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UAE Announces COP28 Leadership Team and Funding Plans for US Clean Energy Projects



Ahead of November's Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), which will take place in Expo City, Dubai, the UAE announced its COP28 leadership team, including Dr. Sultan Al Jaber as COP28 President-Designate. Minister Shamma Al Mazrui was appointed Youth Climate Champion, and Razan Al Mubarak was appointed UN Climate Change High-Level Champion.

In remarks, Dr. Al Jaber [called for](#) faster action to “reverse emissions while moving economies forward [and] enable an inclusive and just transition that leaves no one behind.”

The UAE announced the COP28 leaders during Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week, where Dr. Al Jaber and US Special Presidential Coordinator Amos Hochstein joined together to [announce](#) \$20 billion in funding for 15 GW of clean and renewable energy projects in the US by 2035 under the bilateral Partnership for Accelerating Clean Energy.

Learn more about UAE-US climate cooperation via the [UAE Embassy website](#), and follow news and updates via the [COP28 UAE Twitter account](#).



“Dr. Sultan is an experienced diplomat and businessperson, including as Chairman of Masdar, and this unique combination will help bring all of the necessary stakeholders to the table to move faster and at scale.”

John Kerry
U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

From the Feed



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We are honored to welcome the world to the UAE for #COP28, the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference.



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I'm pleased to see a strong launch of the UAE's plans for their #COP28 Presidency, and am confident that we will see ambition and action, as well as an inclusive approach to coalition-building as we work together toward a #COP28 that delivers and keeps 1.5 C within reach.



[@amoshochstein](#)

I congratulate #UAE selecting the talented, experienced @UAEclimateenvoy Dr. Sultan Al Jaber as #COP28 President-Designate. We have worked closely through his leadership of #MASDAR, @IRENA & @ADNOCGroup. His commitment to #ClimateAction, accelerating #energytransition is clear



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Welcome to the #COP28 President-Designate, High Level Climate Champion and the Youth Climate Champion. Looking forward to working with you and all stakeholders, leveraging the UAE's unique position, to further global ambition and action on #climatechange



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DYK? AE has a track record as one of the most active investors in us clean and renewable energy projects. Through @Masdar, the UAE has backed ten clean energy projects totaling more than 1.75 GW across California, Texas, New Mexico & Nebraska <https://www.uae-embassy.org/uae-us-cooperation/climate-energy>



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The UAE is working to preserve the local coastal and marine ecosystem in Florida through coral reef rehabilitation. Since 2020 the AE Embassy has been partnering with @keysunitedway & @NOAA to restore 100 miles of coral reef. <https://www.uae-embassy.org/uae-us-cooperation/climate-energy>



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Tomorrow marks the beginning of the 15th Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week! Championed by the UAE & Masdar, #ADSW brings a taste of what is to come for #COP28 & the UAE's climate action plan for 2023.

See how #UAEUSA collaboration is making a difference now: <https://www.uaeusaunited.com/stories/shared-commitment-renewable-energy-climate-action>

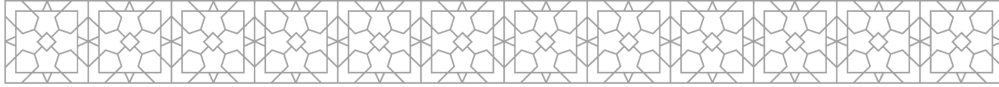


This Month in History

Fourteen years ago this month, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) was officially established in Bonn, Germany. Shortly thereafter, Abu Dhabi was chosen as the location for the agency's official headquarters, making the UAE the first Arab host of an international organization.

IRENA was formed in response to growing international interest in the adoption of renewable energy technologies to meet the challenges of sustained economic growth, energy security and climate change.

The agency's mission is to promote a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy worldwide.



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