



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN COP29

Upon invitation from the President of the COP29, Mr. Mukhtar Babayev, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in COP29, held in Baku on 11-22 November 2024. This constitutes the first time BSEC PERMIS is participating in a meeting of COP.

Besides attending the World Leaders Climate Action Summit, Ambassador Comanescu was a key speaker in the “*Ministerial Forum on Green Good Governance*” (14 November) where he highlighted the importance of the modernization through digitalization of the public service delivery and of the regional cooperation in the knowledge sharing, respectively the activities related thereto carried out by BSEC.

Still on 14 November, Ambassador Comanescu participated and delivered the opening address in the side event on “*Financing the regional and transboundary cooperation in addressing climate change in the region*”, organized by BSEC PERMIS together with the Secretariats of the Barcelona, Bucharest and Tehran Conventions. This event built on recent negotiations and interactions between regional cooperation bodies in Caspian, Mediterranean and Black Seas focused on financing transboundary climate change adaptation that provides the frameworks for bankable projects and promote trade and development.

The Secretary General also participated in other events organized within COP29, such as the Conference on “*Adverse Impacts of Climate Change on the Decline of Water Basins*” (13 November) and the “*High-Level Roundtable on Green Energy, Hydrogen and Global Energy Storage and Grids*” (15 November).

In addition, he had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Ulvi Mehdiyev, President of the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations (SAPSSI) of Azerbaijan on where mutual appreciation was expressed for the excellent cooperation between PERMIS and SAPSSI as coordinator of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance. Further on, the Secretary General had a brief exchange with the UNECE Executive Secretary, Tatiana Molcean, on the bilateral BSEC-UNECE cooperation.