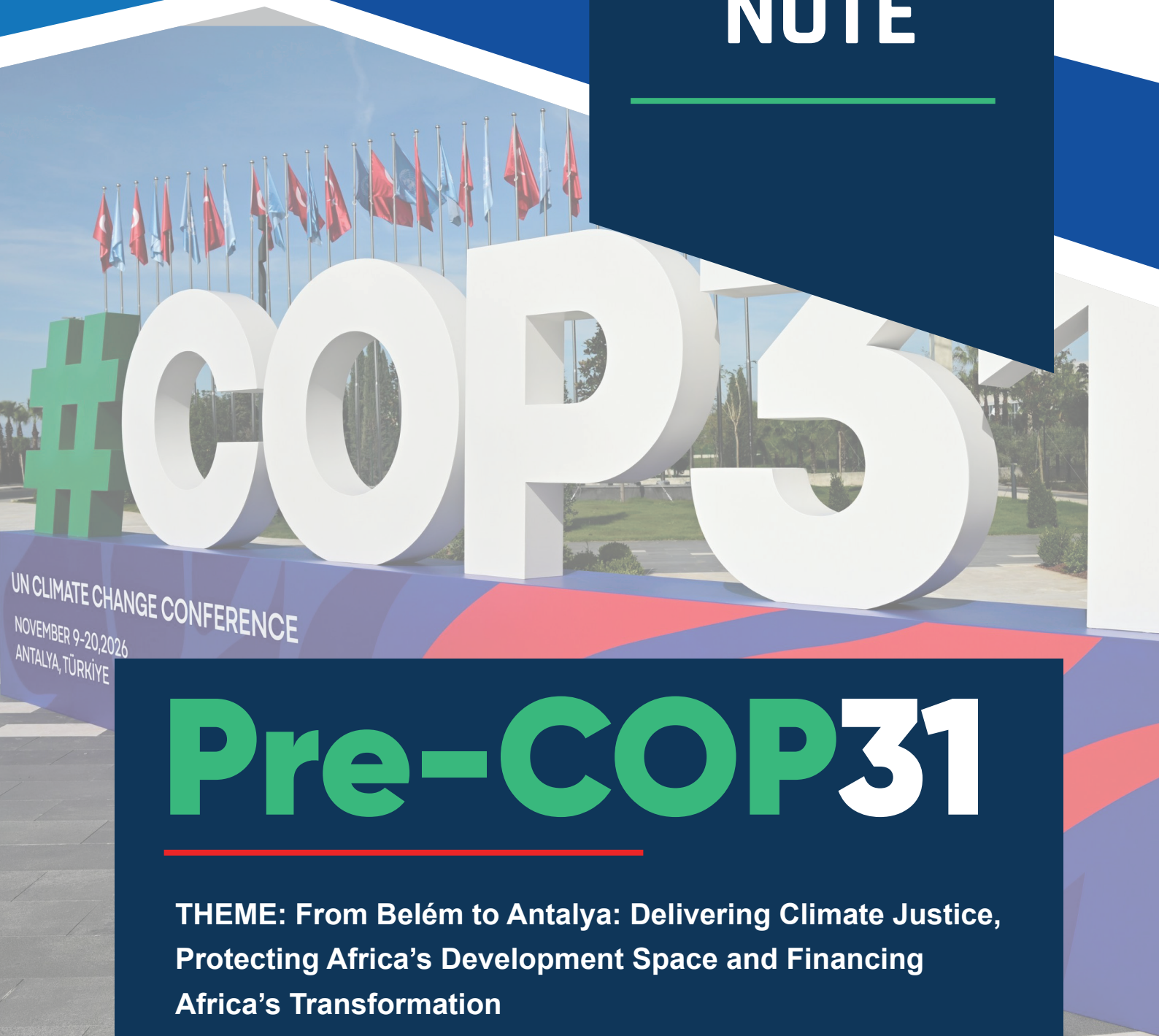
COP31 TÜRKİYE ANTALYA

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PANAFRICAN CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE

CONCEPT NOTE



Pre-COP31

THEME: From Belém to Antalya: Delivering Climate Justice, Protecting Africa's Development Space and Financing Africa's Transformation

1. Introduction

As COP31 kick off in Antalya, Turkey, the focus shifts to implementation of climate solutions and progressing a global energy transition that drives economic growth, more jobs, food security, better health and safety, and affordable clean energy while safeguarding the imperatives of climate justice. The conference aims to close the gap between multilateral commitments and real-world delivery, turning pledges into practical outcomes and action-oriented cooperation. As the world waits to see whether the parties meeting in Antalya will deliver these aspirations, vulnerable communities, especially in Africa, continue languishing under the severe negative impacts of climate change. In fact, this year's COP coincides with the period around which El Niño is expected to hit Africa and other parts of the world. The El Nino, which has posed significant challenges to meteorological projections so far is expected to yield devastating impacts with far reaching ramification on lives and livelihoods of communities who have not even recovered from the effects of cyclones, floods and drought which have become more regular in the continent. According to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the current seasonal forecast guidance suggests that the developing El Nino is likely to be a very strong event. If historical occurrences are anything to go by; communities at the frontline of climate crisis must brace to deal with devastating variants of floods and heat waves in equal proportions, which inevitably will wipe out livelihoods, destroy critical infrastructure and lead to loss of lives. Severe droughts will be experienced in some regions rendering communities destitute. With this glaring fact in mind, COP31 presidency and indeed all the parties have no choice but to ensure that COP31 delivers decisions which facilitate meaningful implementation of climate action targeting the most vulnerable.

SB64, which was poised to frame the COP31 agenda, fell short of delivering the all-important decision on the means of implementation on the Global Goal on Adaptation for consideration at COP31. This, coupled with a conspicuous omission of National Adaptation Plans and Loss & Damage agenda items in the negotiation in-tray in Bonn, signalled a clear lack of urgency and commitment to address the plight of last-mile communities in Africa; this therefore cast doubts on the efficacy of COP31 in responding to the adaptation needs of the continent. As parties embark on COP31 negotiations, it is incumbent on them to salvage the negotiations, especially GGA and Climate finance, which received unfair treatment at SB 64.

2. Rationale

The African non-state actors under the auspices of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance have been pushing for pragmatism and speed in delivering COP outcomes which will unlock climate finance in the quantity and quality needed for climate action; In fact, the urgency to secure needs-based climate finance to accelerate climate action in Africa heavily informed PACJA's advocacy agenda in 2026. Accordingly, the alliance, through a multi-stakeholder process bringing African Non-State Actors, Pan-African institutions -AUC, UNECA, AfDB and the Pan-African Parliament directed efforts towards consolidating Africa's voice and position on multiple elements, especially on climate finance and, particularly, adaptation finance and financing a just transition as core priorities for the continent. The multiple multi-stakeholder convenings including; series of webinars for non-state actors; Post COP 30 analysis, the 5th Africa Regional Dialogue on Loss and Damage in Malawi; the Africa Climate Talks as precursor to Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in Ethiopia; Conference on

Climate Change and Development in Africa - CCDA XIV in Addis Ababa, SB64, UNGA among others, have a focus on fast tracking the Global goal on adaptation; scaling up Climate finance in grants especially for developing countries as well as boosting of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD). These processes culminated in the development of a non-state actors' position for COP31, which becomes a point of reference in all our engagements in Antalya. In the spirit of aligning our thoughts and plan with those of our African governments and Pan-African institutions, PACJA, on behalf of African non-state actors, has organised a pre- COP on 8th November in Antalya, Turkey, at ZEL Hotel. The event will be hosted from 3 PM to 7 PM.

3. Objective

The main objective of the pre-COP 31 convening is to provide a platform through which African non-state actors and other actors from Pan-African institutions will reflect on our common Africa position for COP30

4. Expected outputs

i. Validation of African Non-State Actors' COP31 position aligned with the AGN and G77 and China positions
ii. A strategy for African Non-State Actors' engagement at COP31

5. Targeted Participants

i. Non-State Actors institutions: Civil society organizations; Faith based institutions; Women movements; Farmer groups; Youth movements; Indigenous Peoples organization; Academia and Research; Conservation and nature-based solutions actor; Africa and Brazil Private sector and labor movements
ii. Allies across the globe, including the afro-descendants, the Latin America CSOs fraternity and the Global South NGO Platform members and other strategic allies from the Global North
iii. Africa Group of Negotiators
iv. Development partners
v. African Union Commission
vi. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
vii. African Development Bank

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