

COP28 OVERVIEW



COP28UAE

COP28 UAE will be a milestone moment when the **world will take stock of its progress on the Paris Agreement.**

The **first Global Stock Take (GST)**, will provide a **comprehensive assessment of progress since adopting the Paris Agreement.** This will help align efforts on climate action, including measures that need to be put in place to bridge the gaps in progress.

The COP28 UAE Presidency will work to ensure that the world responds to the GST with a clear plan of action.

By hosting COP28, the UAE is focusing on practical and positive solutions that drive progress for **the climate and the economy**, as well as provide **relief and support to vulnerable communities.** The UAE intends to make COP28 highly inclusive, reflecting the views of all geographies, sectors, and constituencies.





WHAT IS A COP?

Institutional Background

The United Nations **Earth Summit**, held in Rio in 1992, established the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which provided a legal framework for international cooperation to combat climate change.

COP stands for “Conference of Parties”. These are high-level conferences that bring together states, regional organizations and non-state actors. There are **198 official Parties, comprising 197 countries, plus the European Union**.

Any meeting between the Parties in a convention is officially a COP, although the acronym is more typically used in reference to the UN Climate Summit, an annual gathering and the world’s highest decision-making body on climate issues.

The COP is responsible for the **Paris Agreement**, the landmark climate treaty of 2015. **COP28 UAE** will be the 28th meeting of the COP.

How have COPs evolved over time?

COPs were traditionally limited to a small group of government negotiators.

Today, they are global, mega-events that attract tens of thousands of political leaders, businesspeople, sectoral experts, climate activists, and members of the public.

COPs are critical platforms for both government and non-government entities to discuss, debate and ideate their climate efforts, build networks, and make deals.

COP28 UAE WILL TAKE PLACE AT EXPO CITY DUBAI IN NOVEMBER 2023

How will COP28 be different?

COP28 UAE will take place between 30 November – 12 December 2023, at Expo City, Dubai.

This will be the most inclusive COP ever, with Blue and Green zones working side-by-side to deliver real, actionable solutions to the climate crisis.

COP28 will realize the innovative and changemaking potential of Green Zone participants, by enabling constructive dialogue, encouraging knowledge sharing, and driving a positive entrepreneurial spirit.

This dynamic approach will enable all participants to tackle the climate crisis with ambitious optimism; embracing the power of partnership and collaboration to solve seemingly impossible climate challenges.

Expo 2020 Dubai's legacy of 'connecting minds, creating the future' will continue by hosting COP28 UAE

and bringing the world together to tackle the defining multilateral issue of our era.



The COP28 UAE Leadership Team is appointed by the UAE to engage Domestic and International Stakeholders.



Dr. Sultan Al Jaber
COP28 UAE President

- The President **steers the COP process** and **facilitates consensus** among Parties on the negotiated agreement for climate action.
- The President **engages world leaders** and **enhances inclusivity of the COP process**.
- The President can also use their platform to deliver **non-negotiated outcomes**, and the COP28 Presidency has publicly set out its **Action Agenda**.



H.E. Razan Al Mubarak
High-Level Champion

- This is a **UN-mandated role** to ensure engagement and foster leadership of the **private sector and civil society** in the COP process.
- The **UN Climate Change High-Level Champion** connects and creates **coalitions** to deliver results outside and in support of the negotiations.
- Drives the **Race to Zero, Race to Resilience & Breakthrough Agendas**.



H.E. Shamma Al Mazrui
Youth Climate Champion

- This role is intended to **enhance meaningful youth participation** in the COP process.
- The Youth Climate Champion **consults with youth globally, amplifies their advocacy in the COP process**, and **strengthens capacity-building efforts**.
- Facilitate opportunities **to strengthen capacity of and resources for youth** in the climate sector.

What are the priorities for the COP28 Presidency?

It is time to **Unite** the world and **Act** together to **Deliver** actionable solutions to the climate crisis.

The COP28 Action Agenda is guided by a single North Star; **keeping 1.5C within reach**.

To do this, the Global Stocktake showed we must reduce 22 gigatons of emissions before 2030.

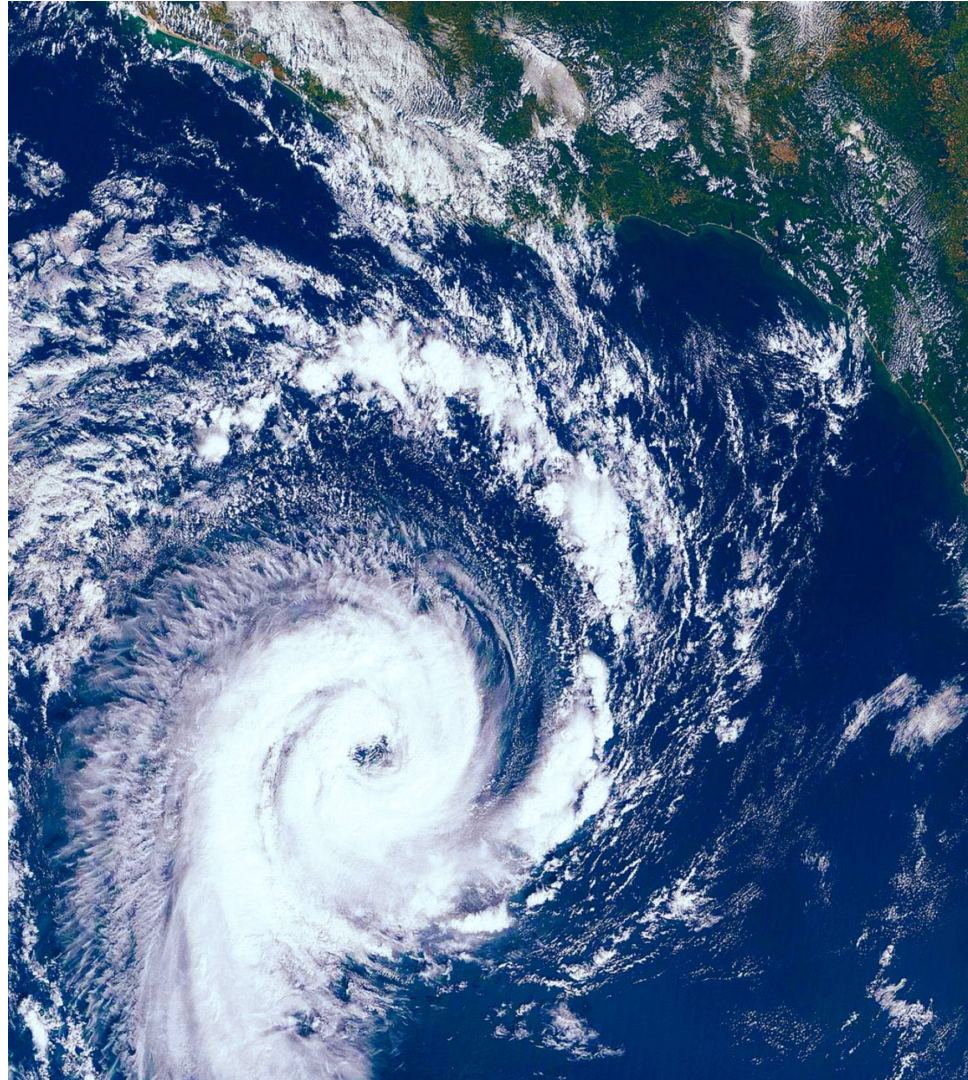
COP28's Action Agenda is focused on four key areas:

1. Fast-tracking a just and orderly transition
2. Fixing climate finance
3. Focusing on nature, lives and livelihoods
4. Fostering inclusivity for all

Everyone is welcome, because everyone is needed.

The time for promises is past.

The time for action is now.



What does the Presidency of a COP do?



The Presidency is a consensus-builder, not a unilateral decision-maker. It helps the 198 parties reach a negotiated agreement on how to address climate change. Negotiations take place over a twelve-month period, between the annual UN Climate Summits.



The Presidency also facilitates critical inputs from non-government actors - including NGOs, companies, and youth, among others - into the COP process.



The Presidency also helps to mobilize coalitions and initiatives that are working toward specific outcomes on policy, technology, and finance outside the negotiations.



What is the global context for COP28 UAE?

COP28 UAE will address climate challenges and unlock climate opportunities



Risk that global temperature increase will exceed **1.5°C**



Rapid growth of low-cost renewable energy, as well as **low-carbon innovation**



Severe energy security concerns and **high fossil** fuel demand



Geopolitical tensions threaten to undermine decades of globalization



Unprecedented public support for **climate action**



Worsening **climate disasters** and ongoing food crisis



Most vulnerable and fragile states receiving **least support**

The Global Stocktake measures our progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement

Paris Agreement Goals: To limit global temperature increase to well below 2 degrees and pursue efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5 degrees.

It has 4 pillars



Fast-tracking a just and orderly transition



Fix climate finance



Focus on nature, lives and livelihoods



Foster inclusivity for all

Our Thematic Program

From November 30 to December 12, 2023, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

COP28 will be a milestone moment for global climate action. The COP28 Presidency's two-week thematic program is geared towards responding to the Global Stocktake and keeping 1.5c in reach.

The Presidency has taken an inclusive approach to developing the thematic program. COP28 is the first Presidency to hold an open consultation on thematic areas and sequencing, and has invited inputs from across government, business, civil society, youth, and Indigenous Peoples, among others.

Together, these contributors have helped to highlight the most pressing action areas and the importance of their interconnectedness.

The program reflects the sectors and topics raised by stakeholders during consultations, including new actions areas like health, trade and relief, recovery, and peace. The thematic days programming also incorporates four cross-cutting themes that underpin effective, interconnected delivery: **Technology & Innovation, Inclusion, Frontline Communities and Finance.**



The COP28 Presidency has set out a plan of action, focused on matching the highest ambition for negotiated outcomes, with a robust action agenda to implement those ambitions in the real world.

- Fast-tracking a just and orderly transition
- Fixing climate finance
- Focusing on nature, lives and livelihoods
- Fostering inclusivity for all

Two Week Schedule

Nov 30	Opening Day	Dec 6	Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment / Transport
Dec 1	World Climate Action Summit	Dec 7	Rest
Dec 2	World Climate Action Summit	Dec 8	Youth, Children, Education and Skills
Dec 3	Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace	Dec 9	Nature, Land Use, and Oceans
Dec 4	Finance / Trade / Gender Equality / Accountability	Dec 10	Food, Agriculture and Water
Dec 5	Energy and Industry / Just Transition / Indigenous Peoples	Dec 11-12	Final Negotiations

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Technology and innovation



Inclusion



Frontline communities



Finance



**Dec
1-2**

World Climate Action Summit

The World Climate Action Summit welcomes heads of state and government alongside leaders from civil society, business, youth, Indigenous Peoples' organizations, frontline communities, science, and other sectors and groups to evidence progress and forward-looking policy and investment across all pillars of the Paris Agreement.

The summit is intended to provide momentum and guidance to the remainder of the COP and will feature sector-specific segments with diverse representation alongside leader-level statements.

**Dec
3**

Health/Relief, Recovery and Peace

These two themes - new for COPs - bring a human perspective to climate impacts and aim to boost investment and incentivize policy that protects lives and livelihoods and supports community resilience and stability.

- Health Day will host the first climate-health ministerial to build consensus on priority actions for the health system's response to climate change, paired with financing commitments for implementation.
- Relief, Recovery, and Peace Day will focus on accelerating adaptation and preventing and addressing loss and damage, including in fragile and conflict-affected contexts, that face considerable barriers to accessing climate finance and strengthening climate action.

**Dec
4**

Finance / Trade / Gender Equality / Accountability

Finance and trade systems require drastic and rapid change if the world is to meet its climate goals. This day will focus on scale, access, and affordability through macro-level reform of the international financial architecture, sustainable finance market development, and strengthening voluntary carbon markets - with an over-arching goal to leverage private sector finance and improve equity.

COP28 will also introduce the role of trade to COPs for climate-smart, equitable growth, including supply chain decarbonization, transition, and resilience.

Gender Equality Day will focus on how gender-responsive policy-making and better access to finance are central to achieving a Gender-Just Transition that advances gender equality and allows for the full and meaningful participation of women and girls in climate action.

In light of the global focus on private sector engagement, commitments, and finance, the program will additionally examine accountability mechanisms that help to turn promises and ambition into tangible results.

**Dec
5**

Energy, Industry and Just Transition

This day will focus on levers and pathways for rapid decarbonization and just transition across the full energy and industrial value chains, accelerating economic and job growth.

The package of outcomes will include massive deployment of renewable energy, greater energy efficiency, innovation and action for heavy-emitting sectors (including steel, cement, and aluminum), unlocking the potential of hydrogen, and decarbonization of oil and gas supplies, including through methane abatement and carbon management technologies.

Outcomes will also address universal energy access and the needs of energy workers. The day will additionally have a special focus on cooling as a critical mitigation and adaptation factor.

**Dec
6**

Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment / Transport

COP28 will feature a historic presence of local leaders, including mayors, governors, parliamentarians, business, and civil society leaders, united to accelerate climate action across all levels of government and society.

The day will also highlight solutions to transition to low-carbon and resilient built environments and infrastructure, sustainable and circular waste systems, and - through the interlinked transport pillar - more people-and-planet-friendly modes of mobility and freight.

The day will particularly look at action in urban areas, where population growth, economic activity and greenhouse gas emissions converge.

**Dec
7**

Day of Rest

COPs traditionally incorporate a 'day of rest' in the middle of the program for participants to reflect and recharge ahead of the second week.

The presidency will not run programming on this day.

**Dec
8**

Youth, Children, Education, and Skills

This day seeks to empower young people to shape the outcomes of COP28 and beyond, looking at equitable representation, stronger engagement mechanisms, and resource allocation across the COP themes and policy tracks.

Building on youth galvanization of the climate movement, the day aims to position young people to thrive in a green future while addressing climate change, particularly in light of disproportionate risks and impacts for children and youth.

Focuses will include investment in youth-led innovation and entrepreneurship; capacity-building, skills training, and green jobs aligned with climate action; inclusion in policymaking processes; and transforming education to achieve climate ambitions.

**Dec
9**

Nature, Land Use, and Oceans

Nature, Land Use, and oceans are integral to achieving all the Paris Agreement's goals, and recent adoption of the 30 x 30 biodiversity goal creates an imperative for integrated policy and investment for climate and nature.

COP28 will focus on delivering climate and nature co-benefits through a range of financing mechanisms and packages, co-designed with local and Indigenous Peoples, to sustainably manage and conserve natural carbon sinks and biodiversity hotspots.

It will also seek to accelerate private sector commitments to nature-positive accountability frameworks.

**Dec
10**

Food, Agriculture, and Water

Climate change is creating severe pressure and risks for the agri-food and water systems that underpin human wellbeing. At the same time, these systems are also key contributors to climate change: one third of all human-made GHG emissions derive from agri-food systems, and some 70% of all fresh water consumed worldwide is used for agricultural production.

Specific food and agriculture focuses include innovation investment, procurement around regenerative agriculture, and national transformation pathways, underpinned by financing mechanisms and project preparation. Water programming will also look at freshwater restoration and conservation, infrastructure for urban water resilience, and integrated governance and management of water-food systems.

**Dec
11-12**

Final Negotiations

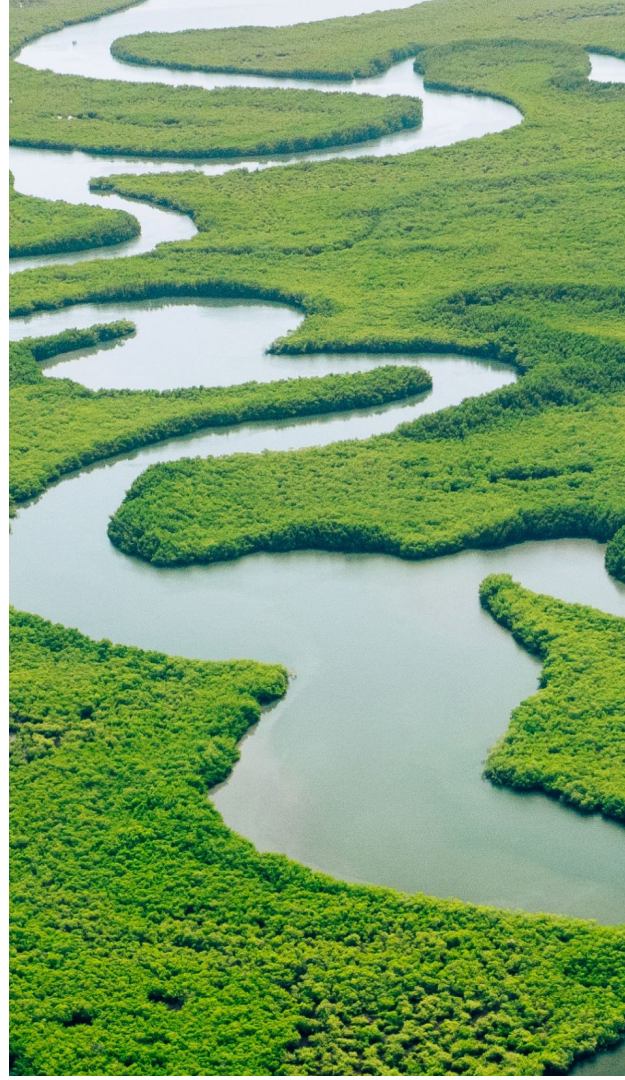
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This decision was informed by widespread feedback received from stakeholders.



Our Sequencing and Themes

- The COP28 Presidency's thematic days and sequencing aims to address the pillars of the Paris Agreement through 'real world' sectors within the climate nexus where multiple pillars typically apply.
- On the final two days of COP28 UAE, we have opted for no thematic days to avoid extensive programming when the negotiation text is often being closed.
- Shared thematic days are not 'half days' and while there will be a focus on the nexus between topics, this will not result in reduced programming for the theme.
- Each day of programming incorporates four cross-cutting themes that underpin effective, interconnected delivery. These are:
 - Technology & Innovation
 - Inclusion
 - Frontline Communities
 - Finance
- Programming across the two-week program will explicitly include these dimensions in content and speakers.





Our Consultation Process

The COP28 thematic program results from a six-week public consultation process to receive inputs on the draft program released by the Presidency in May 2023.

We are grateful for the over 600 submissions we received from observers, Parties, and other stakeholders, as well as guidance from the Marrakech Partnership, UN Climate Change High-Level Champions, UNFCCC Secretariat, and UNFCCC observer constituencies.

Given the many contrasting perspectives on themes and sequencing, not all comments were able to be reflected in the final program. However, where possible, feedback has informed our approach to operationalizing the program.





Our Consultation Process

The seven most frequent inputs were:

- Moving finance earlier in the program, to set the tone on increasing all available sources, particularly for implementation of climate action in developing countries and vulnerable communities.
- Including content on energy, industry, cities, regions, the built environment, and transport in a cluster, so that participants can hold interlinked events across two days.
- Similarly, maintaining the cluster of nature, land use, oceans, water, food, and agriculture for thematic synergies.
- Ensuring that the presidency's four proposed
- cross-cutting themes (especially on leadership and participation of Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, and frontline communities, among other groups) are realized.
- Either questioning or commending the presidency's proposal to link finance and gender equality.
- Explicitly recognizing agriculture alongside food and water.

Given the high volume of environment and climate ministers who will be at COP during the second week, the Nature, Land Use, and Oceans Day and the Food, Agriculture, and Water Day have been moved to 9th and 10th December, respectively, and will be a major focus of attendance and programming.

The Presidency and High-Level Champions will also design the World Climate Action Summit to feature thematic topics across both weeks, so that they benefit from leader-level consideration.





Social Media Language

Correct naming

United Nations Climate Change Conference, hosted by the UAE.

Hashtags

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#PathWayToCOP28 | #COP28

COP28 UAE provides stakeholders with multiple opportunities for engagement

1

Speaking Opportunities

Participate in events to report climate action and commit to new ambition.

2

Site Visits

Enable delegates to visit world-class, pro-climate sites in the UAE.

3

Entity-level Commitments

Commit to credible target-setting initiatives for individual entities - SBTi, Race to Zero, First Movers Coalition, etc.

4

Sectoral Mobilization

Rally peers and supply chains in key sectors around a quantifiable policy, technology, or financing COP28 outcome.

5

Scaling up Existing UAE Partnerships

Bring new resources and partners to existing UAE-based climate initiatives and align outcomes with COP28 UAE.

6

International Coalition Membership

Join major international coalitions that are already driving change in their sectors.

7

Host Pavilions

Engage stakeholders via pavilions at COP28 UAE.

8

Youth Delegate Support

Enable youth from around the globe to participate in COP28 UAE and develop their careers (travel sponsorship, mentorship, workshops, training, etc.).

9

Traditional Sponsorship

Sponsor different physical and service components of COP28 UAE.

10

Secondment

Provide technical expertise to the COP28 UAE team and bring networks and knowledge from the COP process back into the UAE.



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Any questions?

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