



## World Vision at COP28

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (28 November 2023)

### WHAT:

COP28, the annual global UN Climate Conference takes place amidst a growing sense of urgency regarding the impact climate change already has on people and the planet. But even with the overwhelming and often dramatic effects of the climate crisis on full display, there is growing concern that commitments made by governments, industry, and others are softening in the face of other global challenges. ***Will COP28 get us back on track?***

World Vision will call on global leaders at COP28 to take more ambitious action, especially in relation to children. In fact, World Vision will include several children on our delegation who will be able to deliver that message directly. As children are the most vulnerable to the effects of a changing environment, their witness and their future must be at the heart of planning and decision-making.

From fighting for a child's right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; to the impact of climate change on hunger and malnutrition; promoting nature-based agricultural solutions that restore arable land, and discussing the importance of faith-based communities to climate crisis responses, World Vision will make sure that children and youth are at the centre of the debate and the outcomes of COP28.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 30 November – Tuesday, 12 December 2023

**WHERE:** Expo City, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

### World Vision Child and Youth Advocates

Taissa, 13, Brazil (Amazonas)

Hella, 22, Iraq

Selestina, 16, Malawi

Edward, 13, Tanzania

Nomin, 17 Mongolia

### EXPERTS AND INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE:

Yukiko Yamada Morovic, Focal Point, World Vision International

Chris Derksen-Hiebert, Focal Point, World Vision International

Tony Rinaudo, Principal Climate Action Advisor, Faith and Nature Based Solutions, World Vision Australia

Mary Njeri, Dir. Global Hunger Response, Conflict and Hunger, World Vision International

Thu-Ba Huynh, Climate Action and Resilience Manager, World Vision Australia

Ekki Forberg, Loss and Damage, Faith and Nature Based Solutions, World Vision Germany

## World Vision Events at COP28:

| Event   | Location  | Expert                        | Time GMT+4                   | Partner Organizations   |
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| Faith and Nature: Partners in Restoration   | Faith Pavilion<br><a href="#">live-stream</a>   | Tony Rinaudo<br>Selestina, 22 | Sat 2 Dec.<br>2:30 PM        | GreenFaith, A Rocha,<br>Ummah for Earth   |
| High level signing ceremony - Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace Declaration - Conflict, Climate and Hunger report | WCAS<br>Theatre<br>Blue Zone                    | Mary Njeri                    | Sun 3 Dec.<br>12.00 -13.30   | UAE Special Envoy for<br>Climate Change   |
| Reservoir for Change: Girl-Led Action, Youth in Nature-Based Solutions & Education for Climate Action               | Main Side<br>Event<br>SE Room 1                 | Thu-Ba Huynh,<br>Aaron Tanner | Tues 5 Dec.<br>13:45 - 14:45 | World Association of Girl<br>Guides and Girl<br>Scouts (WAGGGS), Association<br>Actions Vitales pour le<br>Développement Durable<br>(AVD), Taking It Global (TIG) |
| Supporting children displaced in the climate crisis with faith-sensitive MHPSS responses                            | Faith Pavilion<br><a href="#">Live-stream</a>   | Mary Njeri                    | Tues 5 Dec.<br>Time TBD      | Arigatou International,<br>UNICEF, Queen Margaret<br>University, Syria Bright Future,<br>Save the Children  |
| Land for Climate – Regreening Africa and the Great Green Wall   | EU Pavilion                                     | Tony Rinaudo:                 | Fri 8 Dec.<br>10-11:30AM     | European Commission,<br>Government of<br>Somalia, UNCCD, Nigeria<br>National Agency for the Great<br>Green Wall   |
| Culture, Values, and Spiritual Perspectives: Mobilising Action Towards a Just Food System Transition                | Food4Climate<br>Pavillion                       | Yukiko Yamada<br>Morovic      | Fri 8 Dec.<br>14:00 - 14:45  | Young Professionals for<br>Agriculture, Bahai Community,<br>Bread for Everyone  |
| Reimagining School Meals for Planetary and Child Health   | TBD   | Mary Njeri                    | Fri 8 Dec.                   | School Meals Coalition  |
| General comment 26: how can it be game changing at COP decisions with the lens of child rights                      | Official side<br>event with<br>CRC<br>SE Room 5 | Jason Garrett                 | Sat 9 Dec.<br>15:00-16:30    | Child Rights Climate Coalition,<br>CERI, JP Amaral, Save the<br>Children, One Ocean Hub   |
| From Crisis to Resilience: Addressing Climate Vulnerability and Promoting Peace in Fragile Contexts                 | Korean<br>Pavilion<br>(OM01G2)                  | Sang-eun Nam,<br>Ahram Choi   | Sat 9 Dec.<br>17:00-18:30    | KOICA, IFAD (Jo Puri, Associate<br>Vice-President), FAO (Theresa<br>Wong), Suh-Yong Chung<br>(Korea University)   |
| How to Mobilise Your Faith Community Towards Land Restoration   | Faith Pavilion<br><a href="#">Life-stream</a>   | Yukiko Yamada<br>Morovic      | Sat 9 Dec.<br>TIME TBD       | G20 Land restoration<br>secretariat; UNCCD; UNEP  |

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| <b>Future-Proofing Food Systems:<br/>The impact of climate change on<br/>global food security</b> | <b>German<br/>Pavilion</b> | <b>Ekki Forberg</b> | <b>Sun 10 Dec.<br/>16:30 - 18:00</b> | <b>Welthungerhilfe, ADRA</b> |
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#### **MORE INFO:**

**Web link:** [www.wvi.org/our-work/climate-change/CoP28](http://www.wvi.org/our-work/climate-change/CoP28)

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#### **About World Vision**

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