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Rapid Readout: Updates from Antalya
Tuesday, November 10, 10-10:30 AM
Thursday, November 19, 10-10:30 AM
Tuesday, November 24, 10-10:30 AM

From Ambition to Action: State Capacity and the Next Era of Environmental Policy

Wednesday, December 2, 3:00 - 4:30 PM
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COP31 and the UN Climate Change Process

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What is the COP?

Formal Treaty Body

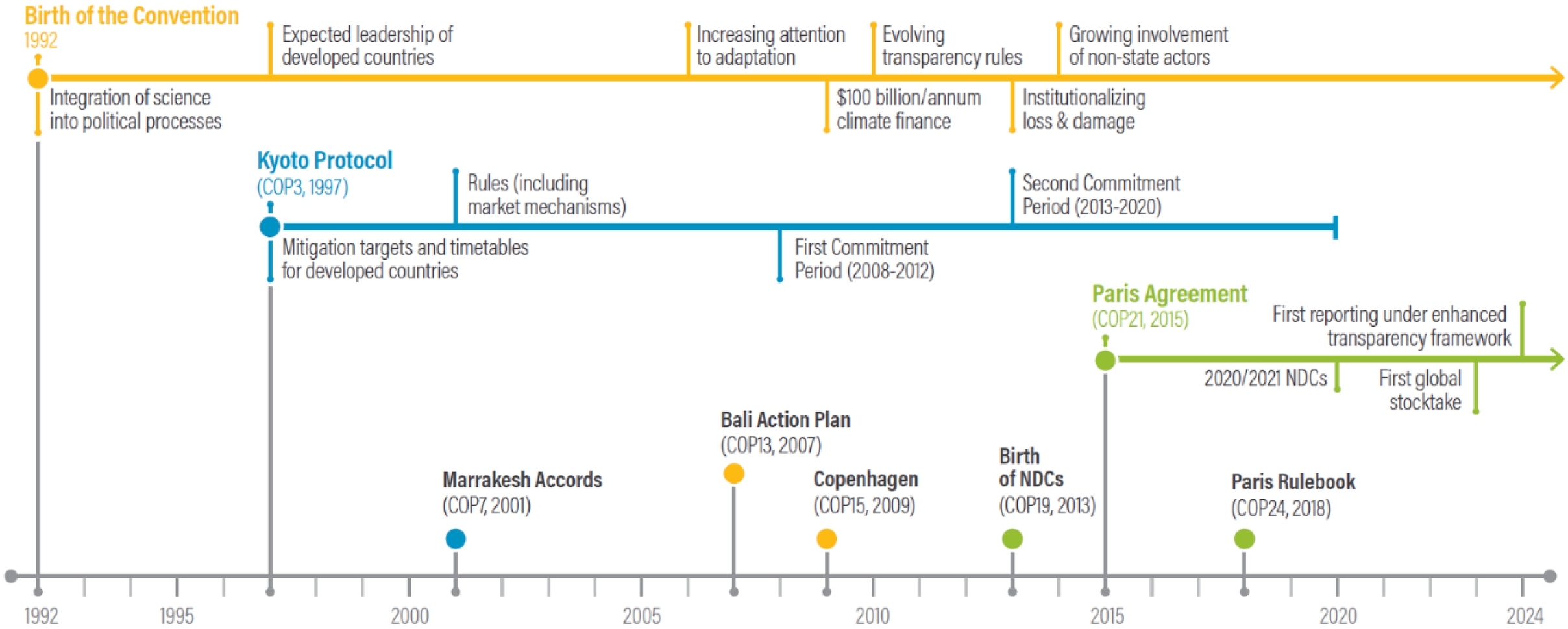
- Meetings of the Framework Convention, Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement and subsidiary bodies
- Formal negotiations and treaty decision-making
  - Developing rules & guidance
  - Setting collective targets
  - Advance transparency
  - Support action

Climate Expo

- 50,000 participants, from governments, UN and non-government organizations, media, and more
- Political platform, including a Leaders Summit with participation from heads of state and government
- Country and thematic pavilions
- Thousands of events

COP = Conference of the Parties

Development of the UN Climate Change Process

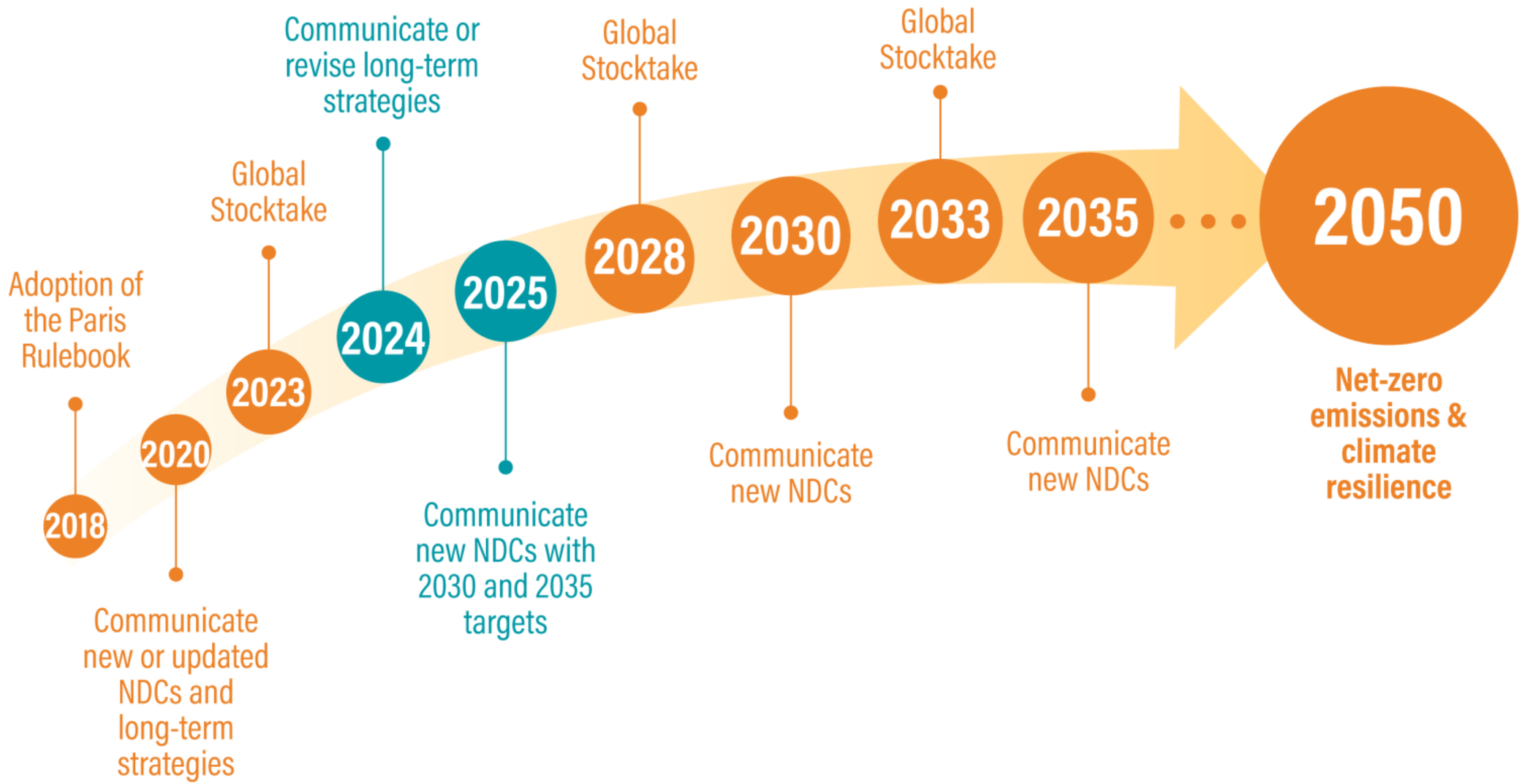


WRI research, Toward More Effective Implementation of the Paris Agreement: Learning from 30 years of experience (2021)
https://www.wri.org/research/toward-more-effective-implementation-paris-agreement-learning-30-years-experience

The Paris Agreement's theory: A cycle of plan-implement-review



The Paris Agreement's Arc of Ambition



1. **Debates over roadmaps to transition away from fossil fuels.** After contentious negotiations, the Brazil COP30 Presidency led, under their own effort, development of a roadmap to transition away from fossil fuels and halting and reversing deforestation and forest degradation.
2. **Indicators for tracking adaptation progress.** Indicators for Paris Agreement's Global Goal on Adaptation were finalized.
3. **New target to triple finance for climate adaptation.** Countries agreed to triple adaptation finance by 2035 to $120 billion.
4. **New process to address workers' and communities' rights.** Countries agreed to establish a "just transition mechanism."
5. **Brazil reenergized and reorganized the Global Climate Action Agenda**, reinforce connections between government and non-state actors to drive greater climate action.
6. **Brazil led development of new fund for tropical forest conservation—the Tropical Forests Forever Facility.** Initial pledges were received toward the initial target capitalization.



Where Did COP30 Leave Off?

1. **Make clean electrification affordable, reliable and accessible.** The global economy remains dangerously vulnerable to fossil fuel disruptions, as we're seeing right now with the war on Iran. COP31 offers an opportunity to turn this latest fossil fuel shock into a catalyst for more resilient energy systems.
2. **Step up adaptation and resilience.** Adaptation saves lives, strengthens economies and protects communities. According to WRI analysis, every $1 spent on climate adaptation can create more than $10 in benefits over 10 years.
3. **Integrate ocean-based climate solutions into national and multilateral policy.** Support for ocean-based climate action is higher than ever before. But the biggest opportunities are still largely untapped. COP31 provides an opportunity to finally harness the ocean's potential for climate action.



What to Watch at COP31

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COP31’s split Presidency

TÜRKİYE | HOST + COP PRESIDENCY

Leads the summit and Action Agenda. Türkiye sets the political narrative, convenes leaders and mobilizes voluntary partnerships.



AUSTRALIA | PRESIDENT OF NEGOTIATIONS

Leads formal UNFCCC negotiations, including consultations, draft texts and efforts to broker consensus.



What a COP Presidency can influence

Set the political frame. Define the summit’s story and elevate issues that leaders and ministers are expected to address.

Broker compromise. Use consultations, ministerial pairings and draft text to help Parties find landing zones.

Mobilize action beyond governments. Use the Action Agenda to convene companies, cities, investors, civil society and coalitions.

But not dictate outcomes. Formal decisions remain Party-led and consensus-based. Presidency priorities are signals and convening power, not binding mandates.

Türkiye is positioning COP31 as an “Implementation COP”

Clean energy

Electrification and affordable clean power

Zero waste + methane

Circularity, waste and methane reduction

Resilient cities

Resilient buildings and infrastructure

Green industry

Low-carbon industry and materials

Food security

Resilient agriculture and food systems

Oceans + seas

Oceans, coasts and blue carbon

Health systems

Resilient, low-carbon health systems

Youth + education

Youth skills and climate literacy

Rio Synergies

Joined-up climate, nature and land action

Climate Implementation Bridge

Turn NDCs into investable projects

The shift: from new pledges to measurable 2035 targets, project pipelines and investment.

The "Action Agenda"

Four headline targets

35%

of final energy demand met by electricity by 2035

Electrification

50%

reduction in projected growth of global waste by 2035

Zero waste

25%

reduction in building-sector energy intensity by 2035

Resilient cities

15%

global circular material use rate by 2035

Green industry

What to watch in Antalya

1	**Finance delivery**	Can the NCQG and $1.3tn roadmap translate into public finance, private capital and country-led projects?
2	**Adaptation + loss & damage**	Progress on the Global Goal on Adaptation and access to adaptation and loss-and-damage finance.
3	**Energy language**	Whether energy-security language supports clean power, electrification and grids.
4	**Nature integration**	Whether Rio Synergy delivers joined-up climate, nature and land action.
5	**Accountability**	Whether targets have clear baselines, milestones and public reporting.
6	**Political balance**	Whether the co-Presidencies can sustain consensus and keep vulnerable countries central.

Climate finance: put your money where your mouth is!

- Public vs. private
- Adaptation and loss & damage
- Multilateral Development Banks
- Transparency and accountability
- Debt and fiscal space



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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) was founded in 1992 as a coalition of companies and trade associations that deploy clean energy and decarbonization solutions, with a sector focus on **energy efficiency**, **natural gas**, and **renewable energy**.

BCSE advocates
for policies that support a diverse portfolio of energy options and ensure access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy solutions.

BCSE supports
business development, networking, and knowledge exchange among its members and networks.

BCSE provides
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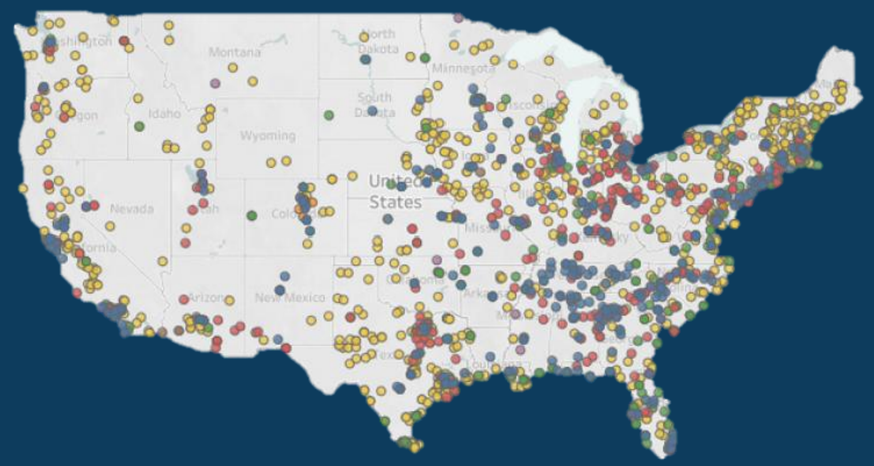
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A Vibrant, Competitive, and Sustainable U.S. Economy

BCSE'S MISSION

Accelerating the Adoption of Efficient, Cost-Effective, and Clean Energy Solutions for All Consumers



BCSE members account for **$3.8 trillion** in market capitalization and nearly **1 million employees**.

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Primary Initiatives for 2025-2030



1. Convene business leaders to build a clean energy economy and create jobs
2. Advocate across the political spectrum for new federal and state policies
3. Implement and strengthen federal energy and climate policy
4. Share insights on U.S. energy markets and policy
5. Lead U.S. clean energy business delegations to international forums

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COP 31: BCSE Delegation

U.S. Businesses Remain Engaged at COP 31

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Alliance to Save Energy

Amazon

ACR

American Clean Power Association

Association of Energy Engineers

Autodesk

AVEVA

Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES) Forum

Global Policy Associates

International Code Council

Johnson Controls

Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Council

Mars

Metrus Energy

Molecule Group

National Grid

Plant Based Products Council

Schneider Electric

Signify

STX

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Trane Technologies

U.S. Green Building Council

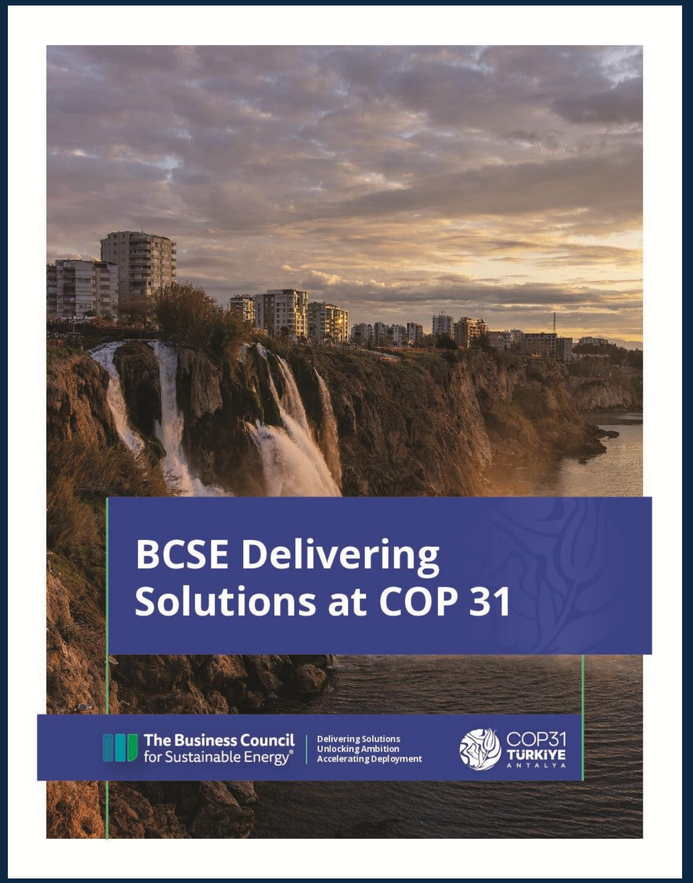
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COP 31: BCSE Priorities & Positions

- **Deliver solutions**
  Advance practical technologies and partnerships to meet rising energy demand and climate goals.

- **Elevate the U.S. leadership**
  Demonstrate the contributions of American businesses to global energy markets, resilience and emissions reductions.

- **Accelerate Deployment**
  Mobilize investment, international collaboration, and policy frameworks that turn commitments into projects.



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How U.S. Businesses Engage at COP 31

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Connect With BCSE at COP 31

Meeting rising global energy demand while advancing climate goals will require a diverse portfolio of commercially available solutions. BCSE brings together companies and organizations across the energy value chain with the experience to accelerate investment and deployment.

This big-tent approach includes experts, companies and trade groups representing:

- Biofuels
- Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- Carbon markets and registries
- Circular economy
- Climate-smart agriculture
- Critical minerals
- Digitalization, AI and design solutions
- Energy efficiency
- Energy management and demand flexibility
- Energy storage
- Environmental commodities
- Green buildings
- Grid technologies
- Heating and cooling
- Hydrogen
- Industrial decarbonization
- International building codes and standards
- Microgrids
- Plant-based plastics and materials
- Renewable energy
- Renewable and low-carbon fuels
- Sustainable energy financing solutions
- Sustainable transport
- Utilities

Reach out to BCSE to connect on the issues discussed in this paper or to learn more about how our members are addressing current topics, including:

- Rising energy demand from AI, data centers, electrification and manufacturing
- Grid reliability amid changing demand and extreme weather
- Meeting rising cooling needs
- Energy system resilience and adaptation
- Workforce needs for the energy transition
- Circular economy solutions and resource efficiency
- The intersection of energy, climate and nature

- America is All In Pavilion
- USA Climate Pavilion - hosted by The Climate Registry
- UNFCCC Side Events, Press Conferences
- UN Global Climate Action Agenda
- Meetings with U.S. subnationals, Congressional observer delegations, foreign governments, and international partners

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Road to COP 31: Global Business Energy Efficiency Letter

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- 200+ Signatories from 32 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and South America
- Alliance to Save Energy in US and Europe, Association of Energy Engineers, Efficiency Canada and BCSE
- Five strategic principles
- *Energy efficiency is a practical solution for affordability, energy security, resilience, and achieving COP 31 implementation goals*

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