

COP29 in Baku

The 29th edition of multilateral climate summit is continue in Baku. Thousands of participants from different government, NGOs, and MNCs are participating in the summit. However, the attention of global media to the US presidential elections has faded away the charm and significance of climate summit. It is worth noting that leaders from top industrialized countries such as China, Russia, France, India, and Brazil ~~are~~ have avoided their participation in the wake of domestic politics. Moreover, several climate-vulnerable countries have refused to participate, as the leader of Papua New Guinea has termed it 'waste of time'. The sincerity of world leader to mitigate the teasing impacts of climate change is under criticism from climate experts. Every year, thousands of innocents die, and uncountable people get injure due to climate-related hazards. Due

to uneven rain pattern, heavy floods, rainstorms, and growing air pollution, the UN Committee on Climate Finance estimates that 9 trillion dollars are needed in next five years to ensure sustainable adaptation and mitigation. The world leaders are reluctant to finance the collective cause of climate mitigation.

Pakistan is participating in COP29 as an opportunity to assure the world leaders that climate change is a looming threat to the life on earth. The delegation headed by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will present a formula to mitigate the harmful impacts of climate change and emphasize the need of global financing. World Bank estimated that Pakistan would need 348 billion dollar climate financing in next seven years to ensure sustainable adaptation.

Pakistan is the most climate-vulnerable country, bears the brunt of heavy rainfall and damaging floods every year.