

**Action Center** 

#AllInAtCOP29

**COP29 EVENTS PROGRAM** 

November 14 - 16, 2024

**Updated: November 15** 

This year, the America Is All In Action Center is located at the WWF Pavilion (G28) in the Blue Zone.

## Welcome to the America Is All In Action Center!



Thank you for joining us at the *America Is All In (All In)* Action Center during the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan!

From **November 14 - 16**, the *All In* Action Center will be jam-packed with events and discussions. Mayors, private sector partners, leaders in environmental justice, and more will come together in Baku to highlight their climate leadership on the global stage as they compare experiences with fellow subnational leaders from around the world.

Whether participating in person or virtually, explore a few resources below to help enhance your COP29 experience:

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Our Events (1)

**ALL IN ACTION CENTER** 

**DAY 1 - NOVEMBER 14** 

**DAY 2 - NOVEMBER 15** 

**DAY 3 - NOVEMBER 16** 

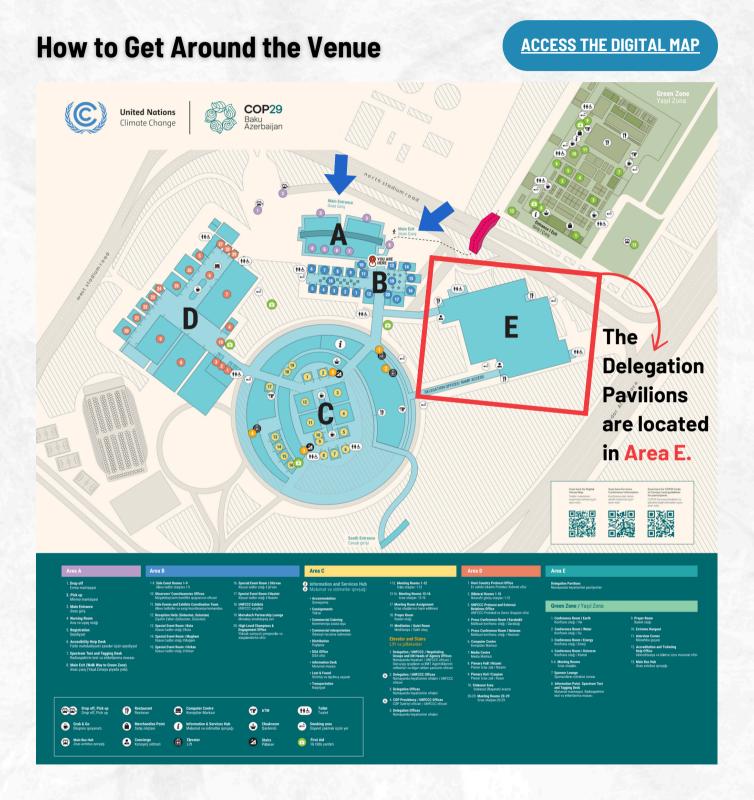
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## Thursday, November 14

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9:00 AM - 9:45 AM BAKU

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AMERICA IS ALL IN TOWN HALL WITH ALI ZAIDI, WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL CLIMATE ADVISOR

HOSTED BY AMERICA IS ALL IN

**CONFIRM YOUR INTEREST** 

America Is All In coalition members are invited to join a town hall discussion with Ali Zaidi, National Climate Advisor. In this session, Ali Zaidi will provide insights on the current progress on the Biden-Harris Administration's climate strategies, including implementation of Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This will also be an opportunity to discuss what's next for ensuring lasting success of these and other policies.

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## AMERICA IS ALL IN ACTION CENTER: COP29 OPENING CEREMONY

HOSTED BY AMERICA IS ALL IN

Join us for the opening of the America Is All In Action Center at COP29! This event features an exciting lineup of subnational leaders advancing climate action in the United States.

Panelists will speak about their enduring commitment to ambitious climate action and what they see as critical areas for progress at this moment and heading into a new federal administration following the results of the recent presidential election.

Mayor Melisa Logan, City of Blytheville, Arkansas

Patrick Hamilton, Fellow, Science Museum of Minnesota

Barry Parkin, Chief Procurement & Sustainability Officer, Mars, Incorporated

Elizabeth Lien, Senior Director, Federal Climate Policy and Subnational

Programs, WWF-US & Program Director, America Is All In

Sara Aminzadeh, Deputy Secretary, Natural Resources Agency, State of

California

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#### DRIVING AMBITIOUS CLIMATE GOALS: LEVERAGING ALL-OF-SOCIETY ACTION FOR THE U.S. 2035 NDC

CO-HOSTED BY THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Join the Center for Global Sustainability (CGS) at the University of Maryland to discover how leadership and action from all sectors and levels of society are critical to implementing an ambitious 2035 NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution). Leveraging an all-of-society approach to climate action - rooted in fundamental action from federal and non-federal actors- is critical to keeping a 1.5-degree pathway within reach.

Cities, states, businesses, and other parts of U.S. society have consistently been climate leaders and innovators, and as the United States prepares to set its new 2035 climate goal, new CGS research shows that they remain key in reaching an ambitious new NDC and can deliver significant reductions in the absence of strong climate leadership.

Serena McIlwain, Secretary of the Environment, Maryland
 Anna Lising, Senior Climate Advisor to Governor Inslee
 Eric Holdsworth, Director of Climate Programs, Edison Electric Institute
 Elizabeth Lien, Senior Director, Federal Climate Policy and Subnational
 Programs, WWF-US & Program Director, America Is All In
 Ryna Cui, Associate Research Professor and Acting Director, Center for Global
 Sustainability, University of Maryland
 Yana Garcia, Secretary for Environmental Protection, California Environmental

**Protection Agency** 

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# NO TURNING BACK: U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE GOVERNORS CONFRONTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS & BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

CO-HOSTED BY U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE

The unprecedented surge of investment, collaboration, and action from the Alliance's 24 member states and territories – alongside the Biden-Harris administration – are eliminating harmful climate pollution, growing the economy, and transforming communities across America. Join founding member of the U.S. Climate Alliance and All In Co-Chair Washington **Governor**Jay Inslee alongside National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi for a conversation with top federal leadership about the durability, continuity, and strength of state-led climate action and the path being charting to our net-zero future.

**Jay Inslee,** Governor of Washington **Ali Zaidi**, National Climate Advisor

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# ALL IN ON CLIMATE RESILIENCE: STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT

CO-HOSTED BY FEMA AND AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

As climate threats grow, communities need innovative, collaborative approaches to build resilience at scale. This panel will feature leaders from federal and local government and the private sector to discuss adaptation strategies including nature-based solutions, equitable decision-making approaches, and cross-sector collaboration. Case studies will show how technical expertise, community leadership, and federal support can come together to drive tailored solutions.

**Kimberly Dowdell**, 2024 President, American Institute for Architects **Victoria Salinas**, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Deputy Administrator for Resilience, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) **Amanda McCarty**, Director, Climate-Ready Nation initiative, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Mayor Tim Keller, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

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AMERICA IS ALL IN TOWN HALL WITH NOAA AND FEMA

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Members of the America Is All In coalition are invited to a town hall with Amanda McCarty, Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate-Ready Nation initiative, and Victoria Salinas, Acting Deputy Administrator for Resilience at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This session offers mayors, state officials, corporate partners, university leaders, and nonprofits a chance to engage with federal leaders on climate adaptation and resilience. Participants will discuss successes, challenges, and opportunities, including the role of new federal funding and other Biden Administration resources, and explore how partners at all levels can collaborate to accelerate local and regional resilience action.

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# ADVANCING CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

HOSTED BY AMERICA IS ALL IN

A panel of climate justice and equity experts will explore how U.S. policy can be leveraged to advance climate justice and deliver tangible benefits for disadvantaged communities. The discussion will highlight the opportunities and challenges presented by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and Justice40 initiative in supporting climate justice goals. Panelists will also address how environmental justice communities can engage with these tools to further the climate justice agenda.

Mayor Martha Guerrero, West Sacramento City, California

Jamez Staples, President, Renewable Energy Partners Inc.

Crystal Upperman, Senior Manager at Deloitte & Board Member at WE ACT for Environmental Justice

**Cheryl Kwapong**, Executive Project Manager, The Chisholm Legacy Project: A Resource Hub for Black Frontline Climate Justice

Ryan Finnegan, Manager, Strategy and Partnerships, WWF-US

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# INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS & SOLUTIONS FOR A CLEAN, RELIABLE GRID

CO-HOSTED BY CLEAN ENERGY BUYERS ASSOCIATION (CEBA)

The infrastructure, markets, and systems for delivering electricity in the United States is undergoing rapid shifts as the critical work to make that electricity clean and renewable.

Increasing impacts from climate hazards brings greater risk to reliability and safety at the same time. Hear from leaders in the utility sector on what they are doing to reach net zero goals while building the kind of grid we need, as well as major corporate buyers on how their growing electricity needs will scale renewables scale renewables development in the U.S. and globally.

**Julie Taylor**, Senior Vice President of Commercial, Regulatory, and Supply Chain, National Grid

Caroline Choi, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Public Policy, Southern California Edison and Edison International Eric Gibbs, Senior Vice President of Global Programs, CEBA Kerry Constabile, Director, Decarbonization Strategy, Amazon

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# SUBNATIONAL CLIMATE LEADERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES: TRANSFORMING AMBITIONS INTO ACTION

CO-HOSTED BY THE CLIMATE REGISTRY

Accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy and achieving net-zero goals requires ambitious subnational action. Climate leaders from U.S. states will explore policies and best practices needed to tackle critical challenges such as GHG emissions reduction, equity, and ensuring climate resilience.

These leaders will discuss how U.S. states can accelerate their initiatives and ambition to further climate goals and how to best navigate advancing strategic priorities with the federal government.

Alexa Voytek, Deputy Director, Office of Energy Programs, Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Amy Holm, Executive Director, The Climate Registry
Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington
Serena McIlwain, Secretary of the Environment, Maryland
Travis Kellerman, Senior Climate Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Michelle
Lujan Grisham

Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency

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# LEVERAGING US-DEVELOPED INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION TO ACHIEVE CLEAN ENERGY GOALS AND A RESILIENT FUTURE

CO-HOSTED BY INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL AND U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

In the fragmented and often nationalized world of standardization, U.S.-developed international standards and building codes are sometimes overlooked by jurisdictions around the world seeking ways to achieve safer, greener, more resilient buildings. These internationally applied building codes and standards, developed through WTO-compliant processes by globally-relevant, US-based organizations are science-based, innovative and ideally suited to provide mitigative and adaptive solutions to engineered buildings worldwide.

Learn from U.S.-based standards developers about how national and local governments around the world have used their tools to achieve climate goals along with innovation and resilience in the built environment.

**Teresa Cendrowska**, Vice President of Global Cooperation, ASTM International **Dean Frank**, Executive Director, NEU: An ACI Center of Excellence **Jim Wolf**, ASHRAE Presidential Member

**Dr. Oday Hatim Al Buhamad**, Director-Standards & Metrology, Gulf Standardization Organization

Ryan Colker, Vice President of Innovation, International Code Council

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# RETHINKING DECISION-MAKING IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS

CO-HOSTED BY BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

In both a carbon- and budget-constrained world, the calculus public and private sector actors and civil society alike make when faced with a decision to upgrade key energy assets must also price in a range of economic, environmental, health, and operational benefits, to truly account for today's and tomorrow's cost of inaction or delay.

This panel of practitioners will define the true benefit-cost of sustainable energy upgrades and share project experiences that have delivered a broad suite of climate benefits, demonstrating how a more holistic view enables solution implementation.

Bob Hinkle, President and CEO, Metrus Energy
Kevin Rabinovitch, Vice President, Mars
Mayor Hollies Winston, City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and
Environment & Chief Sustainability Officer
Laura Tierney, Vice President, International Programs, Business Council for
Sustainable Energy

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#### **ACCELERATE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRESS WITH AI**

CO-HOSTED BY EMERSON, ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, MICROSOFT, AND GOOGLE

Digital solutions, such as advanced analytics and AI, are rapidly reshaping energy systems – offering new ways to improve the efficiency, flexibility, and reliability of existing and future assets. Al offers unique capability to accelerate decarbonization and provide insight to improve investment plans, which is particularly important for complex asset-intensive sectors. Already, AI is boosting renewable deployment, enabling more efficient integration of biofeedstocks, and improving maintenance programs to ensure more resilient operations.

Mike Train, Chief Sustainability Officer, Emerson
Paige Marie Morse, Enterprise Director, Sustainability, Aspen Technology
Adam Elman, Director of Regional Sustainability, Google
Michelle Billig Patron, General Manager, Sustainability, Microsoft

#### **6:30 PM BAKU**

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#### **AMERICA IS ALL IN EVENING RECEPTION**

HOSTED BY AMERICA IS ALLIN

#### **REGISTER**

#### Walk-ins are welcome!

Join us for an evening with subnational leaders from the U.S. and around the world at the *America Is All In* Evening Reception. Enjoy cocktails, appetizers, and engaging conversations with fellow climate champions attending COP29.

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# AMERICA IS ALL IN TOWN HALL WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

HOSTED BY AMERICA IS ALL IN

America Is All In coalition members are invited to a town hall discussion with **Ethan Zindler**, Climate Counselor to U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, and **Bella Tonkonogy**, Senior Advisor in the Treasury Climate Hub. This session offers a unique opportunity for mayors, state officials, corporate partners, university leaders, healthcare officials, and nonprofit partners to engage directly with federal representatives.

Participants will discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), challenges in accessing financing and tax benefits, and insights into how the IRA benefits environmental justice communities. This is a crucial chance to collaborate and advance climate action across sectors, including discussions on IRA implementation, hurdles faced, and missed opportunities for accessing funding and tax incentives.

This is an in-person opportunity in the Blue Zone of COP29. Final attendance will be based on capacity limits and ensuring an equitable balance of participants across different constituencies. Participants will receive a confirmation email prior to Saturday, November 16.

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**U.S. SENATORS ON THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE LEGISLATION** 

CO-HOSTED BY THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF-US)

This session offers a view into how the U.S. Congress will advance smart policy options to advance U.S. climate leadership in 2025 and beyond. Join Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Edward Markey for this pertinent conversation taking place not long after the U.S. election.

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Rhode Island
Senator Edward Markey, Massachusetts
Marcene Mitchell, Senior Vice President of Climate Change, WWF-US

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# MEETING MISSION THROUGH EFFICIENCY, CLEAN ENERGY, AND HEALTHIER AIR

CO-HOSTED BY U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

This event is a fireside chat with Honorable Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment and DOD's Chief Sustainability Officer. The Hon. Owens is leading the decarbonization and renewable energy deployment of DOD facilities and buildings. The discussion will in particular highlight the DOD's work on energy security, building resilience in local defense communities, the approach to clean energy on installations, and how DOD is working to support service members and families through improved quality housing. The focus will be on holding US DOD as a model for other countries; emphasizing the importance of this work with mission; and highlighting collaboration across sectors.

**Liz Beardsley,** Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council **Honorable Brendan Owens,** Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment and DOD Chief Sustainability Officer

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# CLIMATE ACTION AS THE FOURTH MISSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION

CO-HOSTED BY SECOND NATURE

Climate solutions provide an important opportunity for higher education to fully embrace four missions of research, teaching, social benefit, and co-creation. Climate change provides an important test case for understanding how well the multi-mission theory is working in practice. This panel will share perspectives on how US higher education is partnering with institutions in Canada and Mexico to accelerate climate action across topics and borders based on these four missions.

**Paola Visconte Arizpe,** Director of Sustainable Development and Engagement, Tec de Monterrey

**Carol Liao,** Associate Professor & UBC Sauder Distinguished Fellow Co-Director, UBC Centre for Climate Justice

Tim Carter, President, Second Nature

Elan Kyser, Student, Ohio State, University

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# TRAILBLAZERS, CHANGEMAKERS, AND INNOVATORS: WOMEN CLIMATE LEADERS FROM THE U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE AND AMERICA IS ALL IN

CO-HOSTED BY U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE AND AMERICA IS ALL IN

Women in America's climate-leading states, cities, businesses, and institutions are advancing cutting-edge climate action and solutions and accelerating the transition to a net-zero future. For a third year running, join top female leaders representing the U.S. Climate Alliance and America Is All In for a discussion on how they got their start, the unique perspectives they bring, challenges they face in their roles, their top climate and clean energy priorities, opportunities for collaboration, and much, much more.

Marcene Mitchell, Senior Vice President of Climate Change, WWF-US Mayor Melisa Logan, City of Blytheville, Arkansas
Serena McIlwain, Secretary of the Environment, Maryland
Michelle Patron, General Manager, Sustainability, Microsoft
Taryn Finnessey, Managing Director, U.S. Climate Alliance

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# FROM THE GROUND UP: LEADING CLIMATE AMBITION THROUGH COORDINATED MULTI-LEVEL ACTION AND DATA-DRIVEN POLICY

CO-HOSTED BY ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Join us for an event that delves into the power of a whole-of-society approach to drive greater ambition in the new NDC cycle and fast-track climate action. Discover how the combination of scientific analysis and collective advocacy from diverse subnational voices can shape and implement impactful climate policies. During the event, we will also unveil the report A Whole-of-Society Approach to Collective Advocacy: Evidence from the Alliances for Climate Action, featuring powerful case studies from Argentina, Chile, Japan, the UAE, the U.S., and Vietnam, showcasing real-world examples of how united efforts can lead to ambitious climate solutions.

**Manuel Pulgar Vidal**, WWF Climate & Energy Global Practice Leader **Ramiro Fernández**, Campaigns Director, UN High Level Champions of Climate Action for COP29

**Urszula Kasperek**, Head, CHAMP National Engagement, C40 x GCoM Joint Program **Ryna Cui**, Associate Research Professor and Acting Director, Center for Global Sustainability at the University of Maryland

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# UNITING FOR CHANGE: COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY FROM A WHOLE-OF-SOCIETY PERSPECTIVE IN ARGENTINA, CHILE, JAPAN, UAE, USA, AND VIET NAM

CO-HOSTED BY ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Discover how non-state actors are leading the charge in climate policy through the Alliances for Climate Action. This event will highlight six case studies from Argentina, Chile, Japan, the UAE, the USA, and Vietnam, showcasing how subnational governments, civil society, and businesses unite to influence national decarbonization strategies. Hear firsthand how ACAs use collective advocacy to drive ambitious climate commitments and policy change.

**Pilar Bueno Rubial**, Undersecretary of Climate Change and Just Ecological Transition of Rosario, Argentina

Mayor Claudio Castro Salas, City of Renca, Chile Sergio Kato, Japan Climate Initiative Co-representative, Japan Hợp Vũ Thị Bích, Executive Director Center for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD), Viet Nam.

Frankie McDermott, Chief Operating Officer, Sacramento Municipal Utility District