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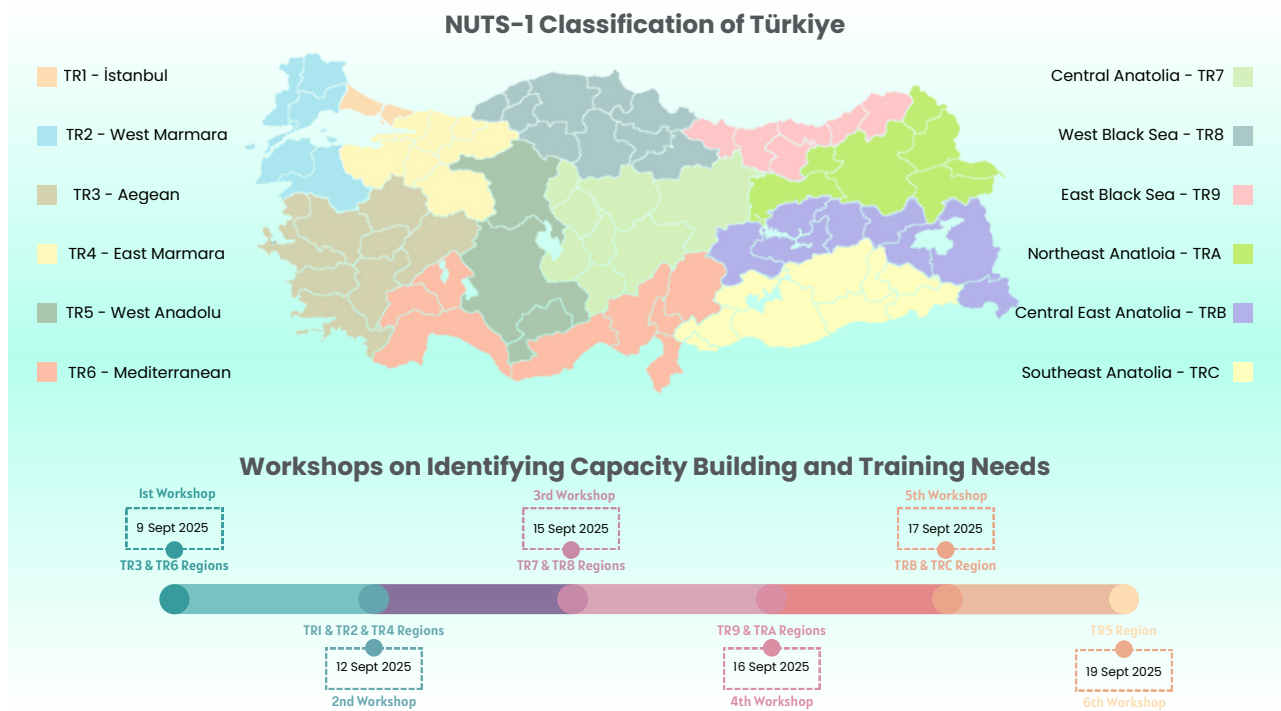


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WORKSHOPS ON IDENTIFYING CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING NEEDS BROUGHT STAKEHOLDERS TOGETHER

Capacity Development and Training Needs Assessment Workshops were organized between 9 and 19 September 2025 to assess the technical and administrative capacities of local authorities and relevant stakeholders.

The workshop series consisted of six sessions and brought together approximately 450 representatives from Türkiye's 12 NUTS-1 regions. The first five workshops were held online on 9, 12, 15, 16, and 17 September, while the final session took place in person in Ankara on 19 September 2025.



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THE POWER OF EDUCATION IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSED IN ŞANLIURFA

“Awareness-Raising Conference on Non-Formal Education Approaches in Climate Change” was held in Şanlıurfa on 7 November 2025.

During the conference, UNDP Türkiye and partner institutions addressed climate scenarios, the outcomes of local-level climate action, and educational approaches from the perspective of science centers. In the panel sessions that followed, representatives from public institutions, municipalities, civil society organizations, and experts shared good practices, local experiences, and outreach strategies aimed at increasing climate awareness among youth, women, and vulnerable groups.



Throughout the event, the transformative roles of non-formal education institutions, local actors, and civil society in combating climate change were discussed. Participants came together around a shared vision to strengthen collaboration, expand the dissemination of educational content, and enhance local climate awareness.



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COP30: DECISIONS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION ON THE AGENDA

The 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in November 2025 in Belém, Brazil, marked an important milestone in assessing progress in the implementation of the Paris Agreement. Convened following the first Global Stocktake, the conference clearly demonstrated that current global efforts remain misaligned with the 1.5°C target. This assessment once again underscored the need for countries to back their climate commitments with stronger and more decisive implementation measures.



Adaptation emerged as one of the prominent themes at COP30. Within the framework of the Global Goal on Adaptation, discussions emphasized the importance of enhancing resilience to the impacts of climate change and of monitoring progress in a more systematic manner. In this context, advancing work on adaptation indicators was highlighted as a key step to enable countries and local actors to better assess implementation on the ground. The capacity of locally driven adaptation efforts to deliver tangible results in addressing climate risks was frequently underlined throughout the COP30 process.

International cooperation and carbon markets also featured prominently on the COP30 agenda. Discussions stressed the need for carbon markets to operate within a transparent, credible framework that safeguards environmental integrity. Assessments indicated that, if appropriately designed, such mechanisms could contribute meaningfully to emission reduction targets.

Climate finance was among the core issues addressed during the COP30 negotiations. Developing countries emphasized their need for more predictable and accessible financial resources to implement adaptation and mitigation actions. Aligning global financial flows with the objectives of the Paris Agreement was seen as critical, particularly for ensuring the sustainability of local-level climate initiatives. In this regard, the confirmation of Türkiye's hosting of COP31 following COP30 presents a significant opportunity to further elevate local climate action on the international stage.



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UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE (COP31) TO BE HELD IN TÜRKİYE!

The decision to host the 2026 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Türkiye will further strengthen the country's role in combating climate change, while also providing renewed momentum for local-level climate action initiatives across the country.



Hosting COP31 in Antalya carries particular significance as it coincides with the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement.

In this context, COP31 has the potential to serve as a key platform for discussing how global climate targets can be reinforced through concrete, on-the-ground implementation. Antalya's hosting of the conference can help make the role of local governments, cities, and regional actors in climate action more visible, while also strengthening Türkiye's position as a shaping force in climate policies across the Mediterranean basin and the wider region.



This approach, placing local climate action at the center, can contribute to advancing practical and inclusive solutions as the Paris Agreement enters its second decade of implementation.



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AWARENESS RAISING CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE ACTION IN TÜRKİYE AFTER COP30 HELD IN ISTANBUL!

Within the scope of the EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project, the “Raising Awareness on Climate Action in Türkiye after COP30 Conference” was held in Istanbul on 12 December 2025. The conference focused on the key themes emerging from global climate negotiations following COP30 and examined how these developments are reflected in Türkiye’s national and local climate policies. The opening remarks conveyed important messages outlining Türkiye’s and the international community’s perspectives on climate action in the post-COP30 period.

In his opening speech, Orhan Solak, Deputy Director of the Climate Change, emphasized that Türkiye is increasingly affected by climate change-related disasters and that climate change has become a tangible part of daily life. Noting that 2024 was the hottest year on record, Solak underlined that the decisions taken at COP30 must not remain at the level of intent, stressing the importance of measurable, monitorable actions with concrete impacts on the ground. He also highlighted that COP31, to be hosted by Türkiye in Antalya, presents a critical opportunity for advancing local-level implementation of strong policies with a particular focus on climate finance needs, Global Goal on Adaptation indicators, and the social dimensions of climate action.

In her remarks, Monica Merino, UNDP Türkiye Resident Representative, recalled that the Paris Agreement is entering its tenth year, emphasizing that the coming period will be decisive in moving from planning to implementation. Highlighting that climate change directly affects societies and economies through impacts such as heatwaves, droughts, forest fires, and biodiversity loss, Merino stated that the outcomes of COP30 place implementation, finance, and solidarity at the center of global climate action. She described Türkiye’s announcement of its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) at COP30 as a significant step forward and noted that COP31 represents an important opportunity to strengthen Türkiye’s regional climate leadership. Merino reaffirmed UNDP’s continued commitment to supporting local climate action and enhancing the capacities of relevant stakeholders.



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Maria Luisa Wyganowski, Head of Cooperation Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye, stated that the post-COP30 period marks the beginning of a transition “from targets to implementation” on the road to COP31. Emphasizing that the European Union continues to demonstrate global leadership in line with the objectives of the European Green Deal, Wyganowski noted that more than EUR 1.5 billion has been provided to Türkiye to date under IPA funds, supporting initiatives in the fields of environment, climate action, and sustainable infrastructure.

Highlighting the key outcomes of COP30, Wyganowski underlined increased financing for adaptation, the development of global adaptation indicators, the Gender Action Plan, and the just transition mechanism as central elements of the negotiations. She concluded by reaffirming that the European Union stands ready to continue its close cooperation with Türkiye throughout the COP31 process.



The panels organized as part of the event addressed Türkiye’s COP30 process and national climate agenda, the financing of the green transition, and the role of civil society and international organizations in climate action. Representatives from public institutions, international financial institutions, local governments, and civil society emphasized the importance of implementation-oriented policies, access to finance, and inclusive participation to ensure that climate targets translate into tangible action on the ground. The conference provided an important platform for strengthening awareness of climate action in Türkiye in the post-COP30 period and for enhancing cooperation among stakeholders.



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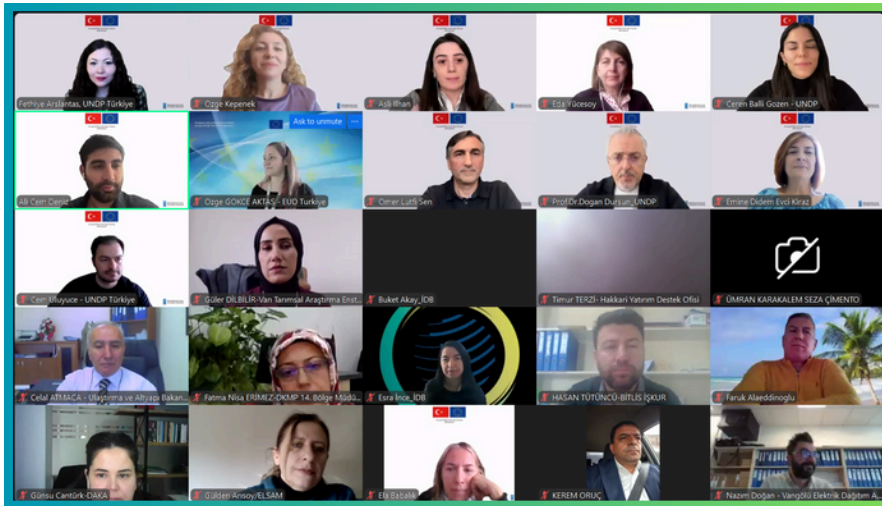


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REGIONAL VULNERABILITY AND RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOPS LAUNCHED ACROSS ALL REGIONS

Within the scope of the EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project, workshops launched under Regional Vulnerability and Risk Assessment component were organized for all 12 NUTS-1 regions across Türkiye.

In this context, the workshops for the TRC and TRB regions were held online, taking place on 17–18 December 2025 for the TRC Region and 24–25 December 2025 for the TRB Region. Each workshop lasted two days and focused on regional impacts of climate change, as well as vulnerabilities and risks affecting priority sectors, including urban and rural settlements, water resources management, health, and other climate-sensitive sectors.



As part of the programme, sessions were delivered on climate projections, the vulnerability and risk assessment methodology, and sectoral analyses, while interactive assessment sessions enabled participants to actively contribute their regional perspectives and inputs to the process.

Implemented with the contributions of UNDP Türkiye and the Directorate of Climate Change, the workshops aim to identify climate-related risks for each NUTS-1 region through a holistic, scientific, and participatory approach, while strengthening climate adaptation capacity at local and regional levels.

The workshops, scheduled to be held regularly across all regions between December and February, will continue with the TRA Region as the next step in January 2026.



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ABOUT PROJECT

EU Partnership for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project, funded by the European Union under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance-III (IPA III) Funds and implemented by United Nations Development Programme, launched on 1 May 2023. The End Recipient is the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Directorate of Climate Change.

The project, which has a duration of 60 months, aims to support Türkiye in its efforts to combat climate change through increased implementation capacity at the local level and to sustainable, low-carbon, and climate-resilient development. Project's objectives are to:

- Improve climate risk assessment capacity at local, regional and national levels
- improve local climate action planning capacity
- Enhance local decision-making and implementation capacity for climate action
- Improve public awareness and local stakeholder capabilities and collaboration to implement climate actions
- Provide technical assistance to climate change grant programme

The target groups are the public institutions, municipalities, local administrations, regional and provincial directorates, development agencies, chambers, unions, universities, research institutes and civil society organizations. The target groups of the operation include all relevant local stakeholders and citizens.

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