



# Two-Thirds of Food Served at COP28 Climate Summit Will Be Meat-Free

Do wealthier consumers have the appetite to reduce their meat and dairy consumption? The ongoing U.N. climate conference, COP 28, in Dubai should offer some clues over the coming days.

Meat and dairy production are **responsible for nearly 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions**. To keep global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius in line with the Paris climate agreement, the Food and Agriculture Organization says there is a need to curb [consumption of meat and dairy](#) — but **primarily in higher-income nations, where people eat much more of them**.

That's the number of world leaders who [signed a landmark declaration](#) on Friday **pledging to integrate food and agriculture into their climate plans** to drive home the importance of food system transitions to the future of our environment. More are still adding their names before COP 28 ends on Dec. 12.

**The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** and the **United Arab Emirates** shored up the announcement with a **\$200 million joint commitment to fund technical assistance** to implement the declaration, as well as agricultural research and innovation.

That was only the start of the food-related commitments crowding the start of COP 28. Others include:

- A coalition of at least **150 farmers** and other front-line food systems groups — including businesses, **civil society groups (Masons ??)**, and **philanthropies (Rothchild's/Rockefeller's)** — signed **a “non-state actors” call to action highlighting food and agriculture as solutions, not just drivers**, of the global climate crisis. Those who endorse the call to action commit to sharing their own “statement of action” on food systems transformation.

The **World Bank** will dedicate [45% of its annual financing](#) to climate-related projects starting the next fiscal year. Six major food companies — Bel Group, Danone, **General Mills**, **Kraft/Heinz ( JOHN KERRY'S WIFE)**, Lactalis USA, and **Nestlé** — have joined

the Environmental Defense Fund to form the **Dairy Methane Action Alliance** to help dairy farmers [reduce methane emissions](#) and make farming more sustainable



No more Philly Cheese **Steaks** for you Mister!

After that news we might need a Little Humor

From **Robo calls** on your phone to **Robo speeding tickets** – AI is present in Dubai.



1.

**Loss and damage fund agreed** – **but the money doesn't add up**

In a historic move, a loss and damage fund was [agreed](#) at the opening plenary of the first day of the Cop28 summit - But **there is a huge caveat** to the agreed deal, which already contained **various compromises**.

The **\$700m (£557m)** so far [pledged](#) by wealthy nations most responsible for the climate emergency **covers less than 0.2%** of **what is needed every year**. Estimates for the annual cost of the damage have varied from \$100bn-\$580bn.

2.

**Brazil:** Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Brazil's president, said it was not possible to **tackle the climate crisis without also tackling inequality**. Meanwhile, campaigners expressed alarm that **Brazil** chose the first day of the conference **to announce it was aligning itself with the world's biggest oil cartel, Opec**.

3.

**Russia:** On Wednesday, Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, arrived in the UAE to discuss the Israel-Gaza conflict, to the alarm of the Ukrainian delegation.

4.

**Exclusive: former US vice-president and climate activist says fossil fuel phase-out can be only measure of success for Cop28**



“There is only one measure of success for Cop28: will it include a commitment to phase out fossil fuels or not,” he said. “If it does include such a commitment, it will be a smashing success; **if it does not it will be a failure.**”

**Big Al** maybe got this one thing right in his **search engine!** COP 28 being held in the United Arab Emirates

Mr. Internet states - “**They made a mistake**, *let’s be honest*, in angling to put a fossil fuel company CEO in charge of this Cop28,” he said. “I mean it’s **absurd**. It’s **totally ridiculous.**”

Taiwan Press yesterday reported -

**Leaders at COP28 Struggle to Agree on Ending Fossil Fuels**

