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This report summarizes the participation of Central Asian countries in COP-30, including two related side events held on 15 and 18 November 2025 in Belém, Brazil, organized with the facilitation of the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia (ReCATH) and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC). The events provided a platform for presenting national progress on updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0), strengthening transparency and MRV systems under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF), and advancing regional cooperation on methane mitigation and climate transparency.

The primary purpose of the activities was to facilitate the exchange of country experiences, present practical progress achieved at national and regional levels, and support coordination and mutual learning among Central Asian countries and other regional transparency hubs in the context of COP-30.

Background

The Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia (ReCATH) supports five Central Asian countries—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan—in building robust climate transparency systems and transitioning to reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement. Established with a team of national and regional experts, the Hub has become a center of expertise and coordination for technical support, capacity building, and peer learning. Since 2022, ReCATH has organized over 27 capacity-building events and supported the development of national GHG inventories, adaptation reporting, NDC tracking, and climate finance.

The second phase of ReCATH, launched in April 2025, aims to deepen the region's technical capacity in inventory, support the preparation of updated NDCs (NDC 3.0), improve climate reporting, and promote regional cooperation. Key activities include peer reviews of GHG inventories, development of regional monitoring frameworks on adaptation, support for green taxonomy and climate finance, and enhanced collaboration with other international transparency initiatives. Through its activities, ReCATH continues to strengthen institutional frameworks and long-term transparency practices in Central Asia.

Objectives

The objective of the side event was to present national updates on NDC 3.0, showcase progress in strengthening transparency systems and MRV frameworks, and highlight methane mitigation as a priority area for near-term climate action. The event also aimed to promote regional initiatives and future platforms for sustained cooperation among Central Asian countries.

Participants

The side event was attended by high-level representatives and technical experts from Central Asian countries, including Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, representing ministries responsible for environment, climate policy and hydrometeorology. Representatives of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia

(ReCATH) also participated in the session.

Meeting minutes

15 November 2025 – Side Event “From Pledges to Progress: Central Asia’s Climate Action through NDC 3.0 and Methane Reduction and Regional Initiatives”

The session opened with welcoming remarks by the moderator, Oxana Kravtsova, Programme Manager at CAREC, who introduced the objectives of the event and emphasized the importance of translating updated climate commitments into measurable progress. Ms. Dinara Amanturovna Kemelova, Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on the Mountain Agenda, delivered a keynote statement highlighting the Kyrgyz Republic’s efforts to advance the mountain agenda within the UNFCCC process, including engagement with COP Presidencies, cooperation with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat and promotion of the Declaration on Climate Change, Mountains and Glaciers. She referred to the recognition of mountain ecosystems in the Baku–Belém Roadmap and announced preparations for the Second Bishkek Global Mountain Summit planned for 2027. Mr. Dilovarsho Dustzoda, Advisor to the Executive Director of CAREC and ReCATH Project Manager, underlined the importance of regional cooperation and highlighted CAREC’s role in facilitating regional dialogue and supporting Central Asian countries through ReCATH and the CA CBMER initiative.



During the panel discussion, representatives of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan presented updates on their revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC 3.0). Speakers outlined national priorities, sectoral focuses and

institutional arrangements for implementation, as well as ongoing efforts to strengthen greenhouse gas inventories and monitoring, reporting and verification systems in line with the Enhanced Transparency Framework. Progress achieved with the support of ICAT and ReCATH was noted, alongside remaining challenges related to data availability, inter-sectoral coordination and subnational reporting.

A substantial part of the discussion focused on methane mitigation as a priority for short-term climate action. Country representatives described national approaches to reducing methane emissions across key sectors, including oil and gas, agriculture and waste management, and highlighted the role of the CA CBMER initiative in building capacity, harmonizing methodologies and facilitating regional exchange. The need for targeted financing, modern monitoring technologies and pilot projects to support methane mitigation was emphasized.



The session also included presentations on regional climate initiatives that will continue beyond COP-30. Kazakhstan announced preparations for the Regional Environmental Summit and the Central Asian Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2026) in Astana, the Kyrgyz Republic presented the Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development, Tajikistan highlighted its National Glacier Agenda and cooperation on cryosphere protection, and Uzbekistan outlined ongoing efforts related to the green transition and regional cooperation.

18 November 2025 – Side Event “A Huddle of Hubs: How regional transparency hubs are transforming MRV system success”

On 18 November 2025, representatives of the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and the Regional Climate Action Transparency Hub for Central Asia (ReCATH) participated in the COP-30 side event “A Huddle of Hubs: How regional

transparency hubs are transforming MRV system success.” The event brought together representatives of regional transparency hubs from Central Asia, Central America, the Caribbean and Central Africa to exchange experience on strengthening national transparency systems and advancing MRV implementation.

During the session, Mr. Dilovarsho Dustzoda, ReCATH Project Manager, presented the experience of the Central Asia Regional Transparency Hub, including its institutional setup, phases of implementation and cooperation with national experts and international partners. He highlighted ReCATH’s practical approach to supporting countries through hands-on technical assistance embedded in real reporting processes, including support to NDC 3.0 development and preparation of Biennial Transparency Reports. The discussion focused on shared challenges and lessons learned across regions, as well as opportunities for cross-regional learning and continued collaboration among transparency hubs.

Conclusion

The COP-30 side event demonstrated that Central Asian countries are increasingly moving from high-level climate commitments toward coordinated implementation, underpinned by stronger transparency systems and regional cooperation. The discussions confirmed that NDC 3.0, methane mitigation and ETF readiness are mutually reinforcing pillars of climate action in the region.

By leveraging regional platforms such as ReCATH and CA CBMER, countries are enhancing technical capacity, building trust and creating conditions for mobilizing climate finance. The event reaffirmed Central Asia’s commitment to collective action and highlighted a clear pathway toward sustained cooperation in the lead-up to COP-31 and forthcoming regional summits. The outcomes of the event contribute to strengthening the region’s role in global climate processes and to translating climate ambition into measurable, transparent progress.