

The UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience & Adaptation Initiatives at COP28 UAE

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Putting nature, people, lives and livelihoods at the heart of climate change.

COP28 Presidency's Adaptation Priorities

- *Adoption of the **UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience**, a **robust framework for the Global Goal on Adaptation** to reduce vulnerability and build adaptive capacities with targets and indicators.*
- Mobilizing innovative financing for **nature** to protect, restore and sustainably manage the 3 largest forest basins & **biodiversity** areas and to sustainably manage ocean resources in 3 key coastal countries
- Delivering a declaration by 100+ countries to commit to embed **food** systems plans into NDCs & NAPs; mobilizing key food players to deliver programs that transition large **agricultural** landscapes to regenerative agriculture practices
- Elevating **health** as a political priority, and announcing a political declaration on health and matching country needs with multi-million dollar financial commitments
- Building on recent progress on **water** by bringing the right stakeholders together to create tangible action on restoration of freshwater ecosystems, urban water resilience and water resilience in food systems
- Securing commitments towards stronger **sub-national engagement** on NDCs/NAPs and launching a blended finance vehicle to expand **urban** climate finance

Adaptation Outcomes at COP28

UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience

- For the first time, forward-looking targets covering thematic areas essential for human wellbeing and sustainable development:
Water, food, health, ecosystems, infrastructure/settlements, poverty reduction & cultural heritage
- Dimensional targets covering the national process for adaptation:
Assessments, planning, implementation, & monitoring

The Presidency's Action Agenda

- COP28 saw an unprecedented set of policy and finance commitments from across the public and private sectors to put nature, lives, and livelihoods at the heart of the climate agenda, bolstering and humanizing the response to the GST
- Complements and supports action by Parties & non-Party stakeholders towards implementing the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience

The UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience: *Thematic targets*



Water

Significantly reducing climate-induced water scarcity and enhancing climate resilience to water-related hazards towards a climate-resilient water supply, climate-resilient sanitation and towards access to safe and affordable potable water for all;



Food & Agriculture

Attaining climate-resilient food and agricultural production and supply and distribution of food, as well as increasing sustainable and regenerative production and equitable access to adequate food and nutrition for all;



Health

Attaining resilience against climate change related health impacts, promoting climate-resilient health services, and significantly reducing climate-related morbidity and mortality, particularly in the most vulnerable communities;



Ecosystems

Reducing climate impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity, and accelerating the use of ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions, including through their management, enhancement, restoration and conservation and the protection of terrestrial, inland water, mountain, marine and coastal ecosystems



Infrastructure & settlements

Increasing the resilience of infrastructure and human settlements to climate change impacts to ensure basic and continuous essential services for all, and minimizing climate-related impacts on infrastructure and human settlements



Poverty Eradication & Livelihoods

Substantially reducing the adverse effects of climate change on poverty eradication and livelihoods, in particular by promoting the use of adaptive social protection measures for all



Cultural Heritage

Protecting cultural heritage from the impacts of climate-related risks by developing adaptive strategies for preserving cultural practices and heritage sites and by designing climate-resilient infrastructure, guided by traditional knowledge, Indigenous Peoples' knowledge and local knowledge systems

The UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience: *Dimensional targets*

“iterative adaptation cycle”

by 2030 all Parties have designed, established and operationalized a system for monitoring, evaluation and learning for their national adaptation efforts and have built the required institutional capacity to fully implement the system



by 2030 all Parties have progressed in implementing their national adaptation plans, policies and strategies and, as a result, have reduced the social and economic impacts of the key climate hazards identified in the assessments referred to in paragraph 10(a) above;

by 2030 all Parties have conducted up-to-date assessments of climate hazards, climate change impacts and exposure to risks and vulnerabilities and have used the outcomes of these assessments to inform their formulation of national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, and by 2027 all Parties have established multi-hazard early warning systems, climate information services for risk reduction and systematic observation to support improved climate-related data, information and services;

by 2030 all Parties have in place country-driven, gender-responsive, participatory and fully transparent national adaptation plans, policy instruments, and planning processes and/or strategies, covering, as appropriate, ecosystems, sectors, people and vulnerable communities, and have mainstreamed adaptation in all relevant strategies and plans;

COP28 Presidency Action Agenda Initiatives

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Nature

- Country-level investment plans and corresponding finance to protect, restore and sustainably manage the 3 largest forest basins & oceans
- Partnership with China, Colombia, Brazil, and other Rio Convention presidencies & coalitions leads to coordinate NDCs, NAPs, and NBSAPs
- Mangrove Alliance for Climate (now 37 countries representing 50+% of mangroves), framed by 2030 Mangrove Breakthrough conservation target



Food

- Delivering a high-level declaration by 159 **countries to commit to embed food/agri systems' plans into NDCs & NAPs**, backed by a coalition of technical assistance providers
- **Mobilizing key food players behind regenerative agricultural commitments in key landscapes**



Health

- **Elevating health** as a political priority, with 149-country declaration plus initial financing for high-impact climate-health investments (heat, infectious disease, WASH, etc)

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Water

- United partners behind 2030 target of Freshwater Challenge on freshwater ecosystem protection
- Provide support to countries via a coalition for integrated food-water ambition in their next NDCs and NAPs, for freshwater ecosystems, urban water resilience and water resilience in food systems



Sustainable Cities

- CHAMP initiative to enhance **subnational engagement** on NDCs/NAPs



Relief Recovery Peace

- "RRP" Declaration endorsed by 82 countries and 43 organizations to reduce climate finance gap in LDCs and SIDS that face fragility, conflict, and severe humanitarian needs
- Expansion of **Early Warnings Systems for All**

Implementing the UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience

Maintain momentum from COP28 towards Baku and Belem:

- We must continue the momentum from Dubai to ensure there is strong start to the **UAE-Belem Work Programme on Indicators**.
- Progress on the delivery of the **doubling of adaptation finance by 2025 and going beyond**.

Implementing the action agenda

- Prepare for significant increase in food/agri, nature, and subnational content in next round of NDCs, NAPs & NBSAPs
- Co-host second high-level dialogue on climate and health with Azerbaijan and Brazil at World Health Assembly, and a potential climate-health finance accountability moment at UNGA
- Cooperate with outgoing and incoming Rio Convention presidencies on policy and finance outcomes that support achievement of all 3 conventions

Implementation
in 2024