

UAE Invites Indian Business To Showcase Clean Tech At Green Zone In COP28



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Abdulla Husein Salman Mohamed Almarzooqi, Consul General of UAE in Mumbai invited Indian businesses, government civil society and individuals for the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) on climate change, which is scheduled from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai.

"The COP28 UAE Presidency believes that governments and the private sector must work closely together in order to address climate change. Through the Green Zone, the COP28 UAE Presidency offers the private sector the opportunity to showcase their contributions and solutions to the global climate challenge," added Almarzooqi.

Almarzooqi mentioned that their innovative approaches, climate action technologies and entrepreneurship will constitute an important part of COP28. The Green Zone will also host technical conferences, panels, and activations with a focus on existing and future solutions to climate change mitigation.

Speaking at the joint event by WTC Mumbai, All India Association of Industries and the Indian Chamber of International Business (ICIB), Almarzooqi further remarked, "As the first country in the region to ratify the Paris agreement, the first to commit to an economy-wide reduction in emissions and the first to announce a net zero by 2050 strategy, the UAE is committed to raising ambition in this critical decade for climate action."

He mentioned that COP28 will emphasise a 'leave no one behind' approach to climate action. Underscoring all efforts are the principles of transformation, solidarity, pragmatism, and inclusivity.

The consul general said, "Let us embrace this responsibility with courage, determination, and solidarity. Let us turn the tide on climate change, ushering in an era of sustainability, and leave a legacy that future generations will be proud of."

Vijay Kalantri, Chairman, World Trade Center Mumbai and President, All India Association of Industries remarked, "Climate change is the greatest challenge of humanity in the 21st century and every citizen should participate in combating this challenge. Developing smart cities is a solution to combat climate change."

Kalantri asserted that rulers of ancient India have set illustrious examples of how to build environment-friendly drainage and sewerage systems. Our municipal authorities need to adopt these sustainable practices and also take strict action against unauthorized construction.

"Local authorities may consider the environmental impact of construction projects before giving approval. The government may also provide land and tax incentives for converting urban waste into power, fertiliser and other useful products," added Kalantri.