

Dear Ministers, Heads of UN specialized agencies and all participants, I greet you from Azerbaijan and welcome you to Baku!

It is truly an honor to be here today, addressing the challenges faced by children and youth in an era of unprecedented climate impact and resilience building.

I believe, The discussions held within the COP 29 framework platform offer us a unique opportunity to find joint solutions.

In response to the question, As Chairperson of the State Committee, our work is focused on safeguarding the rights and welfare of children and families.

But climate change adds an entirely new dimension to this task. Its effects are not just environmental; they are deeply personal and social.

The disruptions caused by climate change through impacts on education and health are directly affecting children, families, and communities in all countries around the world.

So, their comprehensive development and protection from environmental impacts are not only an investment in the future. They also serve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Human development lies at the heart of our work, and the importance of this focus only grows in the face of climate change.

Climate impacts touch every area of human development, from health and education to economic stability, making it essential that our children are supported holistically.

In our work, we see these challenges up close and recognize that supporting children in the climate context is a responsibility we all share.

Our approach to building climate resilience has involved reaching across regions, communities, and age groups to ensure that children everywhere have the knowledge and support they need to thrive.

It is important to build a climate-literate and climate-empowered one generation. To achieve this, effective and sustainable mechanisms should be established.

For vulnerable communities, climate change poses considerable economic and social challenges.

To address these, social protection and safety nets should be strengthened, including financial support for those impacted by climate events.

Moreover, we consider the creation of early warning systems for extreme heat, infections, air pollution, nutrition, and food security are substantial.

Ensuring that children have access to sufficient clean drinking water, establishing green spaces and parks, preparing rescue plans in advance are all critically important.

We are fully aware that building climate resilience for future generations is the responsibility of any single sector.

So, collaboration with educational institutions, healthcare providers, local governments, and international organizations are key for creating a seamless network.

As we continue our mission to protect and empower children, we recognize that climate resilience is deeply linked to social one, where children and families need stable support, access to health services.

They need to be assured that they will not be left behind in times of environmental upheaval.

Human Development Initiative and its Baku Guiding Principles, launched by the COP29 Presidency is a step in the right direction.

For the first time, holistic human development climate action has been brought to the COP agenda, with a special focus on children and youth.

In conclusion, I want to emphasize that every step we take to support our children in facing climate change is an investment in our shared future.

Therefore, I call on everyone to play a more active role in this important mission and to unite in solidarity for a green world.

Thank you.