SUBJECT: Invitation to Support Efforts under Rio Synergies

On behalf of the COP31 Presidency, I extend my respects to you, and it is my honour to inform you of the following.

As we prepare for the upcoming 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Antalya, our focus is on translating collective climate ambition into concrete and practical action. Through the COP31 Action Agenda, we are placing implementation at the heart of our efforts. Building on the framework of the Global Climate Action Agenda, we designed the COP31 Action Agenda as a practical implementation platform that complements formal negotiations by mobilising voluntary action, partnerships and coalitions among Parties and non-Party stakeholders to accelerate implementation and deliver tangible results across ten priority areas for climate action.

As part of this effort, the COP31 Presidency is honoured to share the attached concept note detailing the actions taken to advance the priority theme of Rio Synergies, including practical, country-led action that strengthens synergies across climate, biodiversity and land. These efforts are advanced in close collaboration with the UNCCD COP17 Presidency and CBD COP17 Presidency.

Through high-level dialogues, technical dialogues, and a country-led Rio Synergies Group for Action, the COP31 Presidency aims to support Parties and partners in identifying common implementation areas at international and national levels and promoting more coherent delivery of climate, biodiversity, and land agendas.

Building on consultations initiated through the Antalya Dialogue in May 2026 and subsequent exchanges with Parties and partners, Türkiye launched the COP31 Presidency process towards the Rio Synergies Group for Action at the High-Level Dialogue on 26 August 2026 held during UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, jointly convened by Mongolia, as the UNCCD COP17 Presidency, Armenia, as the incoming CBD COP17 Presidency, and Türkiye, as the UNFCCC COP31 Presidency.

Accompanied by this year's dialogue series, the Rio Synergies Group for Action is intended to bring together interested Parties and relevant partners to discuss voluntary, country-led actions that connect existing priorities across the three Rio Conventions. The Group will enable Parties to present existing actions or priorities, share practical experience, identify implementation barriers, and connect with relevant expertise, partnerships, and support. The Group would build on existing national priorities, processes and initiatives. Participation is voluntary and does not entail new negotiated obligations or additional reporting requirements.

On behalf of the COP31 Presidency, I would like to invite you to support our efforts to strengthen synergies among the Rio Conventions and to engage in the process of shaping the Rio Synergies Group for Action.

In particular, I would welcome:

- Your confirmation of interest in participating in the Rio Synergies Group for Action
- Your nomination of a national focal point for the ongoing consultation process
- Your priority or areas of interest that you may wish to bring forward in line with the objectives of the Group

Your cooperation would be highly appreciated as we advance our joint efforts towards COP31 and beyond.

For further information or to express interest in joining the Group for Action, please contact the COP31 Presidency Rio Synergies team at cop31riosynergies@csb.gov.tr and hamza.keskin@iklim.gov.tr.

I look forward to working with you towards a successful COP31 in Antalya.



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