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President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, meets with Miguel Díaz-Canel, President of Cuba, at Expo City, yesterday.

97,000  
delegates to seek to build  
consensus on climate action

150  
countries have  
promised since  
2021 to slash  
their methane  
emissions  
30% from  
2020 levels

200  
countries will be  
represented at the event  
1.5°C the target for  
limiting global warming  
to reduce the harmful  
effects of climate change

## Six essential terms that you must know from COP28

In the need to find solutions, here are the key concepts to grasp

DUBAI

BY SADIQ SHABAN  
Opinion Editor

As the inaugural moments unfold at COP28 UAE, the significance of this grand gathering extends beyond the confines of summit-level deliberations. Amid the intricate web of our shared existence, navigating solutions to the Earth's most pressing climate challenges necessitates an understanding of key terms:

**COP (Conference of the Parties)**

An annual international climate meeting convened by the United Nations, involving 200 nations committed to prevent-

ing human-induced interference with the climate system.

**Paris Agreement**

Adopted in 2015 at COP21, the Paris Agreement legally binds nations to combat climate change and limit global temperature rise. It serves as a symbol of global unity, with a commitment to curtail the rise in global average temperature, marking a pivotal milestone in the ongoing discourse on climate action.

**1.5 Degree Limit**

Embedded within the Paris Agreement, this commitment aims to restrict the surge in global temperatures, striving to keep the rise well below 2 degrees Celsius this century. Nations pledge concerted efforts to cap the increase at 1.5 degrees Celsius, acknowledging the irreversible impacts of climate change beyond this threshold.

**The Glasgow Pact**

Emerging from COP26, the Glasgow Pact is a landmark achievement in global climate action. It addresses critical measures such as the phase-down of coal and the gradual phasing-out of fossil fuels.

**Net-Zero**

A crucial objective set for 2050, Net-Zero seeks to balance a country's emissions with the removal of greenhouse gases, mitigating global warming. This involves capturing and storing carbon dioxide, complemented by carbon markets, incentivising emission reduction through credit trading.

**Global Stocktake**

Conducted every five years, the Global Stocktake involves countries evaluating progress and strategising essential actions against climate change.

## It's the time to unite and save our planet

COP28 BRINGS THE WORLD TO UAE IN QUEST FOR SOLUTIONS

DUBAI

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The world comes to Dubai today to unite for tangible action and deliver concrete solutions to the climate crisis, the most pressing issue facing humanity. Over the next 12 days at the Expo City, 165 world leaders and other stakeholders will debate topics at the Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change that will spur climate action and arrive at agreements to save our planet.

President His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed the delegates to the summit yesterday. "We are honoured to welcome the international community to the UAE for the start of COP28. Solving the challenges facing our planet requires a shared vision and collective action, and we are determined to unite the world around climate action and ensure no one is left behind," Shaikh Mohammad wrote on his X (Twitter) account.

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a turbulent year. So urgent measures have to be taken to halt the degradation and prevent potentially irreversible consequences for Earth.

"This COP is not an ordinary COP," COP28 President-designate Dr Sultan Al Jaber said at a Media Majlis yesterday. "We know that this COP comes at an inflection point of the world, and it is our view and our belief that this is the most consequential COP since Paris." High on the agenda are the plans to limit long-term global temperature increase to 1.5°C to offset the worst impact of climate change. Dr Al Jaber called it COP28's

North Star. The aim is to keep the 1.5°C target within reach and close the gap between ambition and action. COP28 will also see the first Global Stocktake to assess the progress made by countries in achieving the objectives of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

**Deciding the way forward**

"We have been entrusted to conduct the first-ever Global Stocktake and the Global Report Card under the framework for deciding our way forward, and that is going to be a key outcome," Dr Al Jaber said, adding that he would hold "every country and every stakeholder accountable to keep the 1.5°C target within reach. I aim to achieve the highest ambition in the Global Stocktake decision."

Dr Al Jaber refuted reports alleging that the UAE planned to promote oil deals during the event, saying it is an attempt to undermine the work of the COP28 Presidency.

"These allegations are false, not true, incorrect, and are not accurate. It is an attempt to undermine the work of the COP28 presidency...No one in this world has been able to master the ability to create win-win relationships and fruitful and productive partnerships like this small country and this young nation."

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