



Summary of Key Points from Cop 28



Summary of outcomes from COP28 - Dec 2023

COP stands for 'Conference of the Parties', and in the United Nations system, it refers to an important meeting where governments gather and assess progress on key issues.

COP is a vital opportunity for governments, businesses and other key players from around the world, to come together and accelerate global efforts to tackle the climate crisis and deliver the 'Paris Climate Agreement' agreed in 2015.

The COP climate summit is also a chance for strong initiatives to be established and for progressing negotiations among governments in the hope that we can limit global warming to 1.5°C, to avoid devastating impacts of climate change on people and nature.

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time and it demands global collaboration. Each climate COP provides an opportunity for parties to gather and discuss how best to tackle climate change together.

COP28 took place in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates on 30th November - 12th December 2023 and was the 28th annual meeting of the UN Convention on Climate Change.

It was the largest COP organised and it featured the very first Global Stocktake (GST) - a milestone moment when the world assess its progress in meeting the objectives of the Paris Agreement (agreed in 2015) and decided on a course to ramp up action on climate change.

COP28 resulted in some important steps.

- Accelerate the transition away from polluting fossil fuels
- Providing funding for vulnerable countries who are already facing the impacts of climate change
- Recognising the need to transform the way we produce and consume food
- Produce new legislation in the UK to halt deforestation linked to products sold in our supermarkets
- Protect rivers, lakes and wetlands around the world.

These are all positive steps, however, COP28 failed to agree on a need to completely phase out coal, oil and gas.