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**COP 28 Informal Stocktaking
Plenary
Wednesday, 6 December 2023**

**Speaking notes
H.E. Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber**

President COP 28/CMP 18/CMA 5

COP President's Remarks at the informal plenary following the closure of the SBs

6 December 2023 (check against delivery)

- Dear colleagues, we are at the half-way point of COP28. And I think you will agree that there is something special happening in Dubai. I keep hearing it from people outside the negotiations and I am sure you are hearing it as well.
- What we have collectively accomplished in week one is nothing short of historic.
- In just 7 days we have demonstrated that multilateralism is alive and well.
- We adopted the agendas in the first hours of the first day, something I do not recall happening before.
- We delivered landmark decisions on Loss & Damage – the **first time** substantive decisions have been adopted at the opening of a COP.
- This was a milestone achievement for vulnerable people around the world. And it only happened because parties came together in **solidarity, unity** and **action**. You should all be very proud of this extraordinary achievement.
- On top of that, in the first hour after gaveling the decision, we began to capitalize the fund. And so far, we have \$726 million in pledges. And I will keep pushing for more.
- We catalyzed action across climate finance, nature, energy and methane, as well as the **first ever** COP declarations on cooling, health and food.
- And we have mobilized over **\$83 billion** in commitments, pledges & investments **so far**.
- These great successes on the action agenda show us what is possible through partnership and a spirit of collaboration. That said, they only raise the bar higher. We must use this momentum to drive delivery of the highest ambition across the negotiated outcomes in week two.
- I would like to thank the Subsidiary Body Chairs, Ambassador Nabeel Munir and Harry Vreuls, along with the co-facilitators, who have worked tirelessly over the past week, and in fact – months – to ensure that we're progressing towards ambitious outcomes at COP28.
- Over the past day, we've seen conclusions on the host of the Santiago Network, gender, the TEC/CTCN Joint Annual Report, and RSO, and have seen progress on text on the just transition work programme and the mitigation work programme, which will be forwarded to Week 2.
- We are thankful to Parties for their willingness to engage constructively and urge you to bring that same spirit of compromise and openness into Week 2.
- It is clear that there is still much work to do. I am available to work with each and every one of you to deliver a **historic** package of outcomes. My door is open and I encourage all of you to reach out to the Presidency if you want to raise **anything**.
- I want to see parties step out of their comfort zones, and find common ground to deliver a high ambition and balanced outcome.
- On the Global Stocktake, we welcome the hard work of the Joint Contact Group. It has been a monumental task in a short period of time.



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- Thank you to Alison and Joe for your leadership and massive effort. It's important that we shift gears and that we get all Ministers and Heads of Delegation engaged on all the elements of the GST. Let's deliver the true course correction that the science tells us we need to keep 1.5C within reach.
- The Presidency welcomes the building blocks in the text AND the views and submissions presented by Parties. We consider all inputs to be part of the work forwarded by the Subsidiary Bodies to the CMA, to conclude the work on the GST.
- We recognize the invitation to the CMA to produce a further revision of the text, taking into account the latest submission and views expressed by Parties.
- And I have requested the Co-Chairs of the Joint Contact Group to support the Presidency in refining and making available this revised version of the building blocks to take into account these views and submissions. The Presidency will further convene consultations at the political level, to inform how to take this work forward.
- Adaptation is a key element of climate action. An outcome under the Global Goal on Adaptation is essential to creating a pathway that makes a difference in protecting people, livelihoods and ecosystems.
- The GGA must effectively capture those areas of work that will create a guiding star that builds resilience and reduces vulnerability.
- I will undertake consultations with Ministers to determine the best way for the Presidency to support Parties to deliver a robust outcome for the GGA.
- I call on Parties to also consider how we can make **real progress** to address the adaptation finance gap.
- All these issues require more work – some need more time for further technical discussion, while some require engagement of Heads of Delegation or ministerial guidance.
- On Friday morning, I will convene a formal COP plenary to outline how I propose to organize work for the coming days to complete the remaining issues for an orderly closure of the conference on **Tuesday, 12 December, by 11am at the latest**. Let's put a plan in place to work backwards from that so we make it happen.
- Dear colleagues, I remain committed to working with all Parties in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner to achieve ambitious and impactful outcomes that demonstrate to the world that the multilateral process can deliver.
- **Immediately after Friday's plenary, ministerial work on political issues will start**, with consultations. We have no time to waste.
- To do this, the Presidency will assess the status of the different items and lay out a tailored approach to conclude all outstanding elements. We recognize that some may need more discussion and others require focused political engagement to find an overall balanced and comprehensive way forward.
- In this spirit, we intend to make use of all the tools available to address issues that need to be resolved in the second week at the right level and at the right time. This includes



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launching consultations facilitated by the Ministerial Pairings that have supported the Presidency's engagement across different issue areas over the past months.

- I shall further consider how to take forward unfinished work on some other outstanding issues such as article 6 and response measures.
- We further intend to bring discussions into single settings at Head of Delegation and Ministerial level and shuttle diplomacy to ensure that as we bring together the different outcomes, we strike the right balance.
- We know we can do this. We have already done this at the start of the conference with the adoption of the loss and damage decisions.
- I intend to conclude this conference in the same positive spirit as it was opened – with the delivery of meaningful, concrete and ambitious outcomes that will make us proud.
- Outcomes that lay the groundwork for a just and equitable energy transition that keeps 1.5 degrees in reach.
- I will continue to ask Parties to bring bridging proposals on fossil fuels, renewables and energy efficiency in line with the science.
- We must create outcomes that guide action this decade, as well as the next round of nationally determined contributions.
- Outcomes that enable adequate, affordable and accessible finance.
- And outcomes that are fair, based on the science and mean developing countries do not have to choose between climate action and development.
- We must shift gears and complement the technical discussions with political engagement.
- We take very seriously the trust you are putting in us to take this work forward transparently and fairly. Let me be crystal clear that all views and options remain on the table. And let us truly honour all the work that has gone into the first Global Stocktake over the past two years.
- This coming week, let us give the world some much needed good news. Let's provide clear direction for a future that keeps 1.5 within reach, protects the most vulnerable and provides socio-economic development for everyone.
- Let us rise to this challenge to deliver the highest ambition possible through the GST and all the other mandates.
- We know what we need to do. Now let's get it done. We have no time to waste.
- Dear colleagues, I wish hope you enjoy the rest day tomorrow, because when you come back I will be counting on you to unite, act and deliver.
- See you again on Friday morning.
- This meeting is now adjourned.