



Solve Climate by 2030

Multi-Stakeholder Recommendations for Responsible Management Education in Eurasia

Special thanks to participating partners Business Schools for Climate Leadership, Central Asian Regional Environmental Center in Kazakhstan, Global Compact Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, Bard College, Columbia University, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan, and UNESCO.

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Background

The 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29 UNFCCC) is scheduled for November 11-24 in Baku, Azerbaijan. COP29 will serve as a pivotal platform for negotiating international climate policies, advancing climate action, and fostering global cooperation to achieve a sustainable and resilient future. Among the many stakeholders who will participate in the deliberations and negotiations at the annual climate conference, academia and business have a significant role to play in accelerating the climate agenda.

The projected rise in earth's temperature will be disastrous for people and the planet. In just one generation, the global temperature is projected to warm by 1.5 degrees Celsius and between 2-4 degrees Celsius by the end of the century¹. Therefore, proactive measures must be taken now to prevent it.

Building from a similar event hosted by PRME Chapter Eurasia co-Chair, Narxoz University, prior to COP26, the Narxoz team have partnered with the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), the academic initiative of the United Nations Global Compact, the world's largest corporate responsibility network, to initiate dialogue and develop recommendations for business and academia ahead of COP29.

Concept of the event

This online event aims to engage in a multi-stakeholder dialogue, with academia, businesses, students, civil society and the governments of the Eurasian region, in order to produce recommendations on the future of responsible business and management education in the lead up to the COP. This will be done recognizing the unique geographical and cultural connections these countries have and shared interests for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Outcomes

The intended outcome of this event is to prepare a set of multi-stakeholder recommendations in three categories, and to be delivered to business, governments and higher education institutions, ahead of COP negotiations. The three categories include:

¹ [IPCC AR6 SYR SPM.pdf](#)



1. Recommendations for governments (including education ministries) and higher education institutions for making ambitious climate commitments in their policies, strategies, and curricula to be shared with relevant ministries in the region and stakeholders.
2. Recommendations for business on how higher education and the private sector can collaborate to accelerate the SDGs and take bold climate action together (i.e through applied research projects), to be shared with relevant businesses in the region and stakeholders.
3. Recommendations from students for the above two categories (business and higher ed), on what are needs and wants of the next generation of business leaders in terms of green skills and green jobs. This section will also be informed by the outcomes of the UN's Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) Student Action Group event during the High Level Political Forum.
 - a. *Green Skills and Green Jobs Report* launched at the HESI-SAG event in PRME, Global Compact offices on 17 July <https://sos.earth/green-skills-and-green-jobs-report/>
 - b. Recommendations to be shared with all participating organizations and PRME Signatories in the region, for a full list [see here](#).

In parallel, this online event will be used as a precursor for launching and promoting initiatives during COP29 side events and pavilions. Such initiatives can include but are not limited to: the Business Schools for Climate Leadership (BS4CL) for Eurasia, exploring how business schools can contribute to the implementation of the recommendations, exploring topical issues common among the Eurasian countries.

Agenda:



Time (GMT+5)	Agenda item
20 minutes	<p>Opening Remarks, Session Intentions & Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRME Secretariat and Narxoz University, President Dr. Kanat Kozhakhmet
15 minutes	<p>Keynotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aleška Simkic, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Kazakhstan
45 minutes	<p>Panel (Government, Business & International Organizations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meirgul Alpysbayeva, Education National Professional Officer, UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan Yerlan Zhumbayev, Director, Central Asian Regional Environmental Center in Kazakhstan Yulia Yakupbayeva, Chamber of Commerce of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Sustainability Working Group Chair Zamzam Ibrahim, Board Member, Students Organising for Sustainability UK Moderator: Samir Mammadov, UN Global Compact, Country Manager, Azerbaijan <p>Q&A with moderator</p> <p>--- 5 min break ---</p>
15 mins	
45 mins	<p>Second Panel (Academia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fariz Ismailzade, Vice Rector for External, Government and Student Affairs, ADA University, Azerbaijan Abulkhan Alimkhan Bagdatuly, PRME Global Students Regional Leader, Eurasia Shakhboz Akhmedov, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan Sherwat Elwan Ibrahim, Business Schools for Climate Leadership Africa Alex Hope, PRME Working Group on Climate Change and the Environment Moderator: Bard Center for Environmental Policy <p>Q&A with moderator</p>
15 mins	
20 minutes	<p>Closing Remarks, Summarization of Feedback and Call-to-Action</p>



	<p><i>Explanation of delivery of outcome document and summarization for participants, panel experts, governmental representatives.</i></p> <p><i>Preparation for COP29</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brendan Duprey, Director, Sustainable Kazakhstan Research Institute; Co-Chair, PRME Chapter Eurasia
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