

# Policy Matters



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## SPECIAL COP28 EDITION

We're continuing to track reports related to COP28. Here's what we've found since the conference opened:

- A [draft of UNFCCC's global stocktake](#) was released for discussion at COP28 on December 1.
- **Climate Trace** released an inventory of nearly every major source of [greenhouse gas emissions](#) around the world. Using satellite data, the report reveals astonishing details on where major emissions are occurring and why, including by industry and location.
- **Climate Trace** has a matching inventory of [greenhouse gas emissions by country](#).
- In the United States, the proposed Climate Displaced Persons Act is a forward-looking chance for US leadership to shape effective solutions to the climate crisis. [Just Security examines the bill in a posting](#).
- Early warning systems are needed if lives are not to be lost to extreme weather. **The UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction** [assessment of countries' preparedness](#) shows that half are still inadequate.
- **XDI** [estimates that 200,000 hospitals are at risk of climate damage](#) and shares the data.
- Each year, **leading scholars** from around the world review the most pressing findings in climate research and present a summary for policy makers: [10 New Insights in Climate Science](#).
- To coincide with the COP28 official opening, **World Meteorological Organization** released a provisional version of their annual [State of the Global Climate](#) (2023 is going to be the warmest year on record).
- There's been criticism for holding COP28 in UAE—not least because of [dangerously high air pollution levels caused by the country's local fossil fuel industry](#). Here's one from **Human Rights Watch**.
- **The UN's Convention to Combat Desertification** released its annual [Global Drought Snapshot](#).
- Climate stress doubles the risk of violent conflict, especially in fragile states. [Cordaid addresses the risks](#).
- [Arab Civil Society Position Paper on COP28](#) from the **Arab NGO Network for Development**
- [PetroStates of Decline: oil and gas producers face growing fiscal risks as the energy transition unfolds](#), from **Carbon Tracker Initiative**

### The first official declaration has emerged from COP28:

- [COP28 UAE Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems and Climate Action](#)
- Here's a [complete list of official declarations](#). Click the "Follow" button at the top of the list to get alerts when new declarations are made.

### Follow COP28

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### Non-COP28 reports that caught our eye last week:

- [NASA Artemis Programs: Crewed Moon Landing Faces Multiple Challenges](#), says the US Government Accountability Office.
- **Resolution Foundation** completed their Economy 2030 Enquiry with [Ending Stagnation: A New Economic Strategy for Britain](#).
- [Pedal to the Metal: How prepared are European carmakers for EV value chain transformation?](#) asks **Transport & Environment** (tl;dr—not very)
- **International Labour Organization** has been looking at the [Impact of the Israel-Hamas conflict on the labour market and livelihoods in the Occupied Palestinian Territory](#).
- **Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique** says [a military solution in Gaza is an "illusion"](#) (in French).

[Our custom List "Global Perspectives on the 2023 Israel-Hamas Conflict"](#) continues to grow. Click "Follow" at the top of the list to receive alerts as new reports are added.

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