



Climate Change
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In the context of COP-28, Dubai
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Synthesis
Day 4

- Complete global agenda of WHO is being pushed into COP texts, basically to bring legitimacy and also acceptance using the sympathetic view of everyone concern about climate change and its impact on public health. The one health approach, and PPPR (pandemic prevention, preparedness and response) is an agenda of direction by the WHO, driven from the back by corporations and corporate philanthropies, to gain control over nations and their sovereign rights to take care of their people.
- “Once you understand that the ‘solutions’ are not created to solve the ‘problems’, but the ‘problems’ are created to implement the solutions, then you will understand just how evil the people creating all these problems really are”. (Unknown source)
- In COP28, WHO, private foundations, oil companies, pharma lobby, nuclear energy advocates are doing this – creating problems to implement ‘their’ solutions, wherein they continue to profit and maintain their power.

Ambassador Majid Al Suwaidi, Director-General of the 28th Conference of Parties (COP28) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), expressed on December 3 that the climate-health agenda may find space in the cover text of COP28 if countries agree to it.

The 28th UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) Declaration on Climate and Health was signed by 123 countries including the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia and the European Union on December 2.

India has not yet signed. However, several countries have committed to sign before COP28 concludes. China is not formally mentioned in the agreement because it signed two hours before the declaration was released.

In the declaration, countries committed to incorporating health considerations in the context of the Paris Agreement and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes.

The declaration said health will be taken into account “while designing the next round of nationally determined contributions, long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies, national adaptation plans, and adaptation communications.”

It encourages investment, sharing best practices and assessing the greenhouse gas emissions of health systems. The declaration also says that countries should implement a One Health approach that integrates people, animals and the environment.



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The declaration asks countries to address linkages between environmental and climatic factors and antimicrobial resistance and intensify efforts for the early detection of zoonotic spillovers as an effective means of pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

Announcements

- ▶ On the second global climate summit, G7 countries agree to phase out coal by 2030, announced French President Emmanuel Macron
- ▶ "Taskforce on International Taxation to Enhance Development and Climate Action" launched by France, Kenya, Barbados and other countries.
- ▶ Its goal: gathering countries willing to join forces & work on identifying taxation options that have the potential to raise additional financing in an inclusive & equitable way.
- ▶ The COP28 UAE Declaration on A Global Climate Finance Framework is a 10-point roadmap for the future of climate finance.
- ▶ The UAE's new ALTERRA fund is the largest ever climate fund, bringing US\$30 billion to drive climate action.

Vignettes from various participants

- ▶ "What they are putting in the [#LossAndDamage](#) Fund is peanuts. It's so little. It's like a mosquito...Developing countries need at least \$400bn (USD) a year to address [#LossAndDamage](#). We need to push for this."
- ▶ Taxing big polluters without simultaneously having a regulatory framework to actually force them to decarbonize & without ensuring that they are not going to pass the tax burden on to their consumers (Mohammed Adow)
- ▶ "This is a Cabal of Oil Producers not a climate COP" Kevin Andersen, Climate Scientist
- ▶ "When you take \$200 billion from oil and gas, \$70bn from international shipping, another \$40-50bn from international air travellers and a financial transaction tax, we have a dedicated source of funds, not just for [#LossAndDamage](#) but to build resilience." Mia Mottley, Barbados PM
- ▶ We're going in so many questionable directions at COP28, Rishika Pardikar (Environment Reporter)
- ▶ 'The truth is that the ferocity of climate events in 2023 cannot be ignored, the clamour for climate justice by frontline communities cannot be disregarded, and the lack of climate action by a few rich countries cannot be overlooked.' (Shailendra Yeshwant, Journalist)

Side Events

- ▶ At least 14 side events were held involving business, technology and entrepreneurship, as part of World Climate Action Summit



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- ▶ CEO-level Business & Philanthropy Climate Forum (BPCF) met for the Private Sector, to expedite climate and nature action.
- ▶ Technology for Climate: Meeting on AI involving Google and Microsoft, to harness AI to confront environmental challenges and drive sustainability
- ▶ The Green Zone Day Pass not available for first three days, from 30 November to 2 December. During this time, access to the Green Zone is by invitation-only.

Studies and Reports

- ▶ Key findings of the 2023 report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change:
 - ▶ Extreme weather events are making millions food insecure
 - ▶ The changing global climate is becoming increasingly suitable for the transmission of many life-threatening infectious diseases, making control efforts more and more challenging and costly
 - ▶ Heat-related deaths of people older than 65 years have increased by 85% from 1990–2000, above the 38% increase expected if temperatures had not changed.

Negotiating Texts

- ▶ **27 draft negotiation texts are under discussion**
- ▶ new texts came out on Article 6.4 carbon mkts, technology mechanism, Warsaw intl mech for loss & damage etc
- ▶ Article 6.4 carbon markets: Negotiating text includes whether to allow credits from "emissions avoidance" & "conservation enhancement" (**unclear terms**)
- ▶ **First Global Stocktake:** On loss and damage, countries suggested different emphases on the links between mitigation and loss and damage. Many noted the IPCC shows that loss and damage is already a reality. developing countries proposed a mandate for a process to measure and monitor loss and damage using the biennial transparency reports (BTRs). They suggested common metrics and pursuing a mandate for a data interface to aggregate the data provided on these metrics, all backed with sufficient technical assistance and capacity building.

Important Concerns

- ▶ Cop28 president says no science' behind phase-out of fossil fuels
- ▶ PM Modi launches Green Credits website during Dubai's COP-28 World Climate Action Summit
- ▶ FAO, CGIAR, WHO are organizing events at COP28
- ▶ The Good Food Institute, Inc., L&E: Unleashing the Power of Alternative Proteins for Climate Resilience and Food Security, organized a event, basically to promote lab meat as alternative protein.
- ▶ The size of COP28 is affecting negotiations. Yesterday I sat in on a negotiation that was postponed due to delegates arriving late and documents being shared at night (Dr.Alix Dietzel)



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On 4th December

An event, '[Shaping Ministerial Leadership and Collective Action for Trade and Climate Change](#)', is being organised as part of the first ever 'Trade Day' at a UN Climate Change Conference, by Coalition of Trade Ministers. The event, co-hosted by the WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, and ICC in their joint [Trade House Pavilion](#), will provide an opportunity for the participating Coalition Ministers and their representatives to highlight the important contribution that the Ministerial leadership on trade-related cooperation can make to the global climate agenda and engage with the climate community.

For clarifications

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This the 3rd update of COP28 happenings, and will be continued every day, until 13th December, 2023. It is not a mere reporting, but will increasingly include an effort to dissect, synthesis and link the COP28 happenings with our environment and India.

Council for Earth Leadership and Sustainability (CELS), an offshoot of Council for Green Revolution, in collaboration with a host of organisations, is organising an everyday synthesis, both in text and video. You can join the review at: <https://bit.ly/3U9KXn7>

Review Video recording link: <https://youtu.be/DEvzxH4wHn4>