Road to a Cool COP28: Global Cooling Pledge

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What is Cooling?

It’s our food system and nutrition
It’s our changing built environment
It’s about our healthcare
It’s an energy problem
It’s prosperity and opportunity
The sector consumes a significant amount of electricity...

As well as refrigerants that are thousands of times more potent greenhouse gases than CO₂.

Cooling is a double burden when it comes to climate change...

The sector consumes a significant amount of electricity...
State of Play

- Historically Montreal Protocol refrigerant angle, partially energy efficiency, built environment overlooked.

- Result: science is narrow, policy action siloed, governments unprepared
UNEP Cool Coalition - Partnering for Comprehensive Action

Launch: First Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement.

Joint effort of global leaders collaborating on science, knowledge, advocacy and joint action to promote a comprehensive approach to cooling.

Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol
COP28 UAE & UNEP - Partnering for Comprehensive Action

We must move away from cooling systems that are inefficient and polluting and provide equitable access to climate-friendly cooling solutions. We will work with the Cool Coalition and UNEP to elevate this issue and look forward to showcasing solutions at COP28 this year.

His Excellency, Dr. Sultan Al Jaber,
COP28 President-Designate

The Global Cooling Pledge is in the list of nine key non-negotiated outcomes of the COP28 Presidential Action Agenda.
How do we bend the curve?

- Increased access to cooling
- Increased climate resilience
- Lowered cooling-related energy demand and emissions

COP28 Global Cooling Pledge: Partnering for Comprehensive Action
COP28 Global Cooling Pledge: Consultation Process

Stakeholder consultations with **100+ non-state actors** and **40+ countries**
Early supporters participated in a negotiation of the Pledge text through a contact group.

**Cool Champions:**

H.E Dan Jørgensen, Minister for Development Cooperation and Global Climate Policy of Denmark

H.E Soipan Tuya, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya
COP28 Global Cooling Pledge: Summary of Commitments

- Commit to work together with the aim of reducing cooling-related emissions by at least 68% relative to 2022 levels by 2050;
- Commit to ratify the Kigali Amendment by 2024 if not already ratified;
- Commit to support robust action through the Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund for early action to reduce HFC consumption and to promote improved energy efficiency for the HCFC phase-out and HFC phase-down;
- Commit to publishing a national cooling action plan, considering cooling when publishing a national action plan, or publishing a regulation or equivalent by 2026;
- Commit to establish national model building energy codes that incorporate market appropriate measures such as passive cooling and energy efficiency strategies by 2030;
- Commit to work together to support increased market penetration of highly efficient air conditioning equipment and innovative technologies and to collectively increase the global average efficiency rating of new air conditioning equipment sold by 50% by at the latest 2030 from global 2022 installed baseline;
- Commit to establish Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) by 2030 and aim to routinely raise ambition and progress noting best available technology and available model regulation guidelines;
- Commit to establish or update public procurement policies and guidance for low-GWP and high efficiency cooling technologies and innovative solutions by 2030;
COP28 Global Cooling Pledge: Summary of Commitments continued

- Commit to support collaborative research, innovation, and deployment activities at the local and international level;
- Commit to support existing international cooling emission reduction and cooling access initiatives, such as UNEP-led Cool Coalition;
- Commit to pursue the life cycle management of fluorocarbons in particular addressing HFCs banks, if feasible, such as through the Initiative on Fluorocarbons Life Cycle Management;
- Commit to review progress towards the target of the Global Cooling Pledge on an annual basis until 2030 and have a dedicated high-level meeting at the UN Climate Change Conference;
- Commit to maintaining up-to-date, transparent, and publicly available information on our policies and commitments to inform the progress reviews and relevant reports such as the UNEP Global Cooling Stocktake;
- Commit to consider new commitments in the Global Cooling Pledge on an annual basis until 2030 as appropriate;
- Call on non-state actors including the private sector, financial institutions, and philanthropies to help support the implementation of the Global Cooling Pledge;
- Call on other states to join the Global Cooling Pledge.
COP28 Global Cooling Pledge: Joining and Launch at COP28

Endorsement Letter

✓ State endorsement of the Global Cooling Pledge
✓ Identify a primary point of contact for follow up by the UNEP-led Cool Coalition

Addressed to:

• H.E. Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and President COP 28, Government of United Arab Emirates
• Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP

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BLUE ZONE: DECEMBER 5

✓ COP28 President and signatories launch event and press conference
COP28 Global Cooling Pledge

Questions and Answers Session
Subnational Commitments

Choose at least one of the following:

- *Commit to* incorporate cooling in an existing strategy or develop a Heat Action Plan by 2026 to mitigate and adapt to urban heat through sustainable cooling solutions;

- *Commit to* significantly increase the area and quality of green and blue spaces in urban areas for cooling by 2030 in line with the Paris Agreement targets and Target 12 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

- *Commit to* pursue public procurement of low-global warming potential and high efficiency cooling technologies focused on the lowest lifecycle cost in government buildings by 2030.

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Industry Commitments to Global Cooling Pledge

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Industry Commitments: Summary

- **Commit to** support efforts to increase access to sustainable cooling by 2030;

- **Commit by** 2024, to set near-term company-wide, 2030 science-based targets, in support of limiting global warming to 1.5 degree, and report over 90% of Scope 3 product-based emissions of heating and cooling technologies, with third-party assurance;

- **Commit by** 2025, to set a long-term net-zero target that is both science-based and company-wide to be implemented by 2050, and report over 90% of Scope 3 product-based emissions of heating and cooling technologies with third-party assurance;

- **Commit to join other Pledge participants to:**
  Support Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) ambition and progress in relation to global Best Available Technology (BAT);

  Support phase-down of HFCs and improve the energy efficiency of the cooling sector beginning in 2024, by establishing procurement practices that ensure that air conditioning equipment in government-owned buildings is replaced with low-GWP and high efficiency cooling technologies at the end of its useful life;

  Support adoption of model building energy codes and policies that reduce need for additional power generation, that incorporate market appropriate passive cooling, load reduction, thermal energy storage, demand response, and energy efficiency strategies by 2030, along with mechanisms to ensure increasing stringency over time as market capacity and capability builds, and encourage adoption at sub-national level;

  Support policies that upgrade infrastructure necessary for a decarbonized cold-chain;
Industry Commitments: Summary

• *Commit* to implement practices, and support policies, that improve refrigerant management and energy efficiency, including leak reduction, installation and maintenance best practices, and refrigerant recovery, including through direct training of service technicians;

• *Commit to* and support existing international cooling emission reduction and cooling access initiatives, such as those of the Cool Coalition to advance global cooperation and domestic actions;

• *Commit to* publicly report scope 1, 2, and over 90% of product use scope 3 emissions with third party assurance and progress towards the target of the Global Cooling Pledge on an annual basis until 2030;

• *Call on* other actors to join the Global Cooling Pledge.

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