

AMERICA IS ALL IN AT COP28

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

America Is All In made a significant impact at the UN Climate Negotiations (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where the first Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement was concluded. The coalition's wide-ranging presence at these critical talks included a robust U.S. subnational and non-federal delegation; a breakout session during the first ever Local Climate Action Summit for international mayors, governors, and other elected officials; an *America Is All In* Action Center event space and board room, which played host to two dozen different events; and a number of analytical deliverables, coalition member and partner progress markers, and public announcements that ensured the continued contributions and influence of U.S. communities, businesses, and institutions in delivering ambitious climate action with global impact.

Throughout COP28, *All In* members were able to showcase the substantive climate action happening at health care centers, universities, state and local governments, and businesses across the United States. *All In* members highlighted how impactful U.S. Federal leadership is through the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which, coupled with subnational implementation, creates the foundation for U.S. delivery of our climate targets.

STATEMENT FROM AMERICA IS ALL IN

CO-CHAIRS MICHAEL BLOOMBERG, JAY INSLEE, LISA JACKSON, VI LYLES, AND GINA MCCARTHY

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) provided a historic opportunity to recognize the critical role local leaders play in reducing emissions, addressing climate risk, and supercharging national efforts to move further and faster on climate progress. The Local Climate Action Summit (LCAS) brought together over 500 mayors, governors, and local leaders from over 60 countries across six continents in Dubai to accelerate multilevel climate action and, for the first time, integrated local climate leadership into the COP program and process. During LCAS and throughout COP28, *America Is All In* was held up as a model of how subnational partners can both lead in the absence of national climate action and also accelerate their progress when the partnership with the federal government is strong.



COP28 at Dubai Expo Center. Photo by Hannah Greenfader/
America is All In

When the curtain fell on COP28, the global community came together to state clearly that fossil fuels and super pollutants like methane need to be eliminated, that the future will run on renewable power, and that economic development will grow based on clean technologies. The final COP28 agreement is not the end of our work, but an important market signal and the beginning of a new era of climate action. We have our marching orders: tripling global renewable energy capacity by 2030, more public and private sector investments in the developing world, halting deforestation and land degradation, and giving every country—especially those in the Global South—a chance to build stable, secure clean energy economies. We are encouraged by the importance the agreement places on the views and experience of non-state actors at the 'local, subnational, national and regional levels.' Throughout this critical decade for climate action, *America Is All In* will ensure that the international community continues to hear from U.S. cities, states, tribal nations, businesses, and institutions that are leading the climate fight in their communities to build a more equitable future for all people. We're eager to support the United States as it develops its 2035 climate goal, or national determined contribution to the Paris agreement.

COALITION PRESENCE AT COP28

America Is All In managed and supported a strong cross constituency delegation of 175+ representatives, including over 20 U.S. mayors and city officials, a U.S. governor, a dozen state leaders, and dozens of civil society leaders—from cultural centers to health care systems and higher education. These representatives were joined by high ranking federal officials, members of Congress, and international subnational counterparts.

AMERICA IS ALL IN AT THE LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

America Is All In supported the historic Local Climate Action Summit, co-hosted by the COP28 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies. Over 500 subnational leaders from 60 countries, including over 30 elected officials from the United States, came together to highlight how communities are at the cutting edge of climate action. UN Special Envoy **Mike Bloomberg** held up *America Is All In* as a model for success in plenary remarks in front of the UN Secretary General and COP28 President, Sultan Al Jaber.

At a U.S.-focused breakout session hosted by *America Is All In*, U.S. elected officials, environmental justice leaders, and other subnational actors engaged federal experts on ways to improve federal and non-federal partnerships to enhance climate-smart implementation across energy systems, transportation, public health, workforce development, and more. At this event, *All In* Managing Co-Chair **Gina McCarthy** announced that *America Is All In* would lead a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process to bring subnational experience and voices into the next U.S. climate strategy update (see more below). White House Senior Advisor **John Podesta** and U.S. Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy **Ambassador Nina Hachigan** were among the federal officials to provide remarks and perspectives.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mayors of Lincoln, NE; Columbia, MO; Des Moines, IA; New Orleans, LA; Columbus, MO; Burnsville, MN; White Plains, NY. Photo by Hannah Greenfader, America Is All In; RIGHT: Peggy Shepard and Dr. Robert Bullard. Photo by David Castillo, Bullard Center



AMERICA IS ALL IN ACTION CENTER PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

The *America Is All In* Action Center featured nearly 20 public events ([streamed live](#)), a handful of roundtable discussions, and two town halls for coalition members to engage high ranking U.S. federal officials, U.S. elected officials, corporate and financial institution partners, leaders in environmental justice, and more took the stage to highlight their climate leadership to an international audience, comparing experiences with fellow subnational partners from around the globe. Over 100 panelists drew an in-person crowd of 500+ attendees over the course of three days. The events have garnered a total of 1,351 views on the *All In* YouTube Channel as of December 19, 2023. See [full event program](#) with descriptions and speaker lists.



LEFT: Karin Hilgersom, Fawn Sharp, Gina McCarthy, Kevin Rabinovitch, Mayor Errick D. Simmons; RIGHT: Ali Zaidi, White House National Climate Advisor. Photos by Hannah Greenfader/America Is All In



- **Ali Zaidi**, White House National Climate Advisor, met with *All In* coalition members and U.S.-based practitioners in a closed-door town hall. The focus was on evaluating the progress of the IRA, acknowledging challenges, and highlighting positive climate investments in *All In* member communities. In a separate town hall, **Carlos Monje**, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), discussed the positive impacts of climate investment in the transportation sector.
- **Peggy Shepard**, Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT, and **Dr. Robert Bullard**, Founder of the Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice, delved into opportunities and challenges for key initiatives like the IRA, BIL, and Justice40.
- A public health-focused session, in partnership with the Center for Global Sustainability, included the launch of an *All In* report focused on improved air quality & health benefits. Panelists included **Shelly Schlenker**, Chief Advocacy Officer at Commonspirit Health, and **Liane Randolph**, Chair of the California Air Resources Board, who explored the crucial role of decarbonization in reducing pollution and promoting health equity.
- Financial institutions representing market leaders like **Karen Fang**, Bank of America, and **Ivan Frishberg**, Amalgamated Bank, joined community partners like **Harold Pettigrew**, Opportunity Finance Network and **Dan Stiles**, Coalition for Green Capital to discuss with **Ethan Zindler**, U.S. Treasury, how to finance the transition using a variety of financing tools at these various institutions while relying on the support of the U.S. Federal Government.
- The U.S. Climate Alliance co-hosted an event in which they released their annual report and addressed nationwide climate challenges, with leaders like **Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham** of New Mexico; **David Hochschild**, Chair of the California Energy Commission; **Serena McIlwain**, Secretary of the Maryland Department of the Environment; and **James Kenney**, Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department.
- The U.S. Conference of Mayors co-hosted an event that addressed the current challenges and opportunities faced by mayors in protecting their citizens, especially vulnerable populations, amid increasingly drastic weather patterns. Mayors **Andy Ginther** of Columbus, OH; **LaToya Cantrell** of New Orleans, LA; **Frank Cownie** of Des Moines, IA; **Barbara Buffaloe** of Columbia, MO; and **Elizabeth Kautz** of Burnsville, MN discussed their strategies for utilizing programs like IRA and BIL and innovative financing solutions to support their climate action plans.



Local Climate Action Summit: America Is All In Break-Out Session. Photos by Hannah Greenfader/America is All In

ALL IN ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DELIVERABLES

All In members and partners made a number of announcements and delivered new reports highlighting the impact of subnational U.S. climate leadership. Here are just a few of those announcements:

- **America Is All In** released a new report showing that an all-in climate strategy will improve air quality in all 50 states. This report, from the Center for Global Sustainability at the University of Maryland, demonstrates that an all-of-society approach to achieving U.S. climate goals—integrating federal policies from Congress and the Executive Branches with actions from states, cities, businesses, and communities—can realize improved air quality and health benefits across every state and in nearly every county in the United States. The report found that cutting emissions by at least 50% by 2030 will prevent 5,400 annual deaths in 2030, and 63,600 deaths between 2024 to 2035.

- **America Is All In** announced that it will develop a [comprehensive stakeholder engagement process](#) to provide **subnational feedback to the U.S. Federal Government on its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), required as part of the Paris Agreement.** *America Is All In* will bring together subnational partners that are committed to a net-zero transition to identify practical solutions on each of the NDC sectors. *America Is All In* is the most expansive coalition of leaders ever assembled in support of climate action in the United States, representing 50 states, 65 percent of the U.S. population and 68 percent of U.S. GDP, and it is well placed to bring together diverse voices to support a comprehensive approach to climate action for the U.S. economy.
- **America Is All In** announced the coalition's alignment with the overarching goals of the [Fossil to Clean campaign](#). The campaign is focused on aggressive build-out of clean solutions, policy reform, and collective effort toward a just and equitable transition, which are all core goals of the *America Is All In* coalition. *All In* members who have chosen to formally sign on to the campaign include Atlassian, Avocado Green Mattress, Change Finance, PBC, Climate Positive Consulting, Danone, eBay, ECOS, EILEEN FISHER, Inc., ENSO, Geelen Counterflow, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, IKEA, JLL, Nestlé, Novozymes, OLIPOP, Patagonia, Sense-Lab, Signify, Sony Group Corporation, Trane Technologies, and Unilever.
- **Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative (MRCTI)** mayors [announced 100,000 acres](#) supported by climate projects along the Mississippi River. The MRCTI mayors also [signed an agreement](#) with Indian River Cities, forming the first international collaboration between river city mayors between the U.S. and India.
- **Boise, Idaho** announced that the city implemented its new [Modern Zoning Code](#) to ensure the city's future design and development protects the character it loves and creates more walkable, dynamic spaces for everyone. In addition, the city has launched a new [Development Tracker](#) to ensure residents can easily access information on what types of projects are happening in the city.
- The **U.S. Climate Alliance** [released their annual report](#) featuring new analysis indicating that its 25 member states and territories, accounting for 60% of the U.S. economy and 55% of the population, are projected to achieve a remarkable 26% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 below 2005 levels.
- *America Is All In* member **CommonSpirit Health** is accelerating towards its net zero goal by 2040 through the deployment of the Virtually Integrated Care (VIC) Model. By May 2024, virtual nursing capacities will be established in 11 locations, adding 720 beds to enhance patient care, address workforce shortages, and reduce transportation and greenhouse gas burdens. Their vision for FY 2025 involves expanding VIC beyond units to entire hospitals across five regions, potentially incorporating 50 more hospitals annually.
- **Metrus Energy** announced that it is doubling its investment commitment under *America Is All In* to an impressive \$400 million, up from the initial \$200 million. This significant increase will be officially announced as part of Metrus' pledge under Mission Efficiency. Additionally, Metrus Energy is proud to declare its commitment to the Global Cooling Pledge.
- At COP28, the **Association of Science and Technology Centers**, representing over 600 member organizations globally, [unveiled its Seeding Action initiative](#) through its new public engagement effort. Seeding Action aims to address a crucial missing ingredient for large-scale climate action—widespread public action and demand for corporate, government, and institutional changes.
- *America Is All In*, as the preeminent U.S. subnational climate coalition, acted as a model and succeeded in working with the U.S. Federal government to [pledge to join](#) the **Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships, or CHAMP**, alongside 70 additional countries.
- **CDP** released their [2023 Global Infrastructure Snapshot](#)—the largest repository of pending urban climate-related project data. Based on data provided by over 1,000 cities reporting through CDP-ICLEI Track in 2023, the Snapshot identifies 2,346 climate-related infrastructure projects reported by 636 cities across 86 countries. These projects are worth over \$146 billion and seeking over \$65 billion in investment.

VOICES OF THE AMERICA IS ALL IN COALITION

Over the course of over two dozen public events, roundtable discussions, town hall meetings, and other high-level engagements, the following individuals gave voice to the *America Is All In* coalition:

AMERICA IS ALL IN CO-CHAIRS

Michael R. Bloomberg, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions

Gina McCarthy, former White House National Climate Advisor and EPA Administrator

STATES, CITIES, AND TRIBAL NATIONS

Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico

James Kenney, Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department

Barbara Buffaloe, Mayor of Columbia, MO

LaToya Cantrell, Mayor of New Orleans, LA

Brad Cavanagh, Mayor, Dubuque, IA

Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor, Lincoln, NE

Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, IA

Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California

Beam Furr, Commissioner, Broward County, FL

Andy Ginther, Mayor of Columbus, OH

David Hochschild, Chair, California Energy Commission

Elizabeth Kautz, Mayor, Burnsville, MN

Paul Lau, CEO, Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Lauren McLean, Mayor, City of Boise, ID

Serena McIlwain, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment

Lily Mei, Mayor, City of Fremont, CA

Aftab Pureval, Mayor, Cincinnati, OH

Liane Randolph, Chair, California Air Resources Board

Mitch Reynolds, Mayor of La Crosse, WI

Thomas Roach, Mayor of White Plains, NY

Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor, City of Madison, WI

Fawn Sharp, Special Envoy, National Congress of American Indians

Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Travis County, TX

Errick Simmons, Mayor of Greenville, MS

Alex Valdez, Representative, Colorado House of Representative

Violet Sage Walker, Chairwoman, Northern Chumash Tribal Council



TOP: Governor Lujan Grisham; MIDDLE: Carlos Monje Town Hall; BOTTOM: Ali Zaidi Town Hall. Photos by Hannah Greenfader

BUSINESSES, INVESTORS, AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Amy Chiang, Chief Sustainability and Public Affairs Officer, Topsoe

Caroline Choi, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Edison International

Karen Fang, Managing Director, Global Head of Sustainable Finance, Bank of America

Ivan Frishberg, Chief Sustainability Officer, Amalgamated Bank

Bob Hinkle, President and CEO, Metrus Energy

Reihaneh Irani-Famili, Vice President, Capital Delivery – Project, National Grid

Harold Pettigrew, CEO, Opportunity Finance Network

Kevin Rabinovitch, Vice President, Sustainability, Mars Incorporated

Saima Rasool, ESG Climate Risk and Strategy Assistant Manager, KPMG

Josh Sawislak, Managing Director, Deloitte

Dan Stiles, External Counsel, Coalition for Green Capital

Scott Tew, Vice President for Sustainability, Trane Technologies

Laura Tierney, Vice President, International Programs, Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)

Verena Radulovic, Vice President, Business Engagement, C2ES

Crystal Upperman, Senior Manager for Government & Public Services, Deloitte

Helen Walter-Terrinoni, Global Decarbonization Lead, Trane Technologies

Ken West, President & CEO of Energy and Sustainability Solutions, Honeywell

Heather Zichal, Global Head of Sustainability, JP Morgan Chase

Ruth Ivory-Moore, Director, Government Affairs, Hudson Technologies

ACADEMIA, HEALTH, AND CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS

Manish Bapna, President and CEO, Natural Resources Defense Council

Gaurab Basu, Director of Education and Policy, Harvard Chan C-CHANGE

John Boesel, CEO, Calstart

Dr. Robert Bullard, Founding Director, Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice

Peggy Shepard, Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT

Tim Carter, President, Second Nature

Ryna Cui, Research Director, Center for Global Sustainability

Angie Fyfe, Executive Director, ICLEI USA

Paula Glover, President, Alliance to Save Energy

J. Drake Hamilton, Senior Science Policy Director, Fresh Energy

Patrick Hamilton, Manager of Sustainability Initiatives, Science Museum of Minnesota

Rev. Susan Hendershot, President, Interfaith Power & Light

Karin Hilgersom, President, Truckee Meadows Community College

Julie Zimmerman, Vice Provost for Planetary Solutions, Yale University

Maurie McInnis, President, Stony Brook University

Nate Hultman, Founder and Director, Center for Global Sustainability at University of Maryland

Casey Katims, Executive Director, U.S. Climate Alliance

Nat Keohane, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Pam Kiely, Associate Vice President U.S. Region, Environmental Defense Fund

Kate Levick, Associate Director on Sustainable Finance, E3G

Elizabeth Lien, America Is All In Program Lead and Senior Director for Federal Climate Policy, WWF-US

Marcene Mitchell, Senior Vice President of Climate Change, WWF-US

Helen Mountford, President and CEO, ClimateWorks

Hilari Varnadore, Vice President, Cities, U.S. Green Building Council

Andrew Prag, Managing Director of Policy, We Mean Business Coalition

Melanie Robinson, Global Climate Program Director, WRI

Shelly Schlenker, Chief Advocacy Officer, Commonspirit Health

Rachelle Wenger, System Vice President, Public Policy & Advocacy Engagement Commonspirit Health

Anton Seals Jr., Lead Steward Grow Greater Englewood

Dany Sigwalt, Managing Director, Green Leadership Trust

Sandra H. Smithers, Executive Director, New Castle Prevention Coalition

Diamond Spratling, Executive Director, Girl Plus Environment

Andrew Steer, President & CEO, Bezos Earth Fund

Kate Wright, Executive Director, Climate Mayors

U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

Rick Duke, Deputy Special Envoy for Climate, U.S. Department of State

Ambassador Nina Hachigian, U.S. Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy

Dr. Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Amanda McCarty, Senior Advisor, Office of Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

Carlos Monje, Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation

John Podesta, Senior Advisor to President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation

Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State

Ann Shikany, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation

Maggie Thomas, Special Assistant to the President for Climate, White House Climate Policy Office

David Turk, United States Deputy Secretary of Energy

Ali Zaidi, White House National Climate Advisor

Ethan Zindler, Climate Counselor to Secretary Yellen, U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. SENATE

Senator Ed Markey, Massachusetts

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Rhode Island

Senator Ben Cardin, Maryland

Senator Brian Schatz, Hawaii

Senator Thomas R. Carper, Delaware

Jonathan Misk, Director of Oversight & Senior Counsel, Committee on the Budget

U.S. Senate Congressional Staff Delegation (various)

INTERNATIONAL

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, UNFCCC High-level Champion COP28

Gonzalo Muñoz, UNFCCC High-level Champion COP25

Manuel Pulgar Vidal, Climate Change and Energy Global Lead at WWF, President COP20

Toshiko Chiba, Climate Change Specialist and Director, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Ricardo Bosshard, Director, WWF Chile

James Craven, Middle East President, Live Nation

Cícero Lucena, Mayor of João Pessoa, Brazil

Mauro Tamayo, Mayor of Cerro Navia, Chile

This list does not reflect the entirety of the *America Is All In* managed delegation, nor a full list of attendees, but rather a partial list of public speakers and active event participants.