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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

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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](#).

4 Media Pools and Access Arrangements for selected Media Moments

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.

The following Media Moments will take place between 8. December and 12. December:

1. Continuation of COP 28 Presidency-led thematic events – **Various locations Daily**
2. Resumed high-level segment for National and Observer statements – **Plenary 1 Al Hairat, 9. December, 10:00am (National statements), Plenary 1 Al Hairat, 9. December, 15:00pm (Observer statements)**

(All start times / end times are tentative and may be subject to change.)

All media moments will be covered by the COP28 host broadcaster 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.

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
Resumed High-Level Segment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managed pools for Photographer/Videographer • Limited seats for Print/Writing Press
Presidency-led Events	Open on first-come, first-served basis.
Access to Plenary Halls	Yes, under “escort” by the IBC Manager or Presidency Media Managers
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: Continuation of National Statements

The resumed high-level segment of COP 28/CMP18/CMA5 will be held on 9 December to hear national statements from those Parties whose Head of State or Government did not deliver a national statement on 1 or 2 December, and representatives of groups who have registered and confirmed their wish to deliver a statement.

The resumed high-level will hear national statements from Heads of State and Government, Vice Presidents, Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers, and heads of delegation who have registered and confirmed their wish to deliver a national or group statement.

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

Texts of statements will be published as they become available on this [site](#) and follow the links.

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 either outside or inside of 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.

4.2 Pool 2: COP 28 UAE Presidency Events

A number of COP28 UAE Presidency Events will be held between 1. and 10. 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. For events from the 8. December onwards, we will no longer be operating a registration process for pools and positions will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those interested to capture an event 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. Due to safety and security places are limited.

Please note: if you do not present yourself at the Media Meeting Point in DEC North for an event in Al Waha Theatre or Al Saih Roundtable, you will not be allowed to enter either of these spaces.

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 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 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 the UNFCCC [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.

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 in-comer 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 installed to give increased coverage across the networks EE, Vodaphone 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 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](#), 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 daily press briefings in Press Conference Room 1. Please see the schedule of Press Conferences either in the Daily Programme or on the IPTV monitors.

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

7 Previously issued Media Bulletins

Please see Media Bulletin #1 [here](#)