COP31 Post-Review Workshop; From Antalya to Addis Ababa: Analysis of COP31 outcomes through a global and African lens

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Background

COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, is the last UN climate conference before COP32 convenes in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2027. As a global Presidency hosted in Africa, COP32 will carry forward the issues left unresolved in Antalya. It will have to broker agreement among all Parties, and it will be judged on how far it delivers for the countries most exposed to climate change.

COP31 also closes a busy year for the three Rio Conventions. UNCCD COP17 met in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, in August 2026, and CBD COP17 met in Yerevan, Armenia, in October 2026. For African countries, climate, biodiversity and land are not separate agendas. They meet in the same landscapes, food systems, livelihoods and national budgets.

The COP31 Post-Review Workshop builds on the Seventh Africa Climate Talks (ACT7) and the Fourteenth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-XIV). It sits outside the formal UNFCCC process and will not negotiate or adopt positions. It is an ECA-convened bridge between COP31 and COP32, where negotiators, the incoming Presidency, experts and partners from Africa and other regions can talk frankly, test ideas and build shared understanding.

Overall Objective

To take stock of COP31 outcomes globally and from an African perspective, in coherence with the outcomes of the other Rio Conventions, and to draw out

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their implications for preparing a successful COP32, a global conference hosted in Africa.

Specifically, the workshop will:

- take stock of COP31 outcomes and assess how far African priorities were reflected in the decisions adopted;
- identify pending and carried-forward issues for COP32, and where negotiating groups converge and diverge;
- examine UNCCD COP17 and CBD COP17 outcomes alongside COP31, and identify opportunities for coherence across the Rio Conventions;
- explore what success at COP32 could look like, and where African priorities and the Presidency's global brokering role reinforce each other;
- identify priority evidence gaps and the analytical work needed before COP32; and
- map key stakeholders and their roles, and outline an indicative calendar of milestones from Antalya to Addis Ababa.

Expected Outputs

- A COP31 assessment synthesis, in global perspective and with an African lens
- A map of pending and carried-forward issues for COP32
- A Rio Conventions coherence note
- Key messages on what success at COP32 could look like
- A stakeholder map and an indicative calendar of milestones and entry points

Participants

The Government of Ethiopia and the COP32 Presidency team; representatives of the COP31 Presidency; the AGN, the LDC Group, African members of

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AOSIS, the Arab Group, and the G77 and China; the African Union Commission, AMCEN, regional economic communities and ClimDev-Africa partners; the UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD Secretariats and AGN chairs; and knowledge, finance, civil-society, youth, women's and private-sector partners from Africa and globally

Strategic Significance

The year between Antalya and Addis Ababa is short. Africa can help COP32 succeed as a global conference by building shared understanding early: of what COP31 delivered, what remains open, and how the climate, biodiversity and land agendas can move forward together. The workshop's findings will inform the work of African negotiating groups, the COP32 Presidency, and ECA's support on the road to COP32.

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