

Week 8: What is COP29?

COP29 is currently being held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11th to 22nd November. It refers to the 29th Conference of the Parties. Leaders from around the world have gathered to discuss and advance global action on climate change.

The UK have showed commitment to tackling climate change globally by pledging financial support and setting ambitious goals. Prime Minister Keir Starmer emphasised that the country aims to lead by example and help other nations transition to cleaner energy sources. The UK renewed its promise of £11.6 billion to support developing countries in cutting emissions and adapting to the impact of climate change.

As well as financial support, the UK is encouraging private companies to invest in sustainable projects in developing nations. To do this, they launched a special programme to attract private investors, making it easier for these countries to access funding for climate-friendly projects. This approach not only supports global climate goals but also creates green jobs and fosters economic growth in both the UK and the countries receiving assistance.

At COP29, the UK also highlighted its own work to support the country, such as expanding offshore wind, supporting solar projects, and investing in carbon capture technologies. These efforts reflect the UK's commitment to reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 and aim to set an example for other countries to follow.

Further reviews and commitments are expected at COP30 in Brazil next year.

Have you discussed COP29 with the children you work with/ your class/ your colleagues/ friends or family?

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