

I am honored to be at the 7th Africa Climate Talks, addressing you as the first speaker here.

At a time marked by growing geopolitical uncertainties and increasing climate skepticism, **Türkiye has been entrusted with the Presidency of the COP31.**

We believe that our innovative model of cooperation with Australia, will demonstrate “multilateral cooperation” can still deliver concrete results at a time when expectations from the climate regime are evolving.

We consider this responsibility not only a reflection of our commitment to multilateralism, but also an opportunity to contribute to restoring **trust** in the global climate regime.

We all have a shared responsibility to protect our planet with clear vision, robust policies and decisive measures.

Climate change is not only an environmental issue; it is also a matter of development and economy.

While the impacts of climate change are felt worldwide, Africa bears a unique and disproportionate burden.

As Mr. Selwin Charles Hart, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General on Climate Action mentioned at the Antalya Diplomacy Forum two weeks ago, there is a problem of cost of capital, which impacts Africa more than the other parts of the world, while the continent is the source of 30% of the minerals needed for energy transition, it is able to attract only 2% of the global clean energy investments.

Climate change exacerbates vulnerabilities and hinders sustainable development efforts.

Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall patterns, prolonged droughts threaten agriculture, upon which many African economies heavily rely, and exacerbate insecurity of food and livelihoods.

As responsible members of international community, we need to ensure that no one is left behind in the fight against this challenge.

This reality reinforces the importance of the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and respective capabilities.

As the COP31 Presidency, our approach is guided by three core principles: dialogue, consensus and action.

Through **dialogue**, we aim to rebuild trust; through **consensus**, we seek common ground; and through **action**, we are determined to translate commitments into tangible outcomes.

The international community has made significant progress in setting targets in the last 30 years. We believe however, the credibility of the process now depends on delivering tangible outcomes on the ground.

That is why in the course of time, **COP Climate Action Agenda, which has emerged during COP21**, has become an important pillar of the global climate regime.

**Taking the advantage of our Climate Action Agenda**, we intend to focus not only on negotiated outcomes, but also on real-economy transformation and delivery on the ground.

Africa's hosting of the COP32 will be an opportunity also to convey this legacy.

As highlighted in the background documents of this meeting, Africa enters this process not merely as a participant, but increasingly as an architect of climate implementation.

The evolving climate change regime points toward a more prominent role for developing countries in shaping the global climate change governance as drivers of solutions. We are aware of the prospect of Africa, to provide electrification by the renewables as appropriate, and we support you in this endeavor.

In fact, at the COP31, we intend to support this vision through a Climate Action Agenda focused on implementation, resilience and real-economy transformation.

In preparation of our COP31 Climate Action Agenda, we give priority into the areas of clean energy transition, zero waste approach focusing on mitigation, climate-resilient cities with reduced emission, Climate Action Implementation Accelerator, green industrialization, food security and prevention of waste, oceans and seas, resilience of vulnerable regions such as Mediterranean along with the Pacific and Africa.

In this context, Africa's adaptation and resilience priorities will remain central to our approach.

We will continue to underline the need to strengthen support for developing countries through enhanced finance, technology transfer and capacity-building.

We will aim at producing outcomes that will accelerate climate action in all fronts through building a constructive bridge between developed and developing countries.

Climate action today requires not only ambition, but also coordination and continuity.

As in all areas of cooperation, we support the notion of "African solutions to African problems", also in terms of climate/environment related challenges.

Therefore, as in the case of clean cooking, we would like to advance progress in line with the priorities of the Continent through our Action Agenda.

We strongly believe that sustained political and technical cooperation among the Presidencies of COP30, COP31 and COP32 will be essential for maintaining continuity and credibility in global climate action.

We therefore attach particular importance to establishing strong coordination and strategic complementarity among Brazil, Türkiye-Australia and Ethiopia toward COP32.

The Africa Climate Talks provide an important platform to strengthen strategic alignment ahead of the COP31 and the COP32.

The road from the COP31 to the COP32 should not be viewed as a series of separate conferences, but rather as a continuous implementation pathway.

Türkiye remains committed to working closely with African partners, Ethiopia, and all stakeholders to ensure that the coming COP cycle delivers practical and inclusive outcomes for all.

We also look forward to working closely with Ethiopia toward a successful COP32.

Last but not least, we would be glad to welcome all leaders of the continent in the COP31 this November in Antalya.