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Cooling for Climate Action: Your Ministers' Cool Soundbites

Date and time: 8 December 2023, 15:00-15:45 GST (45 mins)

Location: Shared Presentation Stage 3, zone B7, bld 88 (second floor), COP28, Dubai

Organized by: the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), Ozone Secretariat (Montreal Protocol), UNEP-led Cool Coalition, Climate and Clean Air Coalition, and COP28 UAE Presidency

Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/taGf-DLhBDg?si=qN0YTfCDIDRnOn2j>

Background

COP28 is a critical moment for action on cooling. Recognizing the adaptation and mitigation benefits of cooling, the COP28 UAE Presidency has championed a Global Cooling Pledge with over 65 country signatories to date, which intends to raise ambition and international cooperation on cooling through collective targets for reducing emissions, improving energy efficiency and climate-friendly approaches to cooling and significantly increase access to sustainable cooling. The new UNEP report *Global Cooling Watch* launched at COP28 shows that countries can reduce emissions from cooling by over 60% while meeting growing cooling needs and creating significant economic benefits through integrated and accelerated policy action on passive cooling, energy efficiency, and the fast phase-down of HFCs.

We are inviting a select group of country representatives at Minister and senior leadership level, leading in the cooling space to engage in dialogue and provide their "soundbites" on how they are acting on these three fronts and delivering on the Montreal Protocol/Kigali Amendment, Paris Agreement and the Global 2030 Agenda.

Outcomes

The event will put a bright spotlight on the issue of cooling and an integrated approach needed to implement effectively the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and the Global Cooling Pledge that in addition HFC and energy efficiency puts emphasis on passive cooling and nature-based solutions as well as access to cooling to all. The meaningful messages by countries senior environmental leadership will enhance call for action. The event will be livestreamed and recorded. An e-brochure will be issued compiling the most inspirational and important key message(s) of each Minister for wide distribution.

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Agenda

Timing	Agenda item
15:00 – 15:02	Welcome Remarks – Ms. Pavni Mittal, MC and Moderator
15:02 – 15:05	Opening Remarks – Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UN Environment Programme
15:05 – 15:10	Keynote Speech - H.E Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates
15:10 – 15:40	Panel discussion and Sound Bites from Ministers – Moderated by Ms Pavni Mittal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Adalberto Maluf, National Secretary for the Environment, Air and Environment Quality of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Brazil • His Excellency, Mr Yutaka Matsuzawa, Vice Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Japan • His Excellency, Mr. Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Maldives • The Honorable Mr Andrew Yatilman, Secretary, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, Federated States of Micronesia • Mr. Rick Duke, Deputy Climate Envoy, United States of America • H.R.H. Prince Jaime de Bourbon de Parme, Climate Envoy, Netherlands • H.E. Pheav Sovuthy, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
15:40 – 15:45	Closing Remarks – Ms. Ruth Coutto, OiC, Chief, Energy and Climate Branch United Nations Environment Programme