

UAE unveils 'Waste to Zero' global initiative at COP28

Campaign aims to decarbonise waste and transform it into resources

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The UAE has launched a global initiative for waste decarbonisation at the ongoing UN climate conference (COP28) in Dubai.

With around five per cent of global emissions coming from the waste sector and waste projected to increase by 50 per cent by 2050, 'Waste to Zero' initiative is a voluntary coalition made up of governments, NGOs, and the private sector to decarbonise waste management and transform waste into resources.

The initiative, unveiled on Wednesday night, is led by Abu Dhabi Waste Management Company (Tadweer) and the UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment. It aims to mobilise sectors worldwide for comprehensive waste decarbonisation efforts, with a focus on turning waste into a resource.

Global pledges

Meanwhile, 60 global pledges to double green transport by 2030 were made at COP28, paving the road to a cleaner, better future.

The global sustainable land transport community attending COP28 also issued a call to action to double the share of energy-efficient and fossil-free forms of land transport by 2030 to make transportation greener and more eco-friendly.

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■ COP28 created history on Wednesday night by hosting the first ever fashion show at a UN climate conference, with models showcasing creations designed to be sustainable.

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Guterres uses rare power to warn UNSC

UAE-CIRCULATED DRAFT RESOLUTION SAYS COUNCIL WILL SEEK GAZA TRUCE

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres used a rarely exercised power to warn the Security Council on Wednesday of an impending "humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza and urged its members to demand an immediate humanitarian cease-fire.

His letter to the council's 15 members said Gaza's humanitarian system was at risk of collapse after two months of war that has created "appalling human suffering, physical destruction and collective trauma," and he demanded civilians be spared greater harm.

Article 99 invoked

Guterres invoked Article 99 of the UN Charter, which says the secretary-general may inform the council of matters he believes threaten international peace and security. "The international community has a responsibility to use all its influence to prevent further escalation and end this crisis," he said.

UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said he expects the secretary-general to address the Security Council on Gaza this week and to press for a humanitarian cease-fire.

A short draft resolution circulated to council members late Wednesday by the UAE, the Arab

WHEN WAS ARTICLE 99 LAST INVOKED?

Stephane Dujarric, the UN spokesman, said that invoking Article 99 was "a very dramatic constitutional move by the secretary-general." The only previous mention of Article 99 was in a December 1971 report by then Secretary-General U Thant to the council expressing his conviction that the situation in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, and the Indian subcontinent threatened international peace and security, Dujarric said.

representative on the council, would act on Guterres' letter under Article 99. It demands "an immediate humanitarian cease-fire" and expresses "grave concern over the catastrophic situation in the Gaza Strip and the suffering of the Palestinian civilian population."

Earlier Wednesday, the 22-nation Arab Group at the UN, strongly backed a cease-fire. Riyadh Mansour, the Palestinian UN ambassador, said it is essential that the UN's most powerful body demand a halt to the conflict.

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From a runaway at 16 to Michelin stars

Celebrity Chef Jason talks 'talent, success and obsession with perfection'

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Michelin star British Chef Jason Atherton believes that the only recipe for success is hard work and commitment to your dream.

He told *Gulf News* in an exclusive interview, "I think we live in a world today where people have a million excuses at their disposal about why their life is tough. I come from a humble background. I didn't come from luxury, I didn't come from money but my goal was never money. Unfortunately, we live in a world where money rules everyone's goal, whether one wants to become a Michelin star chef or sports person."

"I knew at a young age that I wanted to be a great chef. It was never about the Michelin stars, money, the television



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■ Chef Jason Atherton

shows, or cookbooks or fame. It was about learning how to bake bread, learning how to fillet fish, learning how to be an actual cook to understand the flavours, and the seasoning. I was just obsessed by cooking, literally obsessed about ingredients ... became just like an obsession to be good at it. Thirty-six years on I think we are getting somewhere close to achieving our goal...."

Find out why Atherton believes that his job as a chef is never finished.

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