

Global Cooling Pledge Signatories Focal Points Meeting

Date: June 13 – 14, 2025 – (2 days)

Location: [Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 32, 53113, Bonn, Germany](#)

Background

Launched at COP28, the [Global Cooling Pledge](#), addresses extreme heat risks and sustainable cooling demand through a triple strategy: passive cooling, super-efficient technologies, and climate-friendly refrigerants to cut sectoral emissions by 68% by 2050. Reinforced at COP29's inaugural Annual Cooling Ministerial Meeting, the Pledge [prioritizes equitable access to sustainable cooling to protect nations](#) from the impacts of extreme heat while aligning with the Paris Agreement and biodiversity.

At COP29, the [Annual Cooling Ministerial](#) on the Global Cooling Pledge marked a milestone in global cooling efforts. Co-Chaired by **Her Excellency Ana Toni**, Vice Minister for Climate Change and Environment of Brazil and CEO of COP30 and **Her Excellency Dr. Amna bint Abdullah Al Dahak** Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the [Ministerial meeting outcomes](#) included the adoption of the [2024 Pledge Progress Report](#) and 2030 Implementation Strategy, alongside the formal announcement of plans to develop an Intergovernmental Committee on Cooling (IGCC). Leaders shared their progress, reaffirmed commitment, and emphasized the need for accelerated action, collaboration, and increased support for developing countries; *"as the host of COP30, we see the Pledge as an opportunity to elevate sustainable cooling in response to extreme heat and ensure it remains a key priority for climate action in both mitigation and adaptation efforts"* said Ana Toni, Vice Minister, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change and CEO of COP30.

The first Global Cooling Pledge Signatories Focal Points Meeting is co-hosted by the Governments of Germany, Italy, and the UAE, co-chaired by Brazil and the UAE, will provide a dedicated platform to delve into the practicalities of Pledge implementation, shape the Intergovernmental Committee on Cooling to ensure broader inclusivity and support for all signatory countries, and prepare for COP30 Cooling Pledge Ministerial. It will also deliver targeted technical training and capacity-building activities identified through the Needs Assessment with Pledge Signatories.

Key Objectives

- Discuss modalities to accelerate Pledge's implementation.
- Discuss outcomes of COP30 Annual Cooling Ministerial.
- Discuss the operationalization of the Intergovernmental Committee on Cooling (IGCC), to gather the feedback of all signatories on the governance of the Global Cooling Pledge.
- Provide training on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Cooling Action Plans (NCAPs), Cooling Finance, and tackling adaptation and extreme heat.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced support for Pledge Implementation (Implementation Help Desk, Finance Accelerator)
- Agreed Intergovernmental Committee on Cooling Terms of Reference.
- Agreed outcomes of COP30 Ministerial.
- Agreed terms of reference for Cool Champions for Pledge Implementation
- Enhanced technical capacity among focal points on sustainable cooling strategies.
- Strengthened collaboration and knowledge exchange among Pledge signatories.

Proposed Tentative Agenda:

Day 1: Enhanced Pledge Implementation and Inclusive Governance

| Time | Agenda Item | Details |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and Welcome Coffee | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | High Level Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks by the Co-hosts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Environment of Germany (BMUV) The Ministry for Environment and Energy Security of Italy The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure of UAE (Co-Chair) Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Martin Krause, Climate Change Division, UNEP Special remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Adalberto Maluf, Vice Minister, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil (Co-Chair) |
| 09:30 – 09:40 | Group Photo | |
| 09:40 – 10:30 | Session 1: Setting the Scene “From Commitments to Implementation” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Global Cooling Pledge progress, updates, and announcements, by Cool Coalition Secretariat. Discussion and feedback |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break | |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | Session 2: Pledge Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on 2030 Implementation Strategy, progress tracking, priorities, and challenges updates Discussion and feedback |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | Session 3: COP30 Priorities and Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on COP30 priorities and potential outcomes Discussion and feedback |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | Session 4.1: Intergovernmental Committee on Cooling (IGCC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by the Co-Chairs: Brazil and UAE on IGCC Terms of Reference Discussion and feedback on TOR from signatory focal points |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | Session 4.2: IGCC Breakout Group –Refinement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups discuss roles, subnational, needs and accountability |
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Coffee Break | |
| 16:45 – 17:45 | Session 5: Cool Champions for Pledge Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cool Champions Overview Proposed New Terms of Reference, UK Discussion and feedback |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Closing Remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of key takeaways and next steps |

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| 18:30 – 20:30 | Reception and dinner | |

Day 2: Technical Capacity Building

“Enabling environment to unlock finance to implement the Pledge.”

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration and welcome coffee | |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Session 0: Bringing it all together | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive and integrated action on sustainable cooling and extreme heat |
| 09:15 – 11:15 | Session 1: Tackling Adaptation and Extreme Heat through sustainable cooling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on policies and strategies for passive cooling (nature, cool roofs, building codes), and cold chain. Breakout: Passive cooling Breakout: Cold Chain Reporting back and discussion |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Session 2: MEPS and Product Registration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Strengthening MEPS and Product Registration for Market Transformation Discussion |
| 12:15 – 13:15 | Lunch Break | |
| 13:15 – 14:45 | Session 3.1: Finance Mechanisms and Business Models | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on fund and financing mechanisms for sustainable cooling Country case studies Discussion |
| 14:45 – 15:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 15:00 – 16:30 | Session 3.2: Accessing Climate Finance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on access to climate finance (GCF, Global Adaptation Fund) Discussion |
| 16:30 – 18:25 | Session 4: NDCs Cooling and NCAPs Guidelines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating cooling into NDCs Global scale up: applying the NCAP Methodology Country case studies Reporting back |
| 18:25 – 18:30 | Closing Remarks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways and next steps |

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