



Egypt- U.S.: Partnership and coordination to combat climate change at COP27



President El-Sisi Meets U.S. President Biden in Sharm El-Sheikh, Accelerating Global Efforts to Tackle the Climate Crisis

- On the sidelines of COP27, President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi met with US President Joe Biden in Sharm El-Sheikh, on November 11, 2022.
- President Biden congratulated President El-Sisi and Egypt for hosting the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference and reaffirmed the United States' commitment to a successful Conference, strengthening coordination and consultation between the two sides on various political, security and regional issues, and continuing to promote and strengthen this partnership across various fields of cooperation within the framework of mutual respect and common interest.

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Initiatives Launched by Egypt during COP27:

Egypt has laid out its vision for successful and consensual negotiated outcomes at COP27 as follows: Achieving as much progress as we can across the board on every item under negotiations in a balanced and equitable manner, and based on the rules and principles that govern our collective action to tackle climate change and its impacts.

- COP27 Presidency Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation (SURGe)
- Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN)
- Action on Water, Adaptation and Resilience (AWARe)
- Food and Agriculture for Sustainable Transformation Initiative (FAST)
- Global Waste Initiative 50 by 2050
- Africa Just & Affordable Energy Transition
- Decent Life Initiative for a Climate Resilient Africa
- Climate Responses for Sustaining Peace (CRSP)
- African Women's Climate Adaptive Priorities (AWCAP)
- Friends of Greening National Investment Plans
- Enhancing Nature-based Solutions for Climate Transformation (ENACT)
- Reducing The Cost Of Green And Sustainable Borrowing
- Sustainable Debt Coalition Initiative
- Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability (LcO2TUS)
- Sharm El Sheikh Guidebook for Just Finance.
- Green Hydrogyn Forum (GRHF)

Launch of the U.S.-Egypt Climate Working Group

The Working Group officially Launched in February 2022 had two tracks, one focusing on COP 27 and one focusing on bilateral cooperation on a range of mitigation and adaptation-related issues.

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Historic Climate Deal on Loss and Damage

- Parties at COP27 agreed to a historic loss and damage fund to support developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The agreement calls for development banks and international financial institutions to reform practices and priorities to ensure simplified access to climate finance.

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Biden Announces Major Package to Support Egypt's Transition to Clean Energy

- President Biden announced a major aid package in collaboration with the E.U. and Germany, contributing more than \$250 million to help drive Egypt's transition to clean energy.
- The program will enable Egypt to deploy 10 gigawatts of new wind and solar energy while bringing five gigawatts of inefficient natural gas generation offline and would help Egypt capture the natural gas it currently flares, vents or leaks from oil and gas operations.

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Accelerating Adaptation in Africa

Accelerating Adaptation in Africa – President Biden announced over \$150 million to accelerate PREPARE's work across the continent, in support of the Adaptation in Africa H.E. and President El-Sisi announced in June.

Event Highlights:

 **+38,000**
PARTICIPANTS

 **112**
NATIONAL LEADERS
ATTENDED

 **190**
COUNTRIES

 **1,751**
NGO^S

 **3,350**
JOURNALISTS
REPRESENTING

 **1,306**
NEWS
ORGANIZATIONS

 **+300**
SESSIONS &
56 SUBSIDIARY
SESSIONS

 **150,000 m²**
VENUE



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Egypt Signs Partnerships for Nexus of Water-Food-Energy (NWFE PROGRAM) at COP27

- Partnership agreements for Egypt's Platform for the NWFE Program and NWFE Plus, were signed in the field of transportation, as well as the finance agreements for the Egypt Partnership Agreements for Climate Transition (E-PACT).
- In support of the country's green transition, the NWFE Program and NWFE Plus leverage on Egypt's partnerships with multiple stakeholders, as the country has been leading efforts to mobilize finance and technical assistance.
- The NWFE program includes nine projects that represent a mitigation and adaptation priority projects encompassing water, food, and energy sectors.

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Egypt-U.S. Announce Establishment of the Cairo Centre for Learning and Excellence on Adaptation and Resilience

- During a joint event sponsored by the Foreign Minister, President of COP27, Sameh Shoukry and the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry, announced the establishment of the **Cairo Centre for Learning and Excellence on Adaptation and Resilience** in a special event on accelerating adaptation efforts in Africa under the joint Egyptian-U.S. sponsorship.
- U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Kerry outlined the financial support package announced by President Biden during the conference, comprised \$150 million to support efforts to adapt to climate change in Africa, including \$10 million for the Cairo Centre, and \$25 million for the initiative of adaptation in Africa adopted by the African Union (AU), as well as financing a number of other programs to address climate change in Africa.

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President Joe Biden [tweeted](#) the following:



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) [tweeted](#) the following; the letter in her thread can be found [here](#):



President El-Sisi welcomed Speaker of U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and the accompanying delegation in Sharm El-Sheikh, stressing the strategic, long-standing relations between Egypt and the United States and Egypt's keenness to strengthen them in all their aspects.



COP27 Concludes with a Focus on Solutions

- A focus on solutions closed out COP27's thematic days program on November 18, 2022 with COP27 President H.E. Sameh Shoukry urging all Parties to go the extra mile and take the necessary steps to reach much-needed conclusions and agreements.
- "Solutions Day," concluded the thematic programming at COP27; a day when four initiatives were launched including **Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation Initiative, Friends of Greening National Investment Plans in Africa and Developing Countries Initiative, Low Carbon Transport for Urban Sustainability Initiative and Global Waste Initiative 50 by 2050.**

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Decisions taken at the Sharm El-Sheikh Climate Change Conference

- Negotiators were able to agree on a package of decisions that covered some of the most difficult items of the agenda, including a loss and damage facility – with a commitment to set up a financial support structure for the most vulnerable by the next COP in 2023 – as well as the post-2025 finance goal, and the so-called mitigation work program, that would reduce emissions faster, catalyze impactful action, and secure assurances from key countries that they will take immediate action to raise ambition and keep us on the path towards 1.5°C.

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack [tweeted](#) the following:



Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm [tweeted](#) the following:

