

Concept Note
RCC MENA and SA
COP29 Outcomes Webinar Series:
Part 4 – Climate Finance Outcomes Looking Towards COP30

October 28, 2025 | 14:00-15:30 (GST) via MS Teams

I. Background

The 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), billed as the ‘finance COP,’ concluded on 24 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan, marking several landmark decisions to advance global climate action. At the core of the talks in Baku was the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG), which set a goal of at least USD 300 billion per year by 2035 for developing country Parties for climate action.

The NCQG comes at an especially important time as the next round of NDCs are to be submitted by countries in 2025. The provisioning of adequate climate finance will be a key factor deciding whether these new climate plans will be ambitious enough to limit global warming to 1.5°C and help communities and economies respond to adverse climate impacts.

At COP29, decision [1/CMA.6](#) also launched the ‘Baku to Belem Roadmap to 1.3T’ with the goal to scale up financing to developing country Parties for climate action from all public and private sources to USD 1.3 trillion by 2035. The recently concluded SB62 made further progress on this roadmap, with additional progress expected at COP30. This year has also witnessed advances on the operationalization of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage, alongside other developments related to climate finance.

The MENA and South Asia region is home to a diverse group of countries which are critical to global climate action. However, both these regions still struggle to access adequate financing to implement ambitious mitigation plans as well as adapt to the rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change. The MENA region in particular receives a very low share of the global climate finance at present.

As we approach COP30, it is important to understand the progress on the decisions made at COP29. This will be useful for stakeholder in the MENA and South Asia region to understand what to expect from COP30 and also identify opportunities for implementing the decisions moving forward. This webinar on climate finance as part of the COP29 Outcomes Webinar Series, hosted by RCC MENA and SA and the UNFCCC Secretariat, will provide regional stakeholders with an inclusive platform to understand key elements of the NCQG, analyse its implications, and discuss regional priorities for effective implementation.

Objectives

The webinar series aims to:

- Enhance understanding of the different provisions of the Baku Climate Unity Pact specific to climate finance and progress made on these matters at SB62.
- Raise awareness for implementing COP29 decisions, particularly for developing countries and climate-vulnerable communities

- Foster discussions among regional stakeholders to identify shared priorities and areas for collaboration to accelerate climate finance
- Identify key expectations going towards COP30

II. Format

- Duration: 90 minutes
- Platform: Online via MS Teams

III. Target Audience

- Government representatives and policymakers;
- UN Country Teams;
- Regional centres and organizations;
- Civil society and non-governmental organizations;
- Private sector and businesses;
- Youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, research organizations, and academic institutions.

IV. Agenda

Duration	Topic	Speakers
Moderator: Ms. Ana Vukoje, Regional Lead, RCC MENA and SA		
5'	Introduction and Housekeeping	UNFCCC RCC MENA and SA
20'	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>NCQG and L&D outcomes from COP29 and progress in 2025</i> - <i>Climate finance expectations from COP30</i> 	Samah van Lengerich, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat Fatin Tawfig, Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat
45'	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Reflecting on COP29 and SB62 climate finance outcomes;</i> - <i>Identifying country level implications of climate finance outcomes for MENA and South Asia;</i> - <i>Opportunities for collaboration across stakeholders;</i> - <i>Expectations towards COP30</i> 	Ghaith Mahdi Hamdi, Manager of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement Department, Iraq Thibyan Ibrahim, Director, Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Maldives Representative from Saudi Arabia (TBC) Bradley Todd Hiller, Lead Climate Change Specialist (Mitigation), IsDB Representative from UNDP (TBC)
15'	Q&A	
5'	Closing	UNFCCC Secretariat (TBC)