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As President of the Council of Higher Education (YÖK)—Türkiye’s national authority for the coordination and governance of higher education—and COP31 Academic Envoy, I am honored to invite universities, research institutions, and academic networks around the world to contribute to the academic preparations for COP31.

COP31—the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change—will be held in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026. Under Türkiye’s Presidency, COP31 will focus on translating global climate commitments into measurable and practical results.

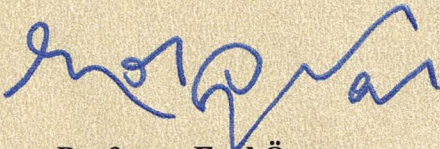
Universities and research institutions are indispensable partners in this endeavor. Through research, innovation, education, and international cooperation, they generate the knowledge, solutions, and human capacity required for effective and lasting climate action. Universities also have a vital role in enabling students and young researchers to contribute meaningfully to climate research, innovation, and decision-making.

With this understanding, the Council of Higher Education has established COP-SCIENCE, an English-language platform through which universities, research institutions, academic networks, and individual scholars from around the world may submit research findings, innovative solutions, international collaboration initiatives, and proposals for academic events. Submissions are invited through academy.cop31.center.

I would be grateful for your support in bringing this invitation to the attention of universities, research institutions, and relevant academic stakeholders. Their contributions will enrich the academic dimension of COP31 and help foster lasting partnerships across countries and disciplines.

Science is our most powerful tool for addressing climate change; collaboration, our most effective approach; and the solutions we develop together, our most enduring legacy.

Yours sincerely,



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