
Subject: COP29 Preparations
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This memo is written to brief the Council during the meeting on Tuesday 19th November in Cape Town on WLGA's preparations for COP29 which will be held from 11th to 22nd November in Baku, Azerbaijan.

I. Overview

In November 2024, the international community will come together in Baku for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties' 29th negotiations (COP29). These crucial meetings, hosted for the first time by Azerbaijan come a year after the release of the first Global Stocktake and the crucial COP28 meetings held in Dubai in December 2023. They also follow the landmark global summit on clean cooking in Africa which was convened by the International Energy Agency (IEA) on 14th May 2024 in Paris.

II. WLGA's participation

Climate change is a long-term challenge for the Liquid Gas industry, as it attempts to reposition itself for the reality of a low carbon future. To be successful the industry must be more engaged in the UNFCCC process, moving beyond a previous posture of monitoring and reporting. In COP29 WLGA will build on its efforts in previous COPs to engage with existing and new stakeholders and explore opportunities to raise awareness about WLGA and the Liquid Gas industry while providing members with communications and advocacy support as well as insights into the UNFCCC process, outcomes, and potential impacts on the industry.

III. Activities

WLGA will manage a series of activities, before, during and after the COP meetings in Baku:

a. Pre-COP activities and deliverables

- Preparation of annual WLGA statement related to COP and issues under discussion. This statement is created with local member companies when possible and available for members to use in their communications.
- In the run up to COP29 WLGA has been participating in COP working groups, task forces and meetings convened by UNFCCC recognised organisations such as the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the International Oil and Gas Association (IPIECA).

b. At COP activities and deliverables

- On 13th November WLGA will hold a side-event on the Africa LPG Roadmap which is being created as part of the work of the Cooking For Life Africa Task Force (CFLA). This event will feature the participation of the Deputy Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ms Jane Nishida, and the Executive Director of the African Refiners Association (ARDA), Mr Anibor Kragha. Representatives from IPIECA and Burn Manufacturing will also participate. The event will be held in the ICC Pavilion in the Blue Zone which is restricted to UNFCCC accredited organisations and negotiators. A summary of this event will be published and made available for members.
- WLGA will run a comprehensive social media campaign during COP28 to promote industry and WLGA's role in the climate change discussions.
- WLGA will identify key stakeholders at COP, engage with them and provide them with information about WLGA's activities and positions. Outcomes to be shared with membership.

c. Post COP29 activities and deliverables

- A post-COP29 briefing will be held during LPG Week in Cape Town on Thursday 21st November open to all delegates.
- WLGA will create and share an annual post-COP analysis with members and stakeholders focusing on potential immediate and long-term impacts of any discussions or agreements at a global, regional and national level.