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Please see the press release attached with additional details.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Many thanks,

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PRESS RELEASE

COP28 Presidency urges adaptation efforts at Korea Global Adaptation Week

- Ambassador Majid Al Suwaidi, Director-General and Special Representative of COP28, stressed the urgency of delivering a robust Framework on the Global Goal on Adaptation.
- He reiterated the call for developed countries to uphold their commitment to doubling adaptation finance by 2025.
- The Global Stocktake at COP28 will enable a thorough assessment of successes and challenges in adaptation.
- COP28's Action Agenda aims to put a human face on policy choices and focus on delivering outcomes on nature, food and agriculture, health, water, and relief and recovery.

Incheon, 30 August 2023: The COP28 Presidency has called for urgent action to strengthen global adaptation action at all levels to reduce vulnerability and strengthen resilience for vulnerable communities, ecosystems and economic sectors at the Korea Global Adaptation Week 2023.

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"The COP28 Presidency has positioned adaptation and resilience firmly in our Presidential Action Agenda," said Ambassador Al Suwaidi. "Under the focus of putting people and communities back the heart of climate action, we are working to deliver on the Global Goal on Adaptation, and to elevate issues across food, health, water, nature and relief and recovery."

He added the forthcoming Global Stocktake at COP28 will enable a thorough assessment of successes and gaps, representing a significant moment to raise ambition and action for adaptation.

The COP28 Director-General said there is an urgent need to "adopt a framework on the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA), ensuring that it is complemented by a robust, differentiated, and actionable agenda for building resilience."

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The GGA framework “must help reduce vulnerability, build adaptative capacities, and strengthen resilience for the most vulnerable populations, ecosystems, and economic sectors. And it must be both comprehensive in outlook, but also flexible in details to reflect the diversity of challenges and capacities inherent to our global community,” said Ambassador Al Suwaidi.

Ambassador Al Suwaidi called on developed countries to uphold their commitment to doubling adaptation finance by 2025, a pledge made at COP26. Multilateral development banks (MDBs) and development finance institutions (DFIs) were also urged to scale up adaptation finance.

He pointed to the Presidency’s focus on championing solutions at the intersection of climate and nature, such as ecosystem-based approaches such as restoring wetlands and ecosystems that protect against storms and sea surges, and forest conservation to stabilize soil and run-off during floods.

Ambassador Al Suwaidi also underscored that food systems transformation will feature prominently on COP28’s agenda, inviting governments to join the first-ever Leaders Declaration on Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Action. The declaration will call on governments to make commitments on the mitigation and adaptation potential of their food systems and food supply chains.

On COP28’s water agenda, the Presidency plans to give unprecedented attention to water risks and opportunities, prioritizing the conservation and restoration of freshwater ecosystems, enhancing urban water resilience and bolstering water-resilient food systems.

For the first time, COP28 will host a Health/Relief, Recovery, and Peace Day on December 3 as part of its two-week thematic program. The day will spotlight how climate change is impacting human health, causing displacement of vulnerable communities and leading to increased fragility which compromises peace. Together with the World Health Organization, COP28 will also co-host the inaugural climate-health ministerial to scale investment and policy priorities.

While in South Korea, Ambassador Al Suwaidi also held bilateral meetings with Yoo Jeong-bok, Mayor of Incheon, Mafalda Duarte, Executive Director of the Green Climate Fund and Dr. Frank Rijsberman, Director General of the Global Green Growth Institute

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Notes to Editors COP28 UAE:

• COP28 UAE will take place at Expo City Dubai from November 30-December 12, 2023. The Conference is expected to convene over 70,000 participants, including heads of state, government officials, international industry leaders, private sector representatives, academics, experts, youth, and non-state actors.
• As mandated by the Paris Climate Agreement, COP28 UAE will deliver the first ever Global Stocktake – a comprehensive evaluation of progress against climate goals.
• The UAE will lead a process for all parties to agree upon a clear roadmap to accelerate progress through a pragmatic global energy transition and a “leave no one behind” approach to inclusive climate action.

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