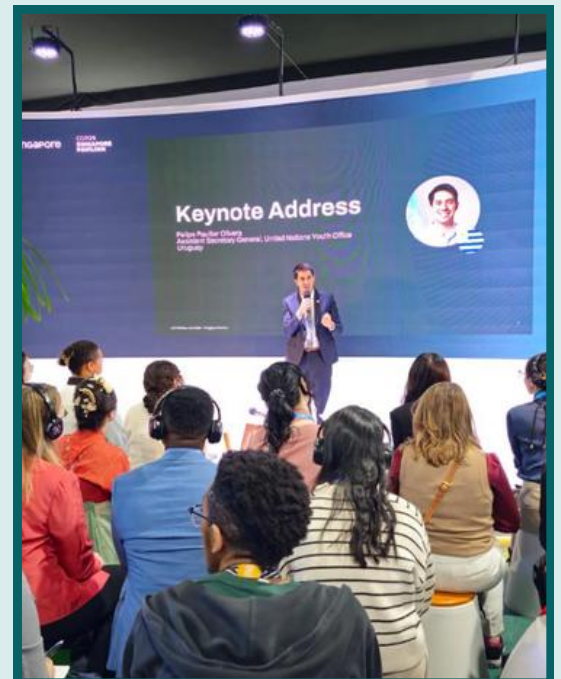
The meeting focused on establishing a long-term collaboration between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOCHR) and the youth organization YOUNGO. This event was attended by EYE delegates Igor Ostrowski and Janna Beijer.

### Barriers to Youth Voice in Policy Discussions:

- Structural barriers include entrenched power structures where individuals with significant resources or political influence dominate decision-making processes.
- Youth must be empowered at all stages of policymaking, and there is a need to continue pushing for youth participation, especially in countries that do not yet embrace sustainable values.

### Contributing to Capacity-Building Initiatives:

- YOUNGO and youth in general can contribute by creating spaces for youth interaction, maintaining engagement with governments, and strategically reaching out to influential people and media.
- It's essential to support the climate justice movement with a focus on relationship-building and knowledge-sharing through events and online courses.



# Day 3



## Increasing Urgency for Climate Action:

- UNOCHR is working to increase urgency among negotiators through storytelling and involving affected communities. However, this approach is costly and lacks widespread platforms.
- It is anticipated that Brazil's presidency in the climate negotiations will help facilitate more inclusive and urgent discussions, following the example set during COP16.
- Civil society and youth councils in some regions, like Germany, have gained support by fostering strong networks.

## Strengthening Youth Councils:

- Youth councils can be strengthened by creating effective feedback loops that work both ways, ensuring that youth voices are heard and integrated into policy discussions.

## Human Rights and Climate Change:

- Integrating human rights into climate action remains a challenge, as governments may selectively interpret or neglect human rights obligations. Climate change is seen as one of the largest violators of human rights globally.

## The Australian Pavilion

Delegate Denis Hardi attended the networking reception hosted by the International Climate Council Network at the Australian Pavilion. The Australian Pavilion serves as a platform to showcase Australia's diverse climate action initiatives, fostering collaboration and partnership opportunities.



# Day 4

## Work Programme

### Work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Art. 6(8) Paris Agreement and in decision 4/CMA.3 - Contact group : SBSTA 13(c)

The contact group meeting under the framework for non-market approaches, outlined in Article 6(8) of the Paris Agreement and decision 4/CMA.3, centered on discussions about the draft conclusions presented by the chair. Several parties voiced concerns regarding the draft text, highlighting differing views on how to implement non-market mechanisms effectively.

The goal of the meeting is to refine and finalize the draft conclusions by the end of the week, requiring consensus on each paragraph. The chair emphasized the need for collaborative efforts to address outstanding issues, ensuring that the framework advances in line with the Paris Agreement's objectives.



# Day 4



## Press Conference of European Union

Press conference European Union  
About the EU ambitions for COP29 and more generally the EU position on climate change & action. Also discussed: the work of the EU, its programmes and policies (implemented within the EU).

Emphasis on science-based policies, IPCC & social inclusivity. This COP is referred to as an enabling COP (to ensure sufficient finance, but also discuss the outcomes of the GST last year and its implications for next COPs) Progress on: - Agenda adoption - PA Carbon credits market (Art. 6 PA) - Transparency & accountability regarding e.g. Art. 6(2) PA (but more needs to be made!) Most hopeful aspirations for this 'finance' COP: reaching consensus on NCQGs to ensure (sufficient) climate finance Statement on the matter regarding france: COP should be facilitating a safe ground for all parties

## Modalities of the UAE

**Modalities of the UAE dialogue on implementing the GST outcomes, referred to in para. 97 of decision 1/CMA.5 - Informal consultations: SBI 5(b)**

During the informal consultations on November 14, 2024, under SBI 5(b), discussions focused on updating the informal note from the Bonn Climate Change Conference and planning the drafting process for the forthcoming CMA decision.

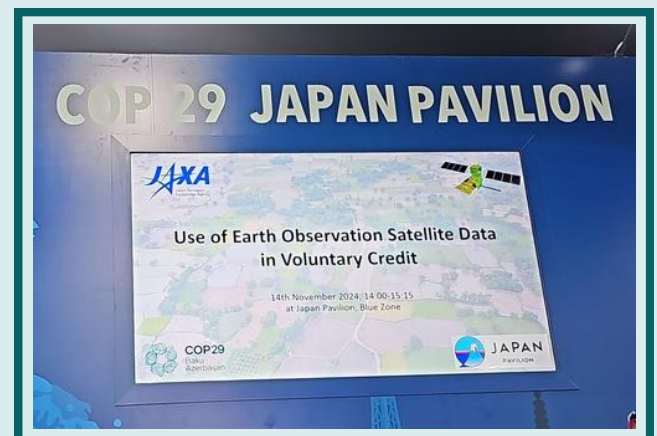


Many parties expressed strong interest in the modalities of the UAE dialogue on implementing the Global Stocktake (GST) outcomes referenced in paragraph 97 of decision 1/CMA.5. However, there were disagreements, particularly regarding the dialogue's scope, with some advocating for a focus on finance while others supported a broader approach to implementing the GST outcomes.

## Use of Earth observation Satellite Data in Voluntary Credit Focus on GHG Monitoring

Satellite data is transforming voluntary carbon credit systems by providing high-precision monitoring of greenhouse gas (GHG) sources and sinks. Using LIDAR, SAR, and Optical satellites, data is collected even through cloud cover, ensuring continuous global observation. These technologies are vital for detecting deforestation, assessing disaster impacts, and supporting initiatives like the Global Mangrove Watch.

Projects like Sumitomo Corporation's shift from mining to carbon-neutral ventures use satellite and drone data to identify optimal carbon sinks, enhancing biodiversity efforts in Indonesia. Despite benefits, challenges remain: data limitations, complex volumes, environmental interferences, and technology gaps in remote areas hinder efficiency.



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Addressing market credibility concerns, satellite monitoring ensures transparency and cost-efficiency, with potential savings up to \$300 billion annually. Collaboration among researchers and efficient data use are crucial for further advancements.

## Global Young Engineers Roundtable

During the meeting, attendees explored various opportunities to strengthen global collaboration among engineers, focusing on three critical areas: capacity building, policy alignment, and hackathons for addressing pressing engineering challenges. The discussion emphasized the importance of pooling resources and expertise to drive impactful, cross-border engineering solutions.

One of the standout proposals was the formation of a global coalition of engineers dedicated to addressing key issues related to funding and governance. This coalition would serve as a unified voice advocating for the engineering community and ensuring sustainable support for international initiatives. Additionally, participants suggested the establishment of structured communication channels, including regular updates and bilateral meetings, to maintain an ongoing dialogue and foster deeper cooperation.



# Day 4



Looking forward to COP30 in Brazil, there was a strong emphasis on laying the groundwork for more integrated and effective collaboration. The ideas discussed aimed to ensure that engineering solutions are well-coordinated and responsive to global climate priorities, while also actively engaging stakeholders from various regions and disciplines.



# Day 5

## Panel Discussion

### Unlocking climate finance with carbon credits under Art. 6 PA

The presentation began with a general introduction, followed by an overview of the Carbon Market Association International (CMAI) and its various activities. The discussion then progressed to cover different types of potential carbon market frameworks under the Paris Agreement regime. This was supplemented with additional background information on carbon markets, highlighting their structure, purpose, and significance. Emphasis was also placed on the crucial role of the private sector, underscoring the need for increased initiative and proactive engagement to drive meaningful progress within carbon market mechanisms.



## AI technology for renewable technologies

Industry anticipates that energy systems will become self-operating in the future, with AI playing a critical role. AI will be used, among other applications, to prevent fires and ensure battery availability for mobile charging. It serves as a key enabler for enhancing the efficiency of renewable energy by analyzing data and optimizing processes, sometimes reducing the use of chemicals by up to 12%. Additionally, AI allows for cost-efficient data analysis, maximizing energy efficiency by adapting in real time to fluctuations in energy demand. It can rapidly detect and adjust to changes in energy supply and forecast the amount of energy produced and consumed. These advancements can reduce carbon emissions, lower costs, and make energy networks more efficient.



# Day 5



## COP President's Townhall meeting with observer organisations



The COP President's Townhall meeting with observer organizations began with an opening statement emphasizing inclusivity, engagement, collaboration, and the need for ambitious NDC submissions. The floor was then opened to the nine Civil Society Constituencies for questions.

Key issues raised included concerns over expensive food and accommodation, especially impacting participants from the Global South, limited access to negotiations, and the presence of fossil-fuel lobbyists, with a request for greater conference integrity. The COP President acknowledged these concerns but emphasized that Azerbaijan is already doing its best.

The Chair of the COP29 Presidency noted that logistics have generally run smoothly, with only catering complaints. They clarified that catering services make no profit, and negotiations are underway for a 10% discount starting November 18. Shuttle schedules will be extended, and room sizes have increased, though virtual access options remain necessary.

On fossil fuels, a presidency representative stressed the importance of contributions from the fossil fuel sector to meet climate goals, also mentioning Azerbaijan's green energy initiatives.



# Day 5



## Bilateral between EYE and ELSA



EYE and ELSA engaged in a productive bilateral discussion, exploring numerous possibilities for collaboration with significant interest from both sides. It was agreed that a follow-up meeting will take place next week, involving ELSA's president and Paul, to build on this initial exchange. A promising first step would be to organize an online meeting between ELSA and EYE allowing

both parties to further explore synergies and continue detailed conversations on potential forms of collaboration.

## Greenpeace Press Conference

The discussion addressed the ways in which fossil fuel companies mislead the public with inaccurate or unjust information regarding their emissions. It was highlighted that these companies frequently use SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) suits as a tactic to suppress public involvement and hinder legal actions brought against them. The conversation also emphasized the positive obligation of governments—and organizations, as seen in the recent *Shell v. Milieudefensie* ruling in the Netherlands—to protect human rights, which includes taking action to reduce emissions. Greenpeace was mentioned as having several ongoing legal cases aimed at holding major fossil fuel companies accountable for their environmental impact.



# Day 6



## Sustainable Innovation Solutions

Paul Jenkinson, our EYE delegate and president, participated as a panellist at a side event focused on empowering sustainable innovation solutions. During the discussion, he advocated for the establishment of a new energy negotiation track under the UNFCCC. He also highlighted the importance of fostering collaboration through a global coalition of youth, energy professionals, and engineers, emphasizing the need for cross-sector partnerships to accelerate the transition to sustainable energy solutions.



## Activists Form a Chain Outside Plenary Hall at COP29

Hundreds of activists created a human chain outside a key plenary hall at COP29 earlier today in a silent protest.

Waving flags, snapping fingers, and softly humming or mumbling chants, many demonstrators covered their mouths with papers bearing the word "Silenced." Their silence symbolized the frustration of marginalized voices—particularly those from vulnerable communities most affected by climate change.

The activists held signs demanding greater commitments to climate finance, underscoring the urgency for wealthier nations to fulfil promises to support lower-income countries struggling with climate adaptation and mitigation. Meanwhile, negotiators inside the hall continued deliberations on crafting a deal to address these funding gaps.



# Day 6



## COP29 Climate Finance in Numbers

As discussions at COP29 in Baku progress, negotiators acknowledge the urgent need for significant funding to help lower-income countries adapt to the impacts of climate change.

However, disagreements persist over who should shoulder this financial burden, with the proposed climate finance targets reaching staggering amounts.

## International Renewable Energy Agency

Paul, our EYE delegate engaged with senior officials from the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to advocate for the establishment of the proposed energy negotiation track, stressing its critical importance for advancing global energy policy and fostering international collaboration on sustainable energy solutions.

## Australian Networking Event

Samrudhi, our EYE delegate actively engaged in the networking session at the Australian networking event, fostering meaningful connections with key stakeholders. The discussions centred around exploring potential collaboration opportunities with ICEY, including joint initiatives, resource-sharing strategies, and avenues for mutual growth.



# Day 8



## The Push for Climate Action and Health Commitments Amid Stalled Talks

As COP29 enters its second week, tensions are high, with frustrations mounting over stalled climate finance talks and the need for stronger commitments from high-emission countries. On Day 8 in Baku, European Young Engineers (EYE) delegates actively participated in discussions around human development, climate finance, and health impacts of climate change—areas that hold critical importance as negotiations reach a pivotal moment. In a pointed call for action, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged G20 nations to “lead by example,” noting they are responsible for 80% of global emissions and must act to unlock progress (DW News).

EYE delegates engaged in the Youth-Led Climate Forum, where young leaders underscored the urgency of resilience-building initiatives and emphasized the need for youth involvement in climate decision-making. This aligns with EYE’s mission to empower young engineers and amplify youth voices in climate policy.

In parallel, the High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Just Transition brought attention to the social justice aspect of climate action, stressing the need for decarbonization strategies that protect workers and marginalized communities. Dutch Climate Minister Wopke

Hoekstra emphasized that “more countries need to take responsibility” to ensure a fair transition (Euronews Green). For EYE, this dialogue reinforced the importance of equitable approaches to sustainability, aligning with the organization’s commitment to preparing young engineers to support a fair transition to renewable energy systems.



# Day 8



## EYE Delegates at the Forefront

Paul Jenkinson, President of EYE, attended a Cross-constituency Civil Society Strategic Alignment Meeting, where representatives discussed the need for unified, impactful messaging from civil society that resonates with policymakers. The session emphasized the importance of strengthening youth representation within the energy sector and fostering a cohesive approach to influence COP29's outcomes.

Later in the day, Paul attended a Commonwealth Sustainable Energy side event, where ambitious goals for achieving 3x Renewable Energy and 2x Energy Efficiency targets by 2030 were discussed. At the event, German Energy Minister Robert Habeck emphasized that “green renewable solutions are the future” and condemned inaction as “stupid.” Paul found this a strong affirmation of EYE’s mission to equip young engineers with the knowledge and skills needed to drive sustainable solutions in the energy sector.



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Samrudhi Inamdar, Senior Vice President of Internal Relations at EYE, participated in the “Voices of Resilience” event at the Singapore Pavilion. This event, titled ‘Youth Stories from the Climate Frontlines’,

featured a keynote by Leyla Hasanova, the COP29 Presidency Youth Climate Champion from Azerbaijan. During the session, participants exchanged postcards with messages of resilience, symbolizing global solidarity in the fight against climate change. The event also discussed the potential of COP30 in Brazil to advance climate action across Latin America, highlighting the role of regional biodiversity and community-led initiatives.



## Climate Finance: The Just Transition Challenge

As COP29 progresses, the issue of climate finance remains at a standstill, frustrating many delegates. An article from Euronews Green noted that "tensions are rising as the clock ticks on unresolved climate finance commitments". The dialogue around who should bear the responsibility for funding climate adaptation in vulnerable nations has been contentious, with developed nations facing pressure to step up their financial contributions. The High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Just Transition emphasized the social justice dimension of climate action, highlighting the need for decarbonization strategies that provide protections for workers and marginalized communities. The dialogue presented the just transition framework as a pathway to decarbonization that actively includes vulnerable communities, promoting an inclusive approach to sustainability within climate policies.



# Day 8



## Fostering Health and Climate Synergy

Health was another key focus on Day 8, with the launch of a coalition led by the World Health Organization (WHO) to address the health impacts of climate change. This coalition aims to bolster healthcare systems worldwide to withstand climate-related health risks, including rising temperatures, air pollution, and extreme weather events. This initiative underscores the interconnectedness of climate action and public health, as climate-induced health risks disproportionately affect vulnerable populations.

EYE delegates recognized the significance of this coalition in creating resilient healthcare systems, particularly in regions most affected by climate change. This health-climate nexus reinforces the need for cross-sector collaboration, a value central to EYE's approach in engaging engineers across disciplines to tackle multifaceted climate challenges.

Denis Hardi, EYE Vice President of External Relations, engaged in several networking sessions to explore partnership opportunities. He attended a tour and networking event at the Alfred Nobel Museum,



organized by Rosatom, where he connected with members of the European Youth Energy Network and faculty from the University of Milan. The event showcased innovations in science and celebrated the legacy of pioneers like Alfred Nobel and Marie Curie, which Denis found inspiring. The experience reinforced the importance of continued innovation and the role young engineers can play in contributing to global climate solutions.



# Day 8



## Voices of Resilience and Collaboration

For EYE, Day 8 was about amplifying voices of resilience and collaboration. In the evening, Paul Jenkinson joined members of the YOUNGO energy working group for a dinner event, where discussions centered on how to support COP29's climate finance goals and push for greater transparency. EYE's active involvement in YOUNGO underscores its commitment to youth advocacy and to forming partnerships that can drive tangible change.



Reflecting on the day's events, EYE delegates felt both the weight of the challenges ahead and the urgency to act. With climate finance talks stalled and health and social justice issues taking center stage, Day 8 served as a reminder of the complex, interconnected nature of climate action. As UN Secretary-General Guterres emphasized, achieving a successful outcome at COP29 will “require leadership and compromise,” (DW News), a message that resonates deeply with EYE's mission to empower young professionals for a sustainable future.



# Day 9



## EYE Delegates Leading the Charge

Day 9 of COP 29 and our EYE delegates actively engaged in a series of high-profile events and sessions, underscoring our commitment to youth-driven policy advocacy and sustainable development.

## Global Young Engineers Meeting

Paul Jenkinson, our EYE President and delegate, chaired the second meeting of the Global Young Engineers/Energy Coalition. During this session, the team introduced the proposed EYE Global Associates Programme as a foundational document that could potentially serve as a framework for the coalition.



The meeting saw increased engagement, with participation expanding to representatives from over 15 organisations, reflecting growing interest in the coalition's mission and vision. This significant rise in attendance highlights the coalition's potential to unify diverse members in the energy and engineering sectors.

Discussions during the meeting focused on identifying actionable pathways for the coalition's development. Key topics included exploring opportunities between member organizations and setting a strategic roadmap for collaborative efforts. These conversations underscored the coalition's commitment to fostering innovation, knowledge-sharing, and impactful solutions for global challenges.



## YOUNGO Spokes Strategic Youth Policy Alignment

EYE delegates attended this session, which focused on aligning global youth policies with the objectives of the UNFCCC and broader climate action frameworks. By contributing to discussions on strategic policy priorities, our delegates emphasized the importance of youth-led innovation and collaboration in addressing pressing climate challenges.



## EYEN Side Event: Youth Driving Sustainable Cities Development

At this event, EYE delegates explored the pivotal role of youth in driving sustainable urban development. The session showcased innovative projects and case studies where young leaders have spearheaded transformative changes in cities worldwide. Our delegates listened to insights on integrating engineering expertise into urban sustainability efforts, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary approaches to build resilient, inclusive, and environmentally conscious urban spaces.



## Townhall Between Civil Society and UNFCCC Secretary

Representing the voice of young engineers, our EYE delegates attended the townhall meeting, which served as a platform for direct dialogue between civil society representatives and the UNFCCC Secretary. While spectating the discussions, our delegates gained valuable insights into the priorities and challenges faced by civil society in driving climate action.



The session highlighted key concerns, actionable solutions, and the growing importance of youth perspectives in global climate negotiations. By observing this critical exchange, our delegates were able to deepen their understanding of the collaborative dynamics between stakeholders and the UNFCCC, reaffirming EYE's commitment to staying informed and engaged with global sustainability efforts.



These engagements not only reinforce the importance of youth-led expertise in addressing critical challenges like climate change and sustainable development but also highlight the potential for young engineers to drive meaningful, interdisciplinary solutions.



# Useful Links



## European Young Engineers Website

<https://eyengineers.eu/>

## 54th EYE Conference in Malta

<https://www.uesamalta.com/eye-conference>

## Official COP29 Website

<https://cop29.az/en/home>

## International Institute for Sustainable Development

<https://enb.iisd.org/>

## COP29 News Summaries

<https://www.carbonbrief.org/>

