

Guide for Partners and Delegates

# *America Is All In Action Center at COP28*

# AMERICA IS ALL IN *Action Center* #AllInAtCOP28

## **What you need to know to take part in COP28.**

Whether traveling to Dubai or participating from the U.S., this guide will help you follow all the major events during COP28 happening as part of the America Is All In Action Center.

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# What is the COP?

The Conference of Parties (COP) is the decision-making body of the United Nations Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC or Convention). All States that are Parties to the Convention are represented at the COP, at which they review the implementation of the Convention and any other legal instruments that the COP adopts and take decisions necessary to promote the effective implementation of the Convention, including institutional and administrative arrangements. A key task for the COP is to review the reports submitted by Parties on their GHG emissions and climate action.

The COP meets every year, unless the Parties decide otherwise. The first COP meeting was held in Berlin, Germany in March, 1995. The COP meets in Bonn, the seat of the secretariat, unless a Party offers to host the session. Just as the COP Presidency rotates among the five recognized UN regions - that is, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe and Western Europe and Others – there is a tendency for the venue of the COP to also shift among these groups. The host of the COP holds the COP Presidency for that year and influences the agenda and textual negotiations.

## Overview of COP28

COP28 is taking place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from **November 30 to December 12**. COP28 holds significant importance, marking the conclusion of the inaugural Global Stocktake, a comprehensive evaluation of progress toward achieving the objectives set by the Paris Agreement. Recognizing the world's current deviation from the intended course, the COP28 Presidency is committed to preserving the 1.5°C global warming goal and pushing for a decisive response to the Global Stocktake with a clearly defined action plan, addressing the necessary measures to keep 1.5°C within reach. The UAE will spearhead efforts for a substantial "course correction" to expedite emissions reduction while safeguarding energy security.

You can access more information including the schedule of thematic days, priorities, and logistics on the official COP28 website here:

- Official COP28 Website hosted by Government of United Arab Emirates, Dubai- [COP28 - Home](#)

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and COP Presidencies also produce guides for COP participants which you can access here.

- [Information for COP 28 participants \(A-Z\) | UNFCCC](#)
- [Observer Handbook for COP28.pdf - Google Drive](#)

## Global Goals for COP28

Set by the COP Presidency of Dubai

1. **Fast Tracking the Energy Transition:** Set ambitious targets to triple renewable energy output and double low carbon hydrogen production by 2030, while revolutionizing food and agriculture systems and collaborating with the energy industry for decarbonization.
2. **Fixing Climate Finance:** Initiate a comprehensive transformation of climate finance, partnering with key institutions to mobilize capital, enhance adaptation finance, and support vulnerable communities after climate disasters.
3. **Nature, People, Lives and Livelihoods:** Prioritize protecting vulnerable communities and vital systems, emphasizing nature, food, and resilience, and preserving natural ecosystems like rainforests and mangroves.
4. **Inclusivity:** Foster inclusivity by engaging youth and Indigenous Peoples, breaking down sectoral silos, and working to bridge divisions hindering climate action.

## Global Stocktake

The Global Stocktake (GST) is a critical turning point in our battle against the escalating climate crisis. It serves as a comprehensive roadmap, offering specific pathways, milestones, and targets in various areas of climate efforts, such as mitigation, adaptation, means of implementation, and addressing loss and damage. Essentially, it provides clear guidance to countries on their next steps and the urgency of their actions, acting as a kind of "course correction" to keep nations on the right track.

The GST lays the groundwork for countries to enhance and modernize their National Determined Contributions (NDCs), which are central to their national climate action plans. In essence, it empowers nations to refine their strategies and contribute effectively to global climate goals.

# Urgency Ahead of COP28

The climate crisis is here. This year the world has faced everything from record-breaking heatwaves and raging wildfires to catastrophic storms and floods that have devastated lives, economies, and ecosystems. No part of the world is untouched by the impacts of climate change. More serious and irreversible damages to society and ecosystems are approaching if we reach and exceed 1.5°C of warming. Every fraction of a degree matters now to help people and nature.

Climate change is moving faster than we are. Despite some progress, the world is dangerously off-course to meet our climate targets, and action to date is woefully insufficient to prevent the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

A dramatic course-correction is needed to reset climate ambition and action in line with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

## The COP28 Venue - Expo City Dubai



COP28 is being hosted at Expo City Dubai located minutes from the International Airport. Access to events and exhibitions at this location require official credentials from the UN for each individual. The so-called “**Blue Zone**” is home to the America Is All In Action Center pavilion as well as the U.S. Center operated by the United States Federal Government and many other national pavilions.

The COP28 overview schedule is available on the [UNFCCC website](#). It contains information on:

- Dates for pre-session meetings of negotiating groups
- Dates for thematic pre-session workshops
- Dates and times for plenary meetings and meetings of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, and Paris agreement bodies, mandated events and workshops, presidency events, and other high-level events

Across from the convention center there will be the “**Green Zone**,” another area open to the public with a free ticket hosting youth, civil society, academia, artists, and business from around the world. A full program for official side events and exhibits is [available here](#). Visit <http://cop28.com/tickets> to secure your spot and book your Green Zone Day Pass. Visitor hours for the Green Zone hubs are from 10:00-18:00.

## Getting your badge at COP28

Have your passport and screenshot or printed copy of your UNFCCC letter to collect your badge at COP.

### **Badge Registration Desk Open Hours:**

- Tuesday, 28 November: 08:00 – 18:00 hrs
- Wednesday, 29 November: 08:00 – 21:00 hrs
- Thursday, 30 November: 06:30 – 21:00 hrs
- Friday, 1 December: 06:30 – 19:00 hrs
- Saturday, 2 December to Wednesday, 6 December: 08:00 – 19:00 hrs
- *Thursday, 7 December: The conference premises, including registration, are closed.*
- Friday, 8 December: 06:30 – 19:00 hrs
- Saturday, 9 December to Tuesday, 12 December: 08:00 – 19:00 hrs

# Transportation

The **Blue Zone** is connected to wider Dubai by the Dubai Metro.

## Dubai Metro

- Delegates are encouraged to use Dubai Metro to reach Expo City Metro Station via the Metro Red Line, DXB Airport, and the main hotels and tourist attractions in Dubai.
- Dubai Metro Operational Hours are from 05:00 until 00:00. Plan your journey [here](#).
  - COP28 UAE will provide *free of charge* public transport throughout COP28 UAE for Blue Zone delegates. NOL Cards will be delivered during COP28 registration at Expo Site.

## Shuttle Buses

- Complimentary bus shuttles will run between Expo 2020 Metro Station and the entrances to the Green Zone. Four convenient bus stops will be in operation near the primary entrance.



# Visas

For all COP28 attendees, regardless of your passport, **a UAE visa is mandatory**. You can find the Visa application link [here](#). You will need your UNFCCC registration code which can be found in the acknowledgment letter to start the visa application. Ensure your submitted information matches your passport precisely for visa approval and online application with your badge letter. The online visa usually takes 30 minutes to 24 hours for confirmation.

**Note:** The online visa covers all attendees from November 30 to December 12. Upon arrival in Dubai, you'll receive a 30-day visa stamped in your passport, accommodating early arrivals and post-COP departures.

## Health/COVID-19 Protocols

It is **strongly recommended** that all participants who plan to attend COP28 be fully vaccinated and have a booster by the time of arrival in Dubai.

- **Before you travel**  
Make sure your COVID-19 vaccinations are up to date and have a copy on your phone or printed.
- **Pre-Departure**  
It is highly suggested that all participants traveling to COP28 have evidence of a negative PCR COVID-19 test before departing to Dubai.
- **During the Conference**  
Although there is no official mask policy in Dubai or in the conference, all participants are highly encouraged to wear a face mask indoors.



# Safety in Dubai

## Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution

You can find the full State Department travel advisory [here](#):

- Monitor local media for breaking events and be prepared to adjust your plans.
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Review the [Country Security Report](#) for the United Arab Emirates.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest [Travel Health Information](#) related to your travel.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the [Traveler's Checklist](#).

## U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi

Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4.  
Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

## What are the emergency numbers?

- 999 for Police
- 998 for Ambulance
- 997 for the Fire Department (Civil Defense)

More FAQs can be found [HERE](#)

# Venue Maps and Location of the *America Is All In* Climate Action Center

The *America Is All In* Action Center is the hub for U.S. non-federal leaders and institutions at COP28, and has served this role since COP23 in Bonn in 2017.

The ***America Is All In* Action Center is a pavilion in the Blue Zone** of the COP venue hosting events in-person and streaming online on **December 3rd, 4th, & 5th**.

**Our pavilion location is on the second floor of Building 89 in Area B7.**

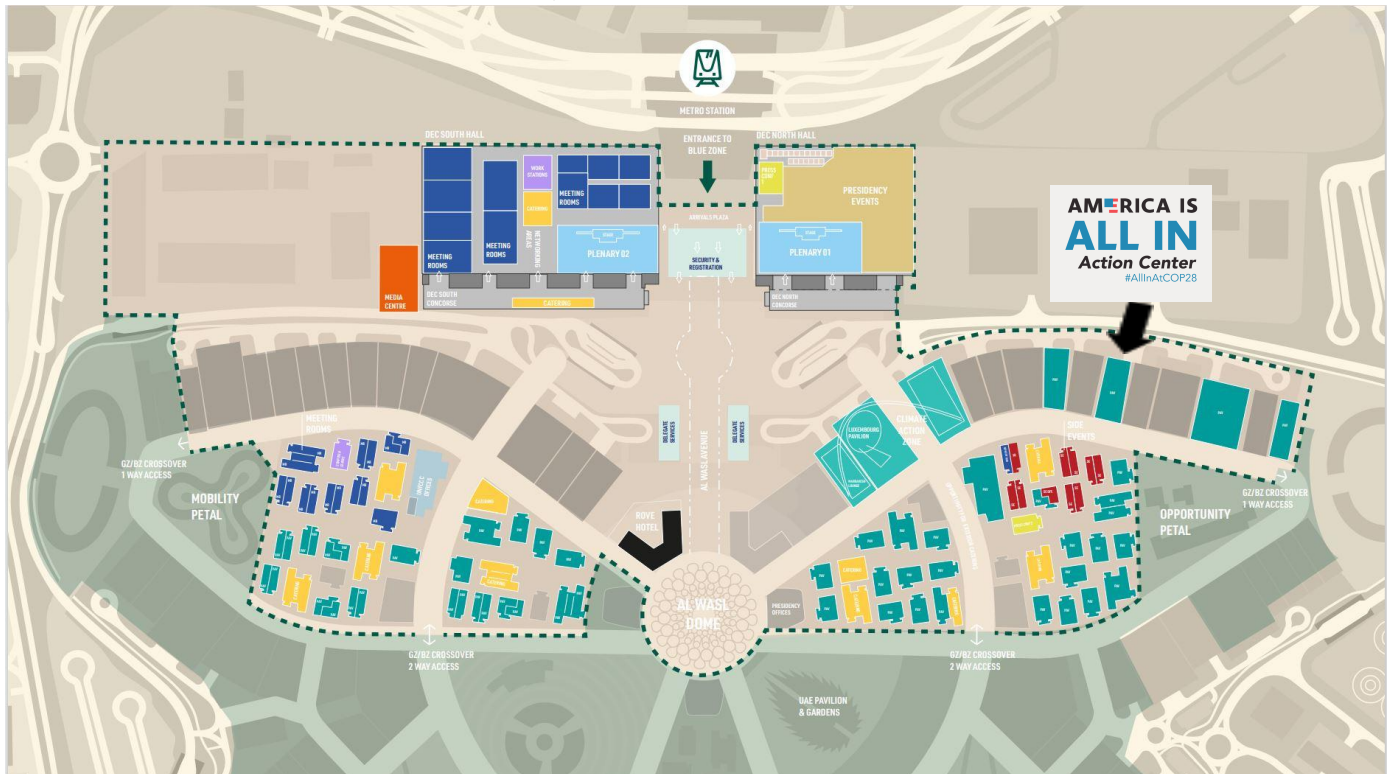
**The outside is marked as “Food & Health” Thematica Arena. It is adjacent to an eatery called “Ben’s Farmhouse”.**

Our presence would not be possible without the generous support of Bloomberg Philanthropies and coordinated by World Wildlife Fund. Programming has been developed by these organizations and many other partners across the climate NGO community. The coordinators are grateful to the WWF Global Climate & Energy Practice for partnering to secure and design the pavilion space.

Check out our COP28 page for more information: <https://www.americaisallin.com/cop28>

# Floorplan view of Blue Zone and Green Zone

## America Is All In Action Center, Thematic Arena 2 #245



### GREEN ZONE SITE MAP

**HUBS**

- ENERGY TRANSITION HUB
- KNOWLEDGE HUB
- CLIMATE FINANCE HUB
- TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION HUB (HALL 1 & 2)
- START-UP VILLAGE
- YOUTH HUB
- GREENING EDUCATION HUB
- IMPACT HUB
- VOICE FOR ACTION HUB
- GREEN ZONE MEDIA CENTRE

**VENUES**

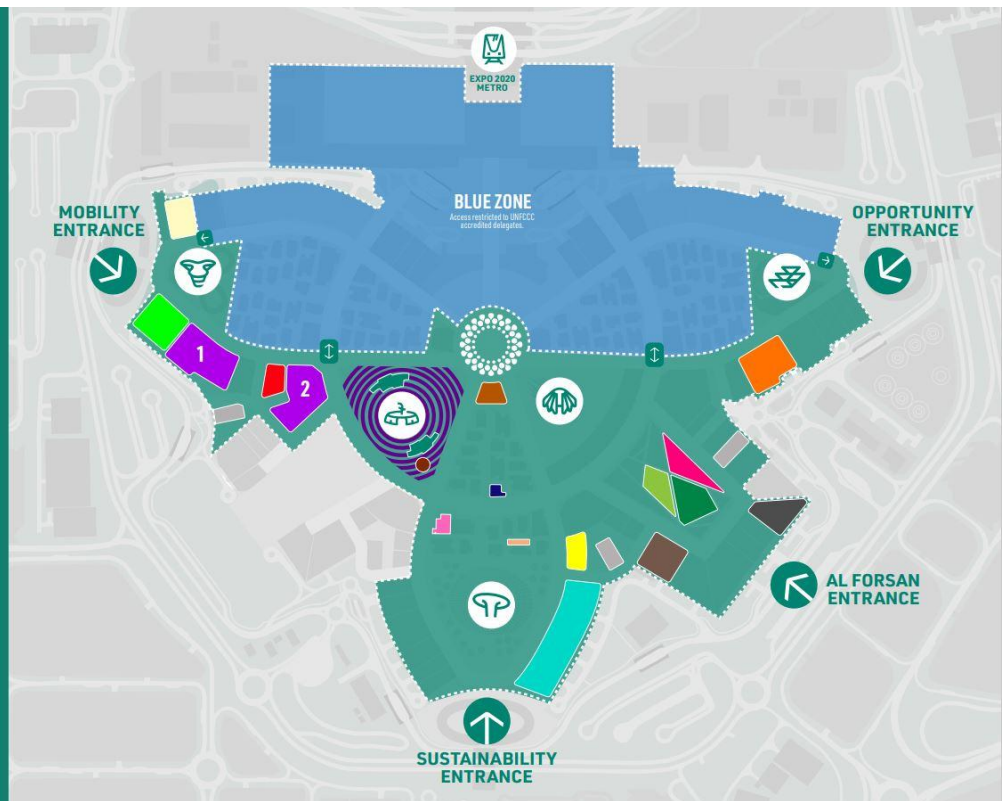
- ALIF - THE MOBILITY PAVILION\*
- AL WASL PLAZA
- CONNECT CONFERENCE CENTRE (C3)
- UAE HOUSE OF SUSTAINABILITY\*
- SURREAL WATER FEATURE
- TERRA - THE SUSTAINABILITY PAVILION\*

**PLACES OF INTEREST**

- AL FORSAN PARK
- EMIRATI CRAFTS BY AL GHADEER
- STORIES OF NATIONS\*
- EXPO CITY FARM
- VISION PAVILION\*
- VISITOR CENTRE
- GREEN ZONE STAGE
- WOMEN'S PAVILION\*
- INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CEREMONIAL CIRCLE

\*Also includes public exhibitions.

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# Programming at the *America Is All In* Action Center

Over the course of three days, the *America Is All In Action Center* will host 15+ events and meetings. Attendance for public events is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a maximum capacity of 35 people in the event space and closed events will require an invitation or discretion of *All In* staff.

Events occurring at the *All In Action Center* in Dubai will be streamed live on our *America Is All In* [YouTube channel](#).

**Descriptions and speakers for each event can be found [here](#).**

# AMERICA IS ALL IN

## *Action Center*

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### COP28 EVENTS PROGRAM

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**December 3 - 5, 2023**

*Updated As Of: November 17*





# Sunday, December 3

IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM



**10:30AM - 11:00 AM**

1:30 AM - 2:00 AM ET

**AMERICA IS ALL IN OPENING CEREMONY**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

2:30 AM - 3:30 AM ET

**HOW AN ALL IN CLIMATE STRATEGY CAN IMPROVE HEALTH AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

CO-HOSTED BY CENTER FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

4:00 AM - 5:00 AM ET

**CLIMATE JUSTICE LEADERS PANEL**

CO-HOSTED BY BULLARD CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

5:30 AM - 6:30 AM ET

**GREENING AMERICA'S CITIES: OPENING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO NATURE FOR ALL**

CO-HOSTED BY ICLEI USA AND BEZOS EARTH FUND

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM ET

**ALL HANDS ON DECK: HOW THE U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE IS SECURING AMERICA'S NET-ZERO FUTURE WITH STATE-LED, HIGH-IMPACT ACTION**

CO-HOSTED BY U.S. CLIMATE ALLIANCE

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET

**U.S. ACTION ON FOSSIL FUEL PHASE OUT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**



# Monday, December 4

IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM



**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

1:00 AM - 2:00 AM ET

**COAL TO CLEAN: MODELS OF SUBNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

**11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

2:30 AM - 3:30 AM ET

**FINANCING THE TRANSITION FOR IMPACT**

**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

4:00 AM - 5:00 AM ET

**SUPERCHARGING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION - THE MINNESOTA MODEL**

CO-HOSTED BY SCIENCE MUSEUM OF MINNESOTA AND FRESH ENERGY

**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

5:30 AM - 6:30 AM ET

**POWER TO THE YOUTH: AMPLIFYING YOUTH-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE**

CO-HOSTED BY GIRL + ENVIRONMENT

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM ET

**SCALING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ACCESS TO CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY FINANCE**

CO-HOSTED BY CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET

**RESERVED**





# Tuesday, December 5

IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAM



**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

12:30 AM - 1:30 AM ET

**CLEAN TECH INVESTMENTS: U.S. POLICY ACCELERATES BUSINESS ACTION ON CLIMATE**

CO-HOSTED BY BCSE AND C2ES

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

2:00 AM - 3:00 AM ET

**SAVING ENERGY, SAVING LIVES: ENERGY EFFICIENCY AS A CLIMATE UNIFIER**

CO-HOSTED BY THE BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

3:00 AM - 4:00 AM ET

**CITIES TACKLING EXTREME WEATHER PATTERNS AND FINANCING**

CO-HOSTED BY THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

**1:15 PM - 2:15 PM**

4:15 AM - 5:15 AM ET

**SUBNATIONALS AND NDC COLLABORATION**

CO-HOSTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

**2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

5:30 AM - 6:30 AM ET

**RESERVED FOR ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM ET

**RESERVED FOR ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**

**5:15 PM - 6:15 PM**

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ET

**RESERVED FOR ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION**



# Messaging Guide

Whether you're going to COP or not, we have prepared a set of general messages, "toplines" that provide a good start to answering the basic questions around why *America Is All In* members are at COP28 and what our objectives are.

While at COP there will be lots of announcements, news stories, and other events for which the *All In* team will be developing statements and talking points for. We have also put together a [social toolkit](#) for your use during COP28

- COP28 is happening against the backdrop of the global stocktake, which makes clear: **the world is not on track to meeting the goals laid out in the Paris Agreement.** Governments at the national level cannot address the climate challenge alone. It takes all of us - leadership from the private sector, states, cities, and individuals to fully address climate change.
- The science is clear, **this is the decade for action.** We must phase out fossil fuels and transition to a clean energy economy to create the cleaner, healthier, and more just world we need and our children deserve.
- **Action from local leaders – mayors, governors, and others – is critical to climate ambition and implementation.** Many cities are reducing per capita emissions at a faster rate than their national governments, and subnational governments have played a critical role in climate mitigation and adaptation.
- The COP28 Presidency is putting a rare **spotlight on the impact our cities, states, and local leaders have on tackling climate change.** Together with UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions Michael R. Bloomberg, they are hosting the Local Climate Action Summit which will unite subnational and national leaders to encourage more consultation to design truly impactful national climate ambition strategies supported by robust capital flows.
- Members of *America Is All In* are critical leaders in their communities and their **voices and success stories will be heard on the global stage.** *America Is All In* will again host an All In Action Center, highlighting the contributions of state and local governments, educational, religious and cultural institutions, tribal nations and businesses to meeting our climate goals.

- Together, we will **turbocharge our transition to clean energy to meet our climate goals and protect the health** and well-being of families, workers, and local economies - and our planet.
- **The subnational movement that *America Is All In* is a part of does not stand alone, not in the U.S., nor abroad.** As part of the [Alliances for Climate Action](#), *America Is All In* is one of many subnational alliance groups in many countries, each of whom are dedicated to using their voices to demonstrate to their national governments that there is broad support and deep commitment to the goals of the Paris Agreement, and therefore national governments should strive for the highest ambition in their climate commitments. Because if we do not all reach our climate goals together, all of us will have failed.