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1 Code of Conduct

UN Climate Change is committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful, healthy and safe environment and be treated with fairness and dignity. With your registration and accreditation, you agreed to follow the Code of Conduct. Please consult the Code of Conduct [online](#).

2 About us

2.1 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat (UN Climate Change)

The UNFCCC secretariat (UN Climate Change) is the United Nations entity charged with supporting the global response to the threat of climate change.

The [Convention](#) after which the secretariat is named was ratified by the UN in 1995 and has near universal membership ([198 Parties](#)). This foundational document is the parent treaty of the subsequent 1997 [Kyoto Protocol](#) and the 2015 [Paris Agreement](#), both of which have been instrumental for setting goals on climate change. Paris Agreement which guides climate action today.

The secretariat supports a complex architecture of governmental and non-governmental bodies which, through agenda setting, negotiation, and implementation planning, are the driving forces behind global climate action.

For media enquiries, please contact: UNFCCC Press Office [press\(at\)unfccc.int](mailto:press(at)unfccc.int)
More information on UNFCCC is available on [this website](#).

2.2 UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell

At the head of the secretariat is the Executive Secretary, a position held by Mr. Simon Stiell of Grenada since August 2022.

Simon Stiell is the acting Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC, a position he has held since August 2022.

Previously, Mr. Stiell served as senior minister in the Government of Grenada from 2013 through June 2022, holding the position of Minister for Climate Resilience and the Environment for five years. He also served as Minister for Education and Human Resource Development, (unless "Minister of State" is part of the title) and as a Parliamentary Secretary within the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry and Fisheries. He also served as a member of Grenada's Upper House of Parliament, the Senate, where he served as Leader of Government Business.

Mr. Stiell originally trained as an engineer at London Metropolitan University and College of Northwest London and holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Westminster in the United Kingdom.

Connect with Simon Stiell on [LinkedIn](#)

Get photos from Simon Stiell on [Flickr](#)

3 Orientation & Permits

3.1 The Venue, “Blue Zone” and “Green Zone”

The conference venue is located at the [Expo City Dubai](#), United Arab Emirates. Time Zone: GST (Gulf Standard Time) UTC/GMT +4 hours.

The venue is alienated into

1. The “Blue Zone”, managed by the United Nations and open to participants
2. The “Green Zone” managed by the host country United Arab Emirates and open for the public with parallel activities and NGO exhibitions. The Green Zone is located southwards of the “Blue Zone”

3.2 Locations

You can find

1. Plenary 1 Al Hairat in the Dubai Exhibition Centre (DEC) North Hall, Zone B8
2. Plenary 2 Al Ghafat in the Dubai Exhibition Centre (DEC) South Hall, Zone B2
3. Press Conference Room 1 in the Dubai Exhibition Centre (DEC) North Hall, Zone B1
4. Press Conference Room 2 in Zone B6 Building 77
5. The Media Centre with the Media Information Desk and International Broadcast Centre adjacent to Dubai Exhibition Centre (DEC) South Hall, Zone B1
6. Al Waha Theatre, Zone B8
7. Al Wasl Dome, in the centre of the Expo City Dubai

The Plenary Halls and Press Conference Room 1 will be within 10 minutes' walking distance of the Media Center, whilst Press Conference Room 2 will be within 15 minutes. Please consult the [venue map](#).

3.3 Permits, use of devices, spectrum licence, access to meetings & rooms

For the use of cameras and audio/video recording devices by participants at sessions of UN Climate Change please consult [this document](#).

For [wireless/radio frequency equipment](#) the Spectrum licensing procedure will be done through the Expo City Dubai Portal at [this address](#). Your equipment will be tagged in front of the Blue Zone entrance area in the Spectrum Information Office. This must be done prior to enter the security area. For any request regarding the Spectrum Portal, please contact COP28Spectrum@esharah.ae

If you require any assistance for a request submission on the Expo City Dubai Portal, please contact

cop28spectrum@esharah.ae

spectrum.expocitydubai.com

Help Desk Phone Number: +971 54 306 0723

Blue Zone Phone Number: +971 54 306 0743
Green Zone Phone Number: +971 54 305 9757

Please keep in mind that all audio-visual equipment and wireless/radio frequency devices *must* be permitted prior to entry in the UAE. For permits related to the importation of equipment and filming/photography outside the conference venue, please consult the [this webpage](#).

Visual media are permitted to film, record interviews and take photos in all public areas of the conference venue unless otherwise restricted for security reasons.

Generally, all open meetings of the conference are accessible to the **print media**, subject to the availability of space.

Access for visual media and photographers to the Plenary Halls will only be permitted under “escort”. Please contact the International Broadcast Centre Manager, Tim Davis, email: davis.tim52@gmail.com or mobile: +971 543067126

All those with ‘Media’ badges have free access to all Press Conferences, except when restricted by Security personnel.

No access will be granted to any media representatives to enter closed meetings of the Conference or office areas.

4 Media Pools and Access Arrangements for selected Media Moments

The following Media Moments will take place between 30. November and 12. December:

1. Opening of the Conference – **Plenary 1 Al Hairat, 30. November, 10:00am**
2. Family Photo – **Al Wasl Dome, 1. December, 11:00am**
3. Opening of World Climate Action Summit (WCAS) – **Al Waha Theatre, 1. December, 11:45am**
4. Start of COP 28 Presidency-led thematic events – **Al Waha Theatre, 1. December, 13:30pm**
5. Opening of the High-Level Segment (HLS) – **Plenary 1 Al Hairat, 1. December, 13:30pm**
6. First part of the high-level segment for Heads of State and Government – **Plenary 1 Al Hairat & Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 1. December, 14:00pm, 2. December, 09:00am**
7. Reception Sustainable Markets Initiative Award– **VVIP Lounge DEC North, 30. November, 18:15pm**
8. Opening of the G77 + China Summit – **Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 2. December, 12:00am**

(All start times / end times are tentatively and can be subject of change.)

All media moments will be covered by the COP28 host broadcast and official photographers. Footage and high-resolution photographs will be available to all participants. More information on how to access footage and photographs is provided in chapter 5.3 Host Broadcast Footage and Official Photography, page 11 herein.

The below table outlines some moments and where there will be access for media (photographers, videographers, print/writing). The access has been defined considering other participants and the physical safety and security considerations of each event location. Decisions are final and exceptions cannot be made.

Media Moment	Accessibility for Media
Opening of the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer
Informal Arrival of HoS/HoG for World Climate Action Summit (WCAS)	None
Meet & Greet of HoS/HoG with UN SG and President of UAE	None
Family Photo	Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer
Opening of World Climate Action Summit (WCAS) in DEC North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer Limited seats for Print/Writing Press
Opening of the High-Level Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer Limited seats for Print/Writing Press
Presidency-led Events	Open by application
Opening of the G77 + China Summit	Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer
Access to Plenary Halls	Yes, under “escort” by the IBC Manager
COP President Press Briefing in Press Conference Room 1	Yes
Press Conferences in Press Conference Room 1	Yes, however, be advised that some press conferences may be restricted.
Press Conferences in Press Conference Room 2	Yes, however, be advised that some press conferences may be restricted.
Closed Meetings	No

4.1 Pool 1: Opening of the Conference

The Opening of twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 28) will take place on 30 November 2023 at 10:00am in Plenary 1 Al Hairat.

Speakers:

1. Opening Statement by H.E. Mr. Sameh Shoukry, President of COP 27/CMP 17/CMA 4
2. Handover of the Presidency from COP27 President to COP28 President
3. Statement by H.E. Mr. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, President COP 28/CMP 18/CMA 5
4. Statement by Mr. Simon Stiell, UNFCCC Executive Secretary
5. Statement by Mr. Jim Skea, Chair of IPCC

Due to the safety and security limitations a pool will be managed by UN Climate Change and the COP 28 media team. Notifications will be sent in good time.

Prior to the opening, the pool of television crews and still photographers will have the opportunity to capture establishing shots inside Plenary 1 Al Hairat from a stanchioned area at the front of the Plenary. They will then briefly be given the opportunity to capture those on the podium prior to the start of the meeting.

Television crews will be required to leave the Plenary Hall when asked to do so. Still photographers may remain to take pictures of the speakers on a one-by-one basis, under guidance. At the end of the Opening Ceremony all those in the pool must leave the Plenary.

Those in the pool must be at the Media Meeting Point located in the atrium outside of Plenary Hall 1 at 09:00am latest. Supplementary badges will be required which will be distributed at the Media Meeting Point.

4.2 Pool 2: Informal Arrivals, Meet & Greet and Family Photo

Due to space restrictions and the security reasons media pools are not permitted at the

1. Informal Arrivals
2. Meet & Greet

Due to the safety and security limitations a pool will be managed by the UN Climate Change and the COP 28 media team. Notifications will be sent in good time with advice on where and when to collect Supplementary Badges.

4.3 Pool 3: Opening of WCAS in DEC North

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4.4 Pool 4: Opening of the High-Level Segment

On 1 December 2023, 13:30pm, the High Level Segment will be formally opened in Plenary 1 Al Hairat. Details of the opening session is available [here](#)

There will be cultural performances followed by speeches.

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Prior to the opening, the pool of television crews and still photographers will have the opportunity to capture establishing shots inside Plenary 1 Al Hairat from a stanchioned area at the front of the Plenary. They will then briefly be given the opportunity to capture those on the podium prior to the start of the Meeting.

Television crews will be required to leave the Plenary Hall as directed by the IBC Manager. Still photographers may remain to take pictures of the speakers on a one-by-one basis, under guidance. At the end of the Opening Ceremony all those in the pool must leave the Plenary.

Those in the pool need to be at the Media Meeting Point (located adjacent in the atrium outside the Plenary Hall) at 12:30pm. Supplementary badges will be distributed from the Media Meeting Point in DEC North.

A limited number of seats (10) will be available in Plenary 1 Al Hairat for the opening ceremony for print media and text news agencies. These seats will be located at the rear of the Plenary Hall. Those interested are invited to submit their names at the Media Information Desk located in the Media Centre latest by 11:30am. Supplementary Badges will be distributed from the Media Information Desk on a first-come, first-served basis.

4.5 Pool 5: National Statements

National Statements will commence in

- Plenary 1 Al Hairat & Plenary 2 Al Ghafat at 1. December 14:00pm – 18:00pm
- Plenary 1 Al Hairat at 2. December 09:00am – 14:00am

For the list of speakers please visit this [document](#)

Those who wish to capture individual National Statements whether Media or Delegation Media (film cameras or photographers) can do so under guidance. Those interested must present themselves to the Media Meeting Point (located adjacent in the atrium outside of the Plenary Halls) at least 30mins ahead of the National Statement to be captured. Media will be escorted into the Plenary Hall with sufficient time to set up ahead of the National Statement to be captured. On completion of the National Statement the escorted media representatives must leave the room.

There will be a restriction of no more than 2 film cameras and 2 photographers for each National Statement.

4.6 Pool 6: COP 28 UAE Presidency Events

A number of COP28 UAE Presidency Events will be held between 1. and 12. December.

These events can be categorized as follows:

1. Flagship Presidency: Flagship events where the Presidency and core partners will deliver significant announcements, key partnerships, and outcomes. Participants in our Flagship sessions include Heads of State/Government, subject matter experts, youth voices and integral communities.
2. Presidency: Presidency events will bring together Global stakeholders and partners to collaborate and deliver on key elements of the Action Agenda, often led by Ministers and significant stakeholders.
3. Partner-Led: Organized by valued partners, these events will complement the Presidency program of events and high-ambition outcomes.

For a list of events please see [here](#)

These events are open to media by application.

Please use this [link](#) to apply for place in the pool. Due to safety and security places in the pool are limited. Places will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. You will only be informed when your application is successful.

Those in the pool must present themselves to the Media Meeting Point outside of each venue at least 30mins ahead of the event. Media will be escorted into the event locations with sufficient time to set up ahead of the event.

4.7 Pool 7: Opening of the G77 + China Summit

Based on the foregoing, the Republic of Cuba, in its capacity as Chair of the Group of 77 and China, convenes a G77 and China Leaders' Summit, to be held in the framework of the COP28 Leaders' Summit, as a forum for consultation, dialogue and guidance for action of our nations.

This is an unprecedented event. It will be the first time that the member states of the Group of 77 and China meet, at the level of heads of state or government, in the framework of a COP.

There will be:

1. Opening Ceremony – Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 2. December 12:00pm:
 - a. Opening Remarks by the President of the Republic of Cuba, H.E. Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez
 - b. Remarks by the United Nations Secretary General, H.E. António Guterres
 - c. Remarks by H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates on behalf of the President of the UAE, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 - d. Remarks by the COP 28 President and United Arab Emirates Special Envoy for Climate Change, H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber
 - e. Remarks by the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Simon Stiell
 - f. Remarks by the President of the 78 General Assembly H.E. Dennis Francis
2. General Debate – Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 2. December, 12:30am
3. Closing Session – Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 2. December, 16:45am with
 - a. Closing remarks by the President of the Republic of Cuba, H.E. Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez
4. End of the G-77 and China Leaders' Summit – Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, 2. December, 17:00am

Due to the safety and security limitations a pool will be managed by the UN Climate Change and the COP 28 media team. Notifications will be sent in good time with advice on where and when to collect Supplementary Badges.

Prior to the opening, the pool of television crews and still photographers will have the opportunity to capture establishing shots inside Plenary 2 Al Ghafat from a stanchioned area at the front of the Plenary.

They will then briefly be given the opportunity to capture those on the podium prior to the start of the Meeting.

Television crews will be required to leave the Plenary Hall as directed by the IBC Manager. Still photographers may remain to take pictures of the speakers on a one-by-one basis, under guidance. At the end of the Opening Ceremony all videographers must leave the Plenary.

Those in the pool need to be at the Media Meeting Point (located adjacent in the atrium outside the Plenary Hall) at 11:00am. Supplementary badges will be distributed from the Media Meeting Point in DEC South.

A limited number of seats (10) will be available in Plenary 2 Al Ghafat for the opening ceremony for print media and text news agencies. These seats will be located at the rear of the Plenary Hall. Those interested are invited to submit their names at the Media Information Desk located in the Media Centre latest by 9:30am. Supplementary Badges will be distributed from the Media Information Desk based on a first-come, first-served basis.

5 Media Facilities and Services

All information is published on the [COP28 press and media page](#) as it becomes available.

UN Climate Change pursues a **PaperSmart** policy, consequently information will be provided electronically on the UN Climate Change [website](#) and through the [UN Climate Change mobile app](#). Official documents are also accessible via the Internet at workstations in the print press area.

All the mentioned media facilities will be available from Thursday 30 November 2023 through to the end of COP28, scheduled for Tuesday 12 December 2023. The Media Center will be accessible 24 hours a day, with reduced services overnight.

Those who require to be onsite between 21:00pm – 06:00am, are to report the need to do so to the IBC Manager latest by 18:00hrs prior to the event. This is to notify Security for their awareness.

5.1 Pool signal

Television and radio broadcasters will receive 'live' pool feeds provided by the host broadcaster. Pool signals will be provided to all TV workstations and TV cubicles in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). The Video format of the pool feed is HD-SDI 1080i 50 or 1080i 59,94 with embedded audio, available through BNC connector. For Radio Broadcasters, the Audio feed will be delivered at line level (+4 dBu), available through XLR connectors.

5.2 Writing Press Area

The area for writing press is in the Media Centre. This area offers more than 500 workspaces equally split into 3 areas:

1. 50 positions with free-to-use laptops with internet access.
2. 250 positions with free-for-use RJ45 plug and play wired internet access.

3. All other workspaces will be un-serviced, with a desk, chair, lighting, and power. These are free-for-use for those who have their own computers that can connect to WiFi

Bookings do not need to be applied for these spaces and will be available on a first come first served basis.

XLR connectivity will be centrally located in the open press writing area for audio capture in floor & English languages from Plenaries 1 & 2.

All areas are provided with desks, chairs, lighting, and power.

IPTV monitors will be available providing live coverage of all proceedings including a scrolling agenda of all scheduled plenary and side event meetings. An IR headset system will be available to monitor the 'live' audio from Plenaries 1 & 2. This will be selectable between floor and English languages. Correspondents may also follow proceedings of the conference through live webcast (live and on-demand) through our [website](#).

5.3 Host Broadcast Footage and Official Photography

High quality photographs from official photographers are provided on the [UN Climate Change Flickr account](#). This is an open platform, and no login credentials are required.

The Media Library Server provides access to the footage from the host broadcaster via the wired network connection and will be available for download. High-resolution files in XDCam 50 MB/sec and low-resolutions files in H.264 10 MB/sec.

This will be available in the TV cubicles, open-plan workspaces, and offices within the media centre.

Media will be able to use the unassigned broadcast workstations within the media centre to access the host broadcast feed. The Media Library cannot be accessed via Wi-Fi. A user guide and helpdesk will be provided.

Photographs will also be published on the [Expo City Dubai Content Portal](#). Access to this is by invitation and registration process. An invitation to join Expo City Dubai Content Portal will be sent to the end-user email address. After accepting the invitation, the end-user will be asked to enter an email address and create a password. These will be the credentials to access the account in the Expo City Dubai Content Portal. To request access to the portal please visit [this website](#), click "request access" and generate an invitation for you to register.

5.4 Internet connectivity

The conference venue is being fed by a 40gb/s internet connection. The network has been configured in such a way so that all users have access to the full incomer and there is no throttling or segregation of that connection.

All internet connections will be capable of a minimum 10mb/s u/d and burstable up to 100mb/s u/d.

There will be site-side WiFi, shared by all users at the conference. Additional cell towers are being installed to give increased coverage across the networks EE, Vodafone and O2.

This will provide 3G and 4G (5G) coverage.

5.5 International Broadcast Centre (IBC) and its service

An International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) is situated in the Media Centre designed specifically to serve television and radio broadcasters and international press agencies. The facility will provide **the Host Broadcasters' live video and audio pool feeds** and will have the facility for the retrieval of meetings in .mp4 or similar encoded digital format.

All the **Open Plan Workstations** for TV and radio broadcasters are equipped with basic furniture, an IPTV monitor to follow proceedings, the Host Broadcaster's audio and video feeds from Plenary 1 Al Hairat, Plenary 2 Al Ghafat, the two press conference rooms and the Amphitheatre. Each workstation is equipped to accommodate 3 people.

For those TV and radio broadcasters who do not have workspace within the IBC and need to use the facilities on a temporary basis, please contact the IBC Manager, Tim Davis email: davis.tim52@gmail.com or mobile: +971 543067126 or visit his office in the IBC.

The Press Agency Cubicles are provided with chairs, desktops, electrical sockets, an IPTV monitor, and wired internet connections designed to accommodate 5 journalists.

The International Broadcast Centre will be available for use from Thursday, 30. November until the end of the Conference scheduled for 12. December. The IBC will be open 24 hours a day, with limited services between 6:00pm and 8:00am. On the final day of the Conference, all media areas will remain operational for approximately 2 hours after the formal conclusion of the conference.

5.6 Live pool coverage

Live pool coverage of the proceedings is available for local and overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge and free-for-use (copy-right free):

1. Al Hairat (Plenary 1 Al Hairat)
2. Al Ghafat (Plenary 2 Al Ghafat)
3. Al Waha Theatre (WCAS)
4. Press Conference 1
5. Press Conference 2
6. Al Wasl Dome
7. Al Hur
8. COP Creator Hub
9. Green Stage
10. Arrivals / Handshake / Family Photo

Please note: It is not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings from inside Plenary 1 Al Hairat and Plenary 2 Al Ghafat. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the Conference and, in particular, during the World Climate Action Summit and the High-Level Segment for individual television crews to record plenary statements by country representatives. Prior arrangements for any unilateral coverage must be made with the IBC Manager, Tim Davis, email: davis.tim52@gmail.com or mobile: +971 543067126 or visit his office in the IBC.

Further Please Note: It is not permitted to do ‘lives’ inside the Plenary Halls. Anyone found undertaking a live in one of the Plenaries will be subject to eviction by Security.

Audio feeds in Floor and English languages will be available at line level (+4dBu) for television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis:

1. Al Hairat (Rear platform in Plenary 1 Al Hairat): 10x Floor, 10x English
2. Al Ghafat (Rear platform in Plenary 2 Al Ghafat): 10x Floor, 10x English
3. Press Conference 1: 10x Floor, 10x English
4. Press Conference 2: 10x Floor, 10x English

For use of this facility on a temporary basis the feeds are also available in the Press Writing Area of the Media Center:

1. Al Hairat (Plenary 1 Al Hairat): 10x Floor, 10x English
2. Al Ghafat (Plenary 2 Al Ghafat): 10x Floor, 10x English

5.7 Conference apps

Over and above the information available on the [UN Climate Change website](#) the secretariat, please consult the [COP 28 mobile apps](#) for the conference. Participants are also encouraged to follow the many social media channels ([X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Flickr](#) and [YouTube](#)).

5.8 Press Conferences schedule

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by National Delegations and Intergovernmental Organizations will be held in Press Conference Room 1, close to the Plenary 1 Al Hairat. Press briefings by Non-Governmental Organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will be held in Press Conference Room 2. See the Daily Programme for details available on the IPTV network of monitors and [online](#).

Be advised that some press conferences may be restricted. This may be at the request of those hosting the Press Conferences or for logistical and security reasons. Please accept the situation when faced with it.

The COP President will give press briefings daily between 9:00 – 9:30am and 13:30 – 14:00pm in Press Conference Room 1. Please note each press briefing by the COP President will be confirmed ad-hoc.

5.9 Arrangements for interviews

The Media Information Desk will assist journalists, upon request, to contact delegates for arranging interviews.

Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should be addressed to Press@unfccc.int. In order to help us to determine if your interview will be feasible, please consult [this webpage](#) and include all details to your request. Please note that the Executive Secretary is available for a limited number of one-on-one interviews at the COP.

5.10 Live and on-demand streaming

Events will be recorded and can be found [here](#). Use the filter to navigate through the recordings. A timetable is posted on the website to provide information on additions or changes in the schedule.

5.11 Virtual participation

All accredited media will be able to participate virtually during press conferences and briefings using the COP 28 Platform – a tool made to support your COP experience.

More information about the registration process and connecting can be found [here](#).

6 Contacts

The UN Climate Change Media Team as well as the offices of the COP 28 Media Team from the host country are located in the Media Centre.

Please use the following email addresses to get in contact with us:

1. Climate Change Spokesperson, Interview request for UNFCCC Executive Secretary press@unfccc.int
2. Press accreditation and registration press@unfccc.int
3. Booking of press conferences pressconf@unfccc.int
4. Requests for COP 28 Presidency media@cop28.com
5. Inquiries about the WCAS event wcasmedia@unfccc.int