Guide for Partners and Delegates

America Is All In Action Center at COP27





What you need to know to take part in COP27.

Whether traveling to Sharm El Sheikh or participating from the U.S., this guide will help you follow all the major events during COP27 happening as part of the America Is All In Action Center.

Live version of this guide can be found at http://ow.ly/tki250Lo3xl

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Overview of COP27

COP27 is taking place in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from November 6 to 18. The Paris Agreement "rulebook" was finalized last year at COP26 in Glasgow so this year's Conference of the Parties (COP) must mark a renewed focus on implementation of climate pledges. The climate crisis is accelerating with impacts being felt across the globe. Governments are moving too slowly - the urgency called for by science must make it to COP27. There are geopolitical uncertainties that are shifting political fault lines and priorities.

You can access more information including the schedule of thematic days, priorities, and logistics on the official COP27 website here.

 Official COP27 Website hosted by Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt -<u>COP27 - Home</u>

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change has produced a guide for COP participants as well which you can access here.

 U.N. "Information for COP27 participants -<u>Information for COP 27 participants (A-Z) | UNFCCC</u>

Global Goals for COP27

Set by the COP Presidency of Egypt

- 1. Achieving as much progress as we can across the board on every item under negotiations in a balanced and equitable manner, and based on the rules and principles that govern our collective action to tackle climate change and its impacts.
- 2. Basing all of our work on the most reliable, credible science available in the form of the IPCC and other relevant reports which have consistently established the need for urgent action to address the existing gaps particularly on mitigation, adaptation and climate finance.

- 3. Ensuring that no country or group is left behind through building mutual trust and understanding and stressing the global nature of the climate challenge and hence the need for collective, complementary and collaborative action
- 4. Commitment to the rules and principles that govern our collective action to tackle climate change and its impacts
- 5. Emphasizing the need to move from negotiations to implementation through specific, measurable, impactful initiatives to be delivered and implemented on the ground

UNFCCC Synthesis Report

The recently released NDC Synthesis report from UN Climate Change shows countries are bending the curve of global greenhouse gas emissions downward but underlines that these efforts are off-course towards achieving the Paris Agreement goal of holding warming to 2 degrees Celsius, with an aim for 1.5 degrees. It shows that the combined climate pledges of 193 Parties under the Paris Agreement could still put the world on track for around 2.5 degrees Celsius of warming by the end of the century.

Countries' commitments will increase emissions by 10.6% by 2030, compared to 2010 levels. This is an improvement over <u>last year's assessment</u>, which found countries were on a path to increase emissions by 13.7% by 2030, compared to 2010 levels.

You can read the full report <u>here</u>. We also recommend the highlights of the UN Environment Program's <u>2022 Emissions Gap Report</u>.

Importance of COP27

There is no holding back or giving up on our future -- we must speed up our delivery on the emissions reductions needed to avert the worst impacts of a warming planet. And that delivery must happen on a massive scale in under 7 years. *America is All In*, the largest coalition of non-federal entities committed to climate action in the United States, is at COP27 to further climate action from the U.S. Federal Government, and promote the critical role that these states, cities, tribal nations and cultural, religious, academic and community institutions must play in realizing a livable climate future.

COP27 opens with climate impacts that are tangibly worsening, afflicting businesses and communities across the United States and the world with tragic loss of life and massive economic damage. Going "All In" on climate is about the need to mobilize every sector of the economy and every segment of society to reach our decarbonization goals.

In the U.S., executive actions and the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Actand the Inflation Reduction Act by the U.S. Congress make us hopeful that the U.S. can meaningfully move the needle, but there is a lot to do, both to implement the legislation effectively, efficiently, and equitably, and to close the remaining emissions gap.

The COP27 Venue - Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre



COP27 is being hosted at the Sharm el-Sheikh International Convention Centre 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 COP27 overview schedule is available on the <u>UNFCCC website</u>. 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 <u>available here</u>.

Aerial Map of COP27 Venues



Getting your badge at COP27

Have your passport and screenshot or printed copy of your UNFCCC letter to collect your badge at COP. Badge registration counters open 8:00AM – 7:00PM daily during COP working days. The venue will be CLOSED for the two days before the COP opens (Nov. 4 & 5) for the security sweep.

Transportation

The main COP27 venue will have its own electric bus station that will operate daily shuttle buses in hotspots across the city. The COP public transportation route map can be found here. Note that the bus will stop at location along the route so plan ahead for plenty of time to reach your destination.

There are private vehicles and taxis for hire to get to and from the airport.



Visas

All travelers to COP27, regardless of passport type, must have a visa for entry into Egypt. If you don't already have a visa, it's recommended you apply for a visa electronically here. Note: your information must match exactly as it is in your passport in order for it to be accepted.

Health/COVID-19 Protocols

The Government of Egypt <u>recently announced</u> that there will be no COVID-related entry restrictions for travelers to COP 27. It is **strongly recommended** that all participants who plan to attend COP 27 be fully vaccinated and have a booster by the time of arrival in Egypt.

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 COP27 have evidence of a negative PCR COVID-19 test before departing to Egypt.

During the Conference

Although there is no official mask policy in Egypt or in the conference, all participants are highly encouraged to wear a face mask indoors.

Safety in Sharm el-Sheikh

Please do not download the official COP27 Mobile App. A forensic analysis of the source code shows it essentially creates a back door to your device that even a factory reset may not fix. If you have already downloaded it please consider that device compromised and unusable. Do not send secure or sensitive information via that device. Deleting the app is not sufficient.

You can find the full State Department travel advisory here. It is advised that you DO NOT travel to:

- The Sinai Peninsula (with the exception of travel to Sharm El-Sheikh by air) due to terrorism.
- The Western Desert due to **terrorism**.
- Egyptian border areas due to military zones.

About the America Is All In Climate Action Center

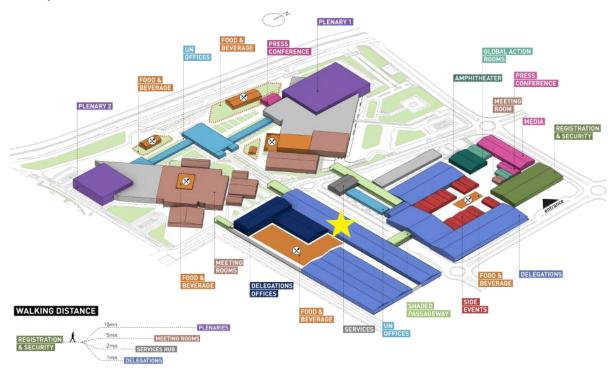
The America Is All In Action Center (formerly known as the U.S. Climate Action Center) is the hub for U.S. non-federal leaders and institutions at COP27, and has served this role since COP23 in Bonn in 2017. Then convened under the "We Are Still In" banner, the *All In Action Center* was established to maintain a U.S. presence at the annual UN Climate Change

Conference of the Parties (COP). The Center returns this year, under the new banner of "America Is All In" along with a reengaged U.S. Federal government.

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 November 11th, 12th, 14th and 15th.

Our presence would not be possible without the generous support of Bloomberg Philanthropies. The Center is coordinated by *America Is All In* partners World Wildlife Fund, Climate Nexus, RMI, World Resources Institute, Ceres, and the University of Maryland Center for Global Sustainability. 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.

The map here shows the location of the America Is All In Action Center inside the Blue Zone.



Floorplan view of Blue Zone

All In Action Center in Yellow & U.S. Center (Federal Government space) in Red



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Programming at the America Is All In Action Center

Over the course of four days, the *America Is All In Action Center* will host 30+ events and meetings. Attendance for public events is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a maximum capacity of 50 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 Egypt will be streamed live on our *America Is All In YouTube channel*.

Descriptions and speakers for each event can be found <u>here</u>.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11TH

IN-PERSON + LIVESTREAMED



8:30-9:30 AM GMT + 2

OUTREACH & DIVERSITY IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL SECTORS

Hosted by Bloom Energy

10:00-11:00 AM GMT + 2

FAITH COMMUNITIES LEADING ON CLIMATE

Hosted by Interfaith Power & Light

11:30 AM-12:30PM GMT + 2

THE BUSINESS OF CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY TO 2030 AND BEYOND

Hosted by Business Council for Sustainable Energy

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Events occurring at the America Is All In Action Center in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt at COP27 will be streamed our YouTube channel: America Is All In

https://bit.ly/3TKJ8gl

1:00-2:00 PM GMT + 2 6:00-7:00 AM EST A WHOLE-OF-HIGHER-EDUCATION COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION

Hosted by Second Nature

2:30-3:30 PM GMT+2

AMERICA IS ALL IN ACTION CENTER OPENING PROGRAM

Hosted by America Is All In

4:00-5:00 PM GMT +2 9:00-10:00 AM EST

CELEBRATING AND UNDERSTANDING THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Hosted by America Is All In

5:30-6:30 PM GMT+2 10:30-11:30 AM EST ELECTRIFYING PROGRESS IN DECARBONIZING THE U.S. ECONOMY

Hosted by Edison Electric Institute

6:30-7:30 PM GMT+2

HIGHER EDUCATION
NETWORKING RECEPTION

Hosted by Second Nature



SATURDAY, NOV. 12TH

IN-PERSON + LIVESTREAMED



8:30-9:30 AM GMT + 2 [CLOSED EVENT] ALI ZAIDI TOWN HALL WITH ALL IN COALITION NATIONAL CLIMATE

Hosted by America Is All In

10:00-11:00 AM GMT + 2 STRATEGIC COORDINATION FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Hosted by CLEAR Environmental

11:30 AM-12:30 PM GMT + 2 SUBNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE-OCEAN ACTION: ASSESSING RISK AND DEPLOYING LOCAL RESPONSE

Hosted by International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification

1:00-2:00 PM GMT + 2
6:00-7:00 AM EST

THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Hosted by Office of Senator Ben Cardin

2:30-3:30 PM GMT+2
7:30-8:30 AM EST

FROM HAWAII TO THE HEARTLAND: ADVANCING
EQUITABLE, AMBITIOUS SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE
IN U.S. CITIES & COUNTIES

Hosted by U.S. Green Building Council

4:00-5:00 PM GMT +2 CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AS CIVIL SOCIETY'S CLIMATE INFRASTRUCTURE

Hosted by Environment & Culture Partners

5:30-6:30 PM GMT+2
10:30-11:30 AM EST
HOW U.S. COMPANIES ARE IMPLEMENTING THE TRANSITION TO NET ZERO: EXPERIENCES ACROSS SECTORS

Hosted by Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

6:30-7:30 PM GMT+2 RESILIENCY ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Hosted by Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative

MONDAY, NOV. 14TH

IN-PERSON + LIVESTREAMED



9:00-9:45 AM GMT + 2 2:00-2:30 AM EST UTILIZING ACTION FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT TO IGNITE AND SUSTAIN CLIMATE ACTION

Hosted by Climate Generation

10:00-11:00 AM GMT + 2 3:00-4:00 AM EST IN THE LABORATORIES OF DEMOCRACY: HOW STATES WILL ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION THROUGH FEDERAL FUNDS

Hosted by National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

11:30 AM-12:30PM GMT + 2 4:30-5:30 AM EST COASTAL RESILIENCE: HOW ALIGNMENT OF FUNDING, POLICY, CODES AND MEASUREMENT HELP BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND NATIONS

Hosted by Resilient Cities Network

1:00-2:00 PM GMT + 2

CITIES PREPARE FOR CLIMATE MIGRATION

Hosted by ICLEI USA, Mayors Migration Council & The United States Conference of Mayors

2:30-3:30 PM GMT+2

SPACE RESERVED

4:00-5:00 PM GMT +2 9:00-10:00 AM EST THE FUTURE IS NOW: STATES SUPERCHARGING CLIMATE ACTION ACROSS AMERICA

Hosted by U.S. Climate Alliance

5:30-6:30 PM GMT+2

ELEVATING SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN CLIMATE PROTECTION STRATEGIES IN CITIES

Hosted by The United States Conference of Mayors

6:30-8:00 PM GMT+2

RECEPTION

Hosted by America Is All In

TUESDAY, NOV. 15TH

IN-PERSON + LIVESTREAMED

9:00-10:00 AM GMT + 2

GLOBAL COOPERATION TO DELIVER SCALABLE SOLUTIONS FOR METHANE MITIGATION

Hosted by Climate Nexus

1:00-2:00 PM GMT + 2

FINANCING DISRUPTIVE CLIMATE SOLUTIONS IN KEY SECTORS IN VIETNAM, SOUTH AFRICA AND BRAZIL

Hosted by Alliances for Climate Action

2:30-3:30 PM GMT+2

FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL: GROWTH AND IMPACT OF THE ALLIANCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION.

Hosted by Alliances for Climate Action

4:00-5:00 PM GMT +2 9:00-10:00 AM EST THE POWER OF NATURE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE IN CITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Hosted by Alliances for Climate Action

5:30-6:30 PM GMT+2 10:30-11:30 AM EST DRY CITIES: MANAGING WATER SCARCITY IN CAPE TOWN, PHOENIX, MONTERREY AND SANTIAGO.

Hosted by Alliances for Climate Action

6:45-8:00 PM GMT+2

RECEPTION

Hosted by 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 COP27 and what our objectives are.

While at COP there will be lots of announcements, news stories, and other events (including the U.S midterm elections) for which the *All In* team will be developing statements and talking points for. **To make sure that you have the latest, bookmark our Comprehensive** *All In*COP Messaging Guide and refer to it whenever you have need of talking points. We'll be adding material covering all the most important developments during the COP.

- There is no holding back or giving up on our future -- we must speed up our delivery on the emissions reductions needed to avert the worst impacts of a warming planet. And that delivery must happen on a massive scale in under seven years. *America is All In*, the largest coalition of non-federal entities committed to climate action in the United States, is at COP27 to further climate action from the U.S. Federal Government, and promote the critical role that these states, cities, tribal nations and cultural, religious, academic and community institutions must play in realizing a livable climate future everywhere.
- The latest emissions gap report from the United Nations Environment Programme
 (UNEP) states that we are currently on track from a policy perspective to hit 2.8°C.
 "The international community is still falling far short of the Paris goals, with no
 credible pathway to 1.5°C in place. Only an urgent system-wide transformation can
 avoid an accelerating climate disaster," it says.
- We know from the reports released from the IPCC over the course of the last year, that there are actions that can be taken to set us on the path to 1.5°C, if we are willing to act promptly and decisively.

- An all-of-society climate strategy—drawing on the groundswell of bottom-up action from states, cities, businesses, and more— can meet and push beyond the U.S. goal of 50% emissions reductions by the end of the decade.
- Going "all in" on climate is about the need to mobilize every sector of the economy and every segment of society to reach our decarbonization goals. The passage of the Infrastructure Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act put us on a stronger path, but we've got a lot of work ahead of us. Americans at every level need to implement the legislation effectively and efficiently, and take action beyond these laws to close the remaining emissions gap to 50%. America is All In members are showing up and committing themselves, not just to reducing their own emissions, but to demand the highest dedication and highest ambition of policymakers at every level to climate action. No matter what the political climate looks like going forward in the United States or any other country, non-federal leaders must remain committed to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- All In stands for the principle that climate action that does not include equity and justice is not a real climate solution. At this COP in particular, we recognize that many items on the agenda loss and damage, climate finance, food system transformation are inextricably linked to equity and justice. Who has access, who benefits, who pays, and who goes first are not trivial questions or afterthoughts. They are critical to the conversation. Everyone needs to be included as we make climate solutions happen, but particularly those frontline and fenceline communities that have shouldered the biggest burdens and have had the fewest resources.
- 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.