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A Post-COP31 High-Level Dialogue

BEYOND ANTALYA: Has COP31 Moved the Needle on Climate Implementation?

Assessing the Antalya Outcomes and Implications for India and the Global South

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BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

On 23 September 2026, Chintan Research Foundation (CRF), in partnership with the Australian High Commission, convened a Pre-COP31 Dialogue titled "Partners in Green Transition: Advancing Ambition, Action and Partnerships for COP31". The dialogue brought together diplomats, policymakers and experts to examine climate-resilient infrastructure, green-transition finance, and cooperation on critical minerals and clean technologies. A central question was how to translate international climate ambition into practical, adequately financed and equitable action.

COP31, scheduled for 9–20 November 2026 in Antalya, Türkiye, is being positioned as an implementation-focused COP. Beyond negotiated decisions and political commitments, a key measure of progress will be whether the conference advances credible mechanisms, resources and partnerships to deliver climate action. For India and the Global South, this includes progress on finance, adaptation and resilience, mitigation, technology access and support for national implementation.

Building on its September engagement, CRF will convene a Post-COP31 High-Level Dialogue on 9 December 2026. Rather than merely recapping negotiations, the discussion will assess selected priority themes to identify where COP31 has moved the needle, where progress remains limited and what practical steps should follow from the Antalya outcomes.

OBJECTIVE

To critically assess what COP31 has achieved on key climate priorities, especially whether its implementation focus has resulted in concrete decisions, resources and delivery mechanisms; and to debrief stakeholders on the progress, remaining gaps and implications for India, the Global South and international climate cooperation.

Thematic focus: Where has COP31 moved the needle?
The dialogue will review four interconnected themes against a common set of questions: What was expected? What was agreed or announced? How far does it enable implementation? What remains unresolved?

1. **Adaptation and climate resilience** — from frameworks to delivery: Examine the Global Goal on Adaptation, adaptation finance, resilient infrastructure and support for vulnerable

countries, including pathways from plans to projects.

2. **Mitigation and clean-energy transition — from ambition to action:** Consider NDC implementation, clean technologies, just transitions, technology cooperation and critical-mineral supply chains.
3. **Implementation architecture — from decisions to national action:** Assess accountability, institutional capacity, international partnerships and practical implications for India's policy and investment priorities.
4. **Climate finance — from pledges to accessible capital:** Assess finance commitments, the NCQG and the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap, particularly affordability, access, capital mobilisation and the needs of developing economies.

CRF COP31 DEBRIEFING PAPER

During the event, CRF will release a Debriefing Paper outlining its perspectives on COP31's achievements, shortfalls and unresolved issues. Using the same thematic framework, the paper will compare expectations with outcomes, distinguish negotiated decisions from voluntary announcements, and identify implications and near-term priorities for India and the wider Global South. A focused set of follow-up priorities for India, Global South economies and international partners shall be included in the debriefing paper.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

2:30–3:00 PM	**Registration and networking**
3:00–3:10 PM	**Welcome Remarks** • *Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, President, CRF*
3:10–3:30 PM	**Special addresses** • *H.E. Philip Green, Australian High Commissioner to India (TBC)* • *H.E. Ali Murat Ersoy, Ambassador of Türkiye to India (TBC)*
3:30-3:45 PM	**Keynote address** • *Shri Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (TBC)* ***Release of CRF's COP31 Debriefing Paper***
3:45–3:55 PM	**Context Setting Presentation on CRF's COP 31 Debriefing Paper** • *Dr. Ria Sinha, Senior Fellow, Climate Change and Energy Transition, CRF*
3:55–5:00 PM	**High-level panel discussion:** ***Beyond Antalya — Where Has COP31 Moved the Needle?*** **Moderator**: *Dr. Debajit Palit, Centre Head, Climate Change and Energy Transition, CRF* **Panellists (TBC)**: • *H.E. Demeke Atnafu Ambulo Ambassador of Ethiopia to India* • *Ms. Chandni Raina, Adviser (Economic Division), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India* • *Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Country Head, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), India* • *Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, Founder and Former CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW); Former Special Envoy for South Asia to the COP30 Presidency*
5:00 PM onwards	**Closing Reflections followed by High Tea and Networking**