**Press Release**

**One year to COP28: Expo City Dubai kicks off diverse calendar of events in support of a climate-secure future**

* **Visitors of all ages and awareness invited to join journey to 2023 global summit**
* **Forums, exhibitions, performances and youth will drive environmental action**
* **Calendar complements COP28 venue’s initiatives as a clean, green city of the future**

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**DUBAI, 7 November 2022 – An engaging calendar of events will attract visitors of all ages and backgrounds to support global climate change mitigation as Expo City Dubai, proud host of COP28 – The Emirates Climate Conference with the UNFCCC, begins the one-year countdown to the global summit.**

**Thought-provoking youth discussions, performances, exhibitions and more will feature as part of Expo City Dubai’s sustainability-themed calendar, culminating in an unrivalled, impactful ‘Green Zone’ public area during COP28 (6-17 November 2023). More activations will be revealed over the next 12 months.**

**Like previous editions, the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), known as COP28, will assess and drive progress on combatting climate change. Expo City Dubai – a state-of-the-art ‘green’ destination that hosted the world for six months – shares COP28’s objectives of achieving sustainability and enabling action towards climate security.**

**Marjan Faraidooni, Chief of Education and Culture, Expo City Dubai, said:** “Tackling climate change remains at the top of the global agenda, a priority for the UAE, and a conversation we are actively engaged in as a city and educational hub. It is clear that every individual must bear the responsibility to learn more about the challenges we face and how we can each play a role to help address them. Expo City Dubai is proud to host COP28, helping to cement its legacy through a full calendar of impactful and engaging events.

“Designed as a blueprint for green urban planning, Expo City Dubai is spearheaded by the same team that delivered one of the most sustainable World Expos in history and rallied all segments of society around topics that matter to humanity. Leveraging our signature creative storytelling and expertise as a convener, our diverse programming will engage everyone, regardless of age, background or awareness, in wider efforts to mitigate climate change, building momentum to COP28 and beyond as Expo City continues its journey to net zero.”

**The Next Gen World Majlis, an Expo School Programme platform for youth to discuss issues that impact all our futures, makes its post-Expo 2020 comeback on 21 November, when a group of students aged 9-12 years, selected from schools across the UAE, will explore the climate crisis, probing who, if anyone, can be held responsible; what should be asked of world leaders; the current role and potential of schools in tackling the crisis; and the risks of inaction.**

**The event is in line with World Children’s Day, commemorated annually on 20 November to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and the improvement of children's welfare.**

**Youth also takes centre stage in the return of Expo Young Stars on 24 and 25 November at Al Wasl, where students will express their thoughts and present an interpretation of climate issues through sustainability-themed performances. Part of the Expo School Programme, the Expo Young Stars performances are open to the public, and attendance is free of charge.**

**These events will be followed by the ‘Reflections on Climate Change’ exhibition, inviting visitors to learn about the history and goals of COPs, the components of the crisis, and initiatives in place to maintain hope for the future. Dates for the exhibition will be announced at a later stage.**

**Terra – The Sustainability Pavilion continues to welcome visitors as it brings Expo City Dubai’s commitment to sustainability to life, taking them on a journey under the ocean or through the forest and empowering individuals of all nationalities, ages and interests to make more sustainable choices in their own lives.**

**An example of sustainability in action, Expo City Dubai retains 80 per cent of Expo 2020’s built infrastructure, including 123 LEED-certified buildings and eight infrastructure projects rated ‘Excellent’ under CEEQUAL.**

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**About Expo City Dubai**

* Expo City Dubai is the legacy of Expo 2020 Dubai, building on its resounding success and retaining 80 per cent of Expo-built infrastructure
* Expo City Dubai is based on a deep-rooted belief that a broad coalition of people, working together, can propel human progress to help create a more sustainable and dignified future for all
* A clean, green, innovation-driven, human-centric city of the future, Expo City Dubai is designed as a blueprint for sustainable urban planning, galvanising action on its journey to net-zero
* Expo City Dubai provides a business ecosystem that embraces technology and digital innovation
* Packed with educational, cultural and entertainment offerings, Expo City Dubai celebrates human innovation, imagination and ingenuity and inspires future generations
* Building on the success of the World Expo, Expo City Dubai is the go-to destination for globally significant events, including COP28, and supports the UAE’s wider diversification and growth aims

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