

Summit of the Future Action Days Side Event

"Digital Innovation and Multilateral Cooperation for Climate Resilience: A Roadmap to COP29 and Beyond"

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Location: Hybrid, COP Info Center & virtual

Organized by:

The Earth Charter International,
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the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAYORA),
International Bank of Azerbaijan Innovation Center,
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Background on the event:

The event addressed how digital technologies can be leveraged to support global climate resilience while aligning with the principles of the Global Digital Compact. With climate change and digital transformation identified as the two most significant shifts shaping the 21st century, this event explored the intersection of these challenges and opportunities.

Focusing on international cooperation, the event discussed how digital tools can contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in the context of climate action. Participants discussed both the potential benefits and risks posed by digital technologies. By emphasizing the need for inclusive, secure, and trustworthy digital spaces, the event aligned with the UN's vision for improving digital cooperation and fostering a connected and sustainable future.

Key Issues discussed:

- ❖ Leveraging Digital Technologies for Climate Resilience: Exploring how digital tools such as AI, IoT, and big data can support climate action and contribute to global climate resilience.
- Aligning Digital Solutions with the Global Digital Compact: Ensuring that the use of digital technologies adheres to the principles of the Global Digital Compact, focusing on security, inclusiveness, and trustworthiness.
- ❖ International Cooperation for Achieving SDGs: Highlighting the role of multilateral cooperation in utilizing digital technologies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in relation to climate action.
- ❖ Risks and Benefits of Digital Technologies: Discussing both the potential advantages of digital innovations in combating climate change and the risks they pose, including data security and equity concerns.
- ❖ Equitable Implementation of Digital Solutions: Emphasizing the importance of ensuring equitable access to digital solutions across diverse regions, particularly in vulnerable communities, while minimizing environmental impacts.
- ❖ Fostering Digital Innovation in Green Finance: Encouraging the integration of digital tools in green finance to support climate policies and drive sustainable economic growth.

Key recommendations for action:

- ➤ Foster Inclusive Digital Collaboration: Promote multilateral cooperation among governments, private sectors, civil society, and youth to create secure, inclusive digital platforms that support climate resilience
- Support Capacity Building and Digital Literacy: Equip marginalized and underserved communities with digital skills to ensure equitable access to digital tools for climate solutions, particularly in regions facing climate vulnerabilities
- Promote Sustainable Consumer Behavior: Engage youth and civil society in awareness campaigns to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns (SDG #12), fostering a shift toward climate-friendly lifestyles

Webpage to find more information:

https://act4sdgs.org/profile/azerbaijan_young_entrepreneurs_network

https://www.facebook.com/azyenorg

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