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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,  
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**APPOINTMENT OF HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPION**

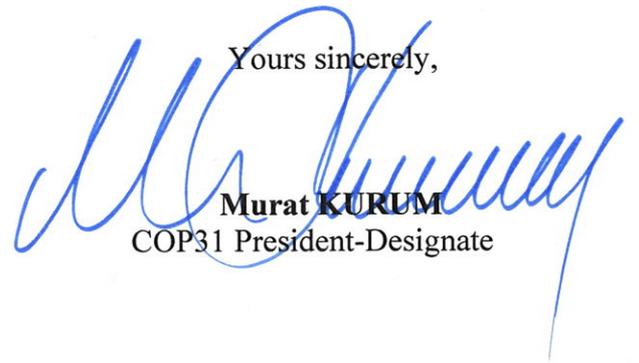
On behalf of the Presidency of the Thirty-First Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr. Samed Ağırbaş as the COP31 High-Level Champion**.

This appointment reflects the confidence placed in Mr. Ağırbaş's leadership approach in the fields of sustainability and climate action, as well as in his experience in supporting inclusive and results-oriented climate action. He is expected to contribute to strengthening cooperation among diverse stakeholders and to promoting implementation-focused solutions.

In his capacity as High-Level Champion, Mr. Ağırbaş will work in close cooperation with the COP31 Presidency and relevant stakeholders to enhance the effective participation of non-state actors, accelerate climate action, and support the translation of COP31 outcomes into tangible results.

On this occasion, I would like to congratulate Mr. Samed Ağırbaş on his appointment and express my confidence in the valuable contributions he will make to the success of the COP31 process.

Yours sincerely,



**Murat KURUM**  
COP31 President-Designate



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**Curriculum Vitae**



Samed Ağırbaş is a sustainability leader and climate action advocate, currently serving as President of the Zero Waste Foundation.

He brings extensive experience across youth engagement, environmental governance, and international cooperation, supporting inclusive and measurable climate solutions that accelerate climate action.

He has held key leadership roles in national youth platforms and contributed to multilateral processes focused on sustainable development, partnership-building, and long-term impact.

Ağırbaş studied Architecture and Urban Planning and earned an MBA in Business Administration and Finance from Mississippi State University. He is currently pursuing his PhD at the University of Massachusetts. He also served as Special Advisor to the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT and as Advisor for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, advancing collaboration on climate, zero waste, and sustainable urbanization.