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**SDG
Pavilion**



**COP28
UAE**

Official Opening of the SDG Pavilion at COP28

Achieving Climate and SDGs Together

Friday, 1 December 2023

17:30-17:50 (Dubai time)

SDG Pavilion, Blue Zone

Draft Concept Note

CONTEXT

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change are our collective roadmaps for a just, inclusive, equitable and sustainable future for all. At the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, however, the progress on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has regressed. The resounding call from the [SDG Summit](#) is unequivocal – act decisively now or confront unprecedented consequences. In the face of the climate crisis, the COP28 must take bold steps to correct course and bridge the climate ambition gap. The SDGs face jeopardy without immediate, synergistic action on climate and development.

The urgency of this moment cannot be overstated. The [Summit of the Future](#) in 2024 will provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to demonstrate how international cooperation can effectively address the challenges of today and tomorrow. We must also harness the potential of key milestones, such as the [4th SIDS Conference](#) in 2024, the Global Stocktaking of SDG 7 in 2024 and the UN Ocean Conference 2025, as well as the annual Global Climate-SDG Synergy Conference, to ignite accelerated, transformative action across all stakeholders.

The SDG Pavilion at COP28, in its 5th edition, crystallizes our commitment to life-changing actions. It aims to showcase synergistic climate and SDG initiatives, offering practical solutions with equality at their core. The inauguration of this transformative hub aims to elevate our ambitions and instill hope in voices championing practical solutions.

AGENDA

Moderator: Asma Rouabhia, Global Focal Point SDG 7 Youth Constituency (TBC)

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| Welcoming Remarks 17:30 – 17:35 | Mr. Li Junhua , Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs |
| Special Remarks 17:35 – 17:45 | H.E. Mr. Dennis Francis , President of the 78 th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Mr. Daniele Violetti , Senior Director, Programmes Coordination, United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC) |
| Closing and final remarks 17:45 – 17:55 | Youth Group Call to Action Family photo |

MODALITY

The event will take place in a hybrid format with in-person and virtual participation. The inauguration event will be livestreamed on UNWebTV. Online participants can follow the inauguration of the Pavilion at: <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>.