THAT'S A WRAP ON ALL IN AT COP27!

The America Is All In Action Center at COP27 wrapped up on November 15, after hosting over 30 successful in-person events concurrently streamed <u>live</u>. *America Is All In* was once again a major presence and hub of U.S. subnationals at the climate talks, featuring representatives from cities and counties, states and tribal nations, businesses, health care, colleges and universities, faith groups – and many more. Programming focused on all-of-society climate action and collaboration across constituencies, serving as a complement to the federal <u>U.S. Center pavilion</u>.

Celebrating the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Bill – along with a betterthan-expected midterm elections outcome for advocates of climate action – the All In Action Center reinforced America's commitment to the Paris Agreement. Even before the opening of the Pavilion on Friday of the first week of COP27, *All In* launched a <u>new report</u> showing how an all-of-society climate strategy – drawing on the groundswell of bottom-up action from states, cities, and businesses, combined with ongoing federal leadership – can enable the U.S. to meet its 2030 climate target of 50-52% emissions reductions by 2030 from 2005 levels. "*An All-In Pathway to 2030: The Beyond 50 Scenario*" demonstrated that the Inflation Reduction Act coupled with existing policies would cut U.S. emissions by 39% and provide the momentum for non-federal actors to take the U.S. beyond 50% emission cuts by 2030.

To highlight the findings of the analysis, a press conference was held by *All In* Co-Chairs **Michael R. Bloomberg** and **Mayor Vi Lyles**, former White House National Climate Advisor **Gina McCarthy**, and **Nate Hultman**, lead author and Director of the Center for Global Sustainability at the University of Maryland.

On the heels of the report, the coalition opened the America Is All In All In Action Center pavilion at COP27. Over 100 non-federal U.S. leaders from cities, states, tribal governments, the private sector, and anchor institutions from across the U.S. traveled to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt and participated in the events and announcements at the Action Center. All told, the pavilion hosted U.S. governors as well as numerous mayors, government officials, tribal representatives, and leaders from other institutional sectors. Events also featured federal agency officials including CEQ Chair **Brenda Mallory**, White House National Climate Advisor **Ali Zaidi** and Chief Performance Officer of the Office of Management and Budget, **Jason Miller**. Members of the U.S. Senate and House, and subnational counterparts from other countries were on hand to join panels and answer questions.

The 4-day event lineup included subnational climate powerhouses like **Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham**, New Mexico; **Governor Jay Inslee**, Washington State; **Senator Ben Cardin**, Maryland; **Dr. Robert Bullard**, Director of the Bullard Center for Climate and Environmental Justice; and Peggy Shepard, Co-founder and Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice – along with many other *All In* coalition members.

<u>Highlights</u>

The <u>opening event</u> of the Center dived into the latest <u>analysis</u> of subnational and non-federal contributions to the U.S. NDC climate goals. Presented by **Nate Hultman** and featuring **Marcene Mitchell**, Senior Vice President of Climate, World Wildlife Fund, **Beth Schenk**, Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship, Providence, and **Bishop Marc Andrus**, Episcopal Diocese of California, the event highlighted the diversity of implementation-focused actors from the *All In* coalition at COP. National Climate Advisor **Ali Zaidi** and **Senator Ed Markey** led a <u>celebration</u> remarking on the positive impacts of the Inflation Reduction Act legislation, along with opportunities to accelerate the U.S. clean energy transition. Following the segment, experts involved in crafting the legislation provided a look into the process and substance of the IRA.

Ali Zaidi also met with *All In* coalition members and U.S.-based practitioners at COP27 in a closed-door town hall that provided state and local leaders, private sector actors, and others the opportunity to raise questions and share ideas with key Biden-Administration officials leading a whole-of-government approach to climate action.

An <u>event</u> with climate and environmental justice leaders (pictured right) **Dr. Robert Bullard**, Director of the Bullard Center for Climate and Environmental Justice, Texas Southern University, **Peggy Shepard**, Co-founder and Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, **Dr. Beverly Wright**, Founder and Executive Director, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, **Senator Ed Markey**, and **Dr. Deb L. Morrison**, Learning Scientist and Designer, CLEAR Environmental, gave space for them to share their deep experience with climate and environmental justice in the U.S. and their visions for strategic coordination to improve equity in climate governance going forward.



Climate Generation (pictured below) <u>hosted</u> youth, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ leaders **Susan Phillips**, Executive Director, Climate Generation, **Diamond Spratling**, Founder, Girl + Environment, **Barbara Martinez-Guerrero**, Director, Dream in Green, and **Javan Santos**, Climate Initiative to discuss climate empowerment and movement building.



Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland, **Mayor Errick D. Simmons** of Greenville, Mississippi, and **Nate Hultman**, Director, Center for Global Sustainability, University of Maryland led a <u>conversation</u> on how the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will strengthen climate resilience, reduce emissions from urban areas and the built environment, and improve public health and wellbeing.

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (pictured right) hosted a <u>panel</u> featuring **Chris Rab**, Pennsylvania Representative, **Elizabeth Lovelett**, Washington state Senator, and **Carey Hamilton**, Indiana Representative, where they discussed how the role states will play in advancing climate action through federal funds provided through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Law.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, ICLEI, and the Mayors Migration Council (pictured below left) <u>brought together</u>



U.S. mayors with migration experts and national leaders. **Manuel Marques Pereira**, Head of the Migration, Environment, Climate Change and Risk Reduction Division, International Organization for Migration, **Marshall Fitz**, Managing Director of Immigration, Emerson Collective, **Elizabeth B. Kautz**, Mayor, City of Burnsville, Minnesota, **Libby Schaaf**, Mayor, City of Oakland, California **Steve Adler**, Mayor, City of Austin, Texas, **Yassamin Ansari**, Councilmember, Phoenix, AZ and **Brigid Shea**, Commissioner, Travis County, Texas discussed how cities are responding to climate migration, where to scale-up support for city-led efforts, and avenues for bold national action.



U.S. Climate Alliance Governors **Michelle Lujan Grisham** of New Mexico and **Jay Inslee** of Washington (pictured above right), along with National Climate Advisor **Ali Zaidi**, <u>discussed</u> the promise of the Inflation Reduction Act and how it can deliver on American climate goals and supercharge action.

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Bishop Marc Andrus, Episcopal Diocese of California, and **Fawn Sharp**, President of the National Congress of American Indians (pictured right), <u>spoke</u> about the powerful voice faith communities and indigenous peoples have in setting our course for climate action.



Five U.S. Mayors – Steve Adler, Mayor of Austin, Texas, Frank

Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa **Elizabeth Kautz**, Mayor of Burnsville, Minnesota, **Libby Schaaf**, Mayor of Oakland, California, and **Chris Rogers**, Mayor of Santa Rosa, California – <u>talked</u> about how vulnerable populations in their cities are the most affected by climate disasters, and the steps they're taking to protect their communities.



Subnational representatives (pictured left) **Hilen Meirovich**, Head of Climate at IDB Invest, **Nate Hultman**, Director, Center for Global Sustainability, University of Maryland, **Desmond Alungoa**, Co-Founder of Green Africa Youth Organization and a Program Manager Gaia Africa, **Gabriel Quintana**, Analista em Clima e Emissões, Imaflora - Instituto de Manejo e Certificação Florestal e Agrícola, and **Renata Fragoso Potenza**, Imaflora - Climate and Science collaborator, <u>discussed</u> projects delivering real decreases in methane pollution.

Council on Environmental Quality Chair **Brenda Mallory**, Washington **Governor Jay Inslee**, and Oakland, California **Mayor Libby Schaaf** joined together to <u>talk</u> about how local, state, and federal governments can continue to partner together to advance climate action.

All In's subnational counterparts from the <u>Alliances for Climate Action</u> held various events including one on financing disruptive climate solutions in Vietnam, South Africa, and Brazil, as well as the power of nature to combat climate change in cities and organizations, and welcomed the newest ACA to the family in the United Arab Emirates.

These events can be found in a playlist on the America Is All In YouTube page.

As the *All In* coalition leaves Sharm el-Sheikh, it aims to continue deepening the partnerships forged and showcased during COP27 to expedite progress towards meeting and exceeding U.S. climate goals.