

The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate



Climate change is having dramatic effects on what we eat and how we grow food. **The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate) is a joint initiative led by the United Arab Emirates and the United States to make food production more environmentally friendly.**

COP28 in the UAE prioritized sustainable agriculture and food systems innovation, as then-UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment HE Mariam Almheiri and US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced groundbreaking commitments.

AIM for Climate's key developments at COP28 included:



Support from a growing coalition of **over 600 partners**, including **55 countries**



\$17 billion in investments



27 New Innovation Sprints to catalyze development in sustainable agriculture, bringing the total number to over 78

AIM for Climate Delivers Results Through:



Government Action – Mobilizing public investment



Innovation Sprints – Enabling private sector solutions



Knowledge Sharing – Supporting research and education

AIM for Climate Innovation Sprints

At COP28, AIM for Climate introduced 27 Innovation Sprints, initiatives led and self-funded by partners to achieve expedited results in agricultural and food systems innovation. These Sprints focus on:

- Smallholder Farmers in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
- Emerging Technologies
- Agroecological Research
- Methane Reduction



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AIM For Climate Investments & Projects:

AIM for Climate has increased investment in agricultural innovation. Examples include:



The \$500 million COP28 Action Agenda on Regenerative Landscapes. Co-chaired by the COP28 Presidency, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and Boston Consulting Group, the partnership will advance efforts by top food producers to responsibly manage agricultural landscapes in a way that preserves ecosystems, enhances soil health and protects water supplies.



The Integrated Desert Farming Innovation Platform. The initiative, led by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), will direct \$20 million by the end of 2025 to expand sustainable jobs in the Arabian Peninsula and MENA region. It aims to ensure food, nutrition and water security for Middle East populations through the use of innovative and circular desert farming technologies.



The Water and Energy for Food MENA Regional Innovation Hub. Led by organizations across Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan, the Hub will expand upon the \$33 million mobilized so far to scale SMEs that impact sectors at the nexus of food, water and energy. As many as 50 innovators will receive up to \$250,000 each to reach 750,000 smallholder farmers and end-users, of which 25% are women.

A Shared Outlook for a More Sustainable Future:



AIM for Climate began at COP26 in 2021 as a collaborative effort between the UAE and the US to address the environmental impact of agriculture and enhance sustainable food production. The initiative reflects the UAE, US and other partners' shared belief that international collaboration and inclusivity are critical to addressing the climate crisis.

Testimonials

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack

"Together, with the UAE and our global partners, we are dedicated to meeting our climate goals, enhancing food security and building a sustainable future for our planet. This partnership embodies our shared commitment to accelerating investments in transformative food systems and climate-smart agricultural innovations and we look forward to working with everyone on the road to COP30."

U.S. President Joseph R. Biden

"A special thank you to our partners in the United Arab Emirates, my friend Tom Vilsack and the entire Department of Agriculture...By working together, we can further strengthen global food supplies, boost farmers' incomes, and protect our planet for future generations."



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