

# Report: COP29 Participation

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## Introduction

This report outlines my participation in the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The event, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, provided a platform for global discussions and negotiations on climate change mitigation, adaptation, and finance.



## Key Activities and Contributions

### 1. Youth Engagement and Empowerment:

- Active Participation in YOUNGO Events: Attended numerous YOUNGO-organized sessions, workshops, and discussions, contributing to the global youth voice on climate action. While joining the event “ Youth Gathering” organised by the ministry of Bangladesh, I got to learn more ways of working in the policy

making process in the Bangladeshi context as learnt the points and suggestions from the chief advisor Dr. Mohammad Yunus.

- Youth Leadership and Advocacy: Participated in leadership roles within YOUNGO, advocating for youth priorities and ensuring their inclusion in decision-making processes.
- Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building: Facilitated workshops and training sessions for young climate activists, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to drive climate action. As i facilitated and also was a presenter at the youth event arranged by ICCCAD and Share Hub while many youth leaders from Asia presented their own initiatives or project works. At the Bangladesh pavilion, I with my team, Youthnet Global arranged a workshop about Just Transition with the support of the German embassy and FES. I joined one of the event organised by the Danish embassy, which was about the innovative technologies

which can ensure sustainable science and climatic adaptation technologies.



## 2. Policy Advocacy and Negotiations:

- Followed Negotiations on Critical Issues: Closely monitored negotiations on key issues such as loss and damage, climate finance, and mitigation.
- Engaged with Negotiators and Decision-Makers: Interacted with negotiators and policymakers to advocate for ambitious climate action and equitable climate solutions.
- Contributed to Policy Briefs and Recommendations: Developed and submitted policy briefs and recommendations to influence the outcome of the negotiations.



### 3. Public Awareness and Outreach:

- **Media Engagements:** Participated in interviews with Jamuna TV, Ekhon TV, Dipto TV and The Climate Watch to raise awareness about climate change and the importance of youth involvement.
- **Social Media Advocacy:** Utilized social media platforms to share experiences, insights, and calls to action, reaching a wider audience.
- **Community Outreach and Mobilization:** Organized and participated in community events, rallies, and protests to mobilize public support for climate action. Showed solidarity with Palestine including wearing a kifaya all along the COP29.



#### 4. Project Implementation and Innovation:

- **INFLUENCERS-The Path Led by Knowledge:** Presented and discussed the project at the Cap-Res youth event, highlighting its potential to influence and empower policy makers and green initiators about climate-induced internally displaced people in Bangladesh..
- **Video Documentary Launch:** Launched a documentary showcasing the experiences of climate migrants in Bangladesh, raising awareness about their challenges and resilience.





### Key Learnings and Reflections

- International Cooperation: Collaborative efforts among nations are essential to address the global climate crisis.
- Climate Justice: It is crucial to ensure that climate policies and actions are equitable and just, particularly for vulnerable communities. Like coming back after cop, i as a climate activist and advocate is trying to influence policies and our systems by focusing on our running and upcoming climate projects with a specific focus.
- Innovation and Technology: Innovative solutions and technological advancements can accelerate climate action. Thats what we are gonna focus more on the adaptation finance and finance mechanisms in our country first.
- The Role of Civil Society: Civil society organizations play a crucial role in holding governments accountable and driving climate action. As well as cso's should be collaborating with young professionals and making sure of the project implementation and monitoring.

### Recommendations for Future COPs

Improved Youth Involvement: Expand the number of young representatives and provide them more chances to take part in official talks.

Improved Youth-Policymaker Communication: To close the gap between climate science and policy, encourage more formal conversations between young people and decision-makers.

More Funding for Youth-Led Climate Initiatives: Increase funding for climate projects and initiatives driven by young people.

Increased Accountability and Transparency: Boost accountability for climate pledges and increase transparency in the negotiating process.



## Conclusion

The opportunity to interact with world leaders, climate specialists, and other activists was made possible by COP29. I helped the global effort to confront the climate problem by actively taking part in a number of events, promoting bold climate action, and exchanging insights and experiences. I'm determined to keep up my advocacy for climate change and attempt to positively influence next generations.

Some of the media engagements and portfolios you can see are attached below-

<https://theclimatewatch.com/saila-a-young-climate-justice-warrior-from-barishal/>

[https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/fragile-countries-make-20-bln-climate-finance-push-cop29-letter-says-2024-11-15/?fbclid=IwY2xjawG2zDxleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHZw1wptXIQidWqyCNd79mJWGdyYugtWD4gFJijTbjnsLbyof19AIB03dww\\_aem\\_MqFKaLaDkhgURUjfy1Z6jg](https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/sustainable-finance-reporting/fragile-countries-make-20-bln-climate-finance-push-cop29-letter-says-2024-11-15/?fbclid=IwY2xjawG2zDxleHRuA2FibQlxMQABHZw1wptXIQidWqyCNd79mJWGdyYugtWD4gFJijTbjnsLbyof19AIB03dww_aem_MqFKaLaDkhgURUjfy1Z6jg)

<https://youtu.be/GZSEtXEV3OA?si=dU1gX7EpXhyLypXz>

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