



SHEM HIGHLIGHTS



Photo by [Kelly Sikkema](#)

A global game plan for COP 28

[Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio](#) and [Evelin Toth](#)

While COP 28 represents a pivotal moment for climate adaptation, it is nearly a decade in the making. In 2015, the UN-brokered Paris Agreement established a Global Goal on Adaptation to enhance countries' capacity to strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change.

For the past two years, negotiators and experts have been discussing the technical details of the Goal(...) So what exactly needs to happen at COP 28 to put climate adaptation on par with mitigation efforts?

- Governments must reach an ambitious agreement on the framework of the Global Goal on Adaptation, one that sends a clear message on the need to accelerate action so all countries, communities, ecosystems, and economies can have in place structures and systems to withstand the ravages of climate change.
- The framework needs to contain robust and science-based quantitative and qualitative targets to guide global action and enable the tracking of progress.
- Countries need to mobilize financial resources to achieve the framework's proposed targets. Otherwise, it risks being a hollow agreement. Importantly, this means ensuring that at least 50% of overall climate finance flows to low-income countries in the greatest need of adaptation support.

[\(read more\)](#)

COP 28: KEY HURDLES TO BE OVERCOMED

[Breaking the Glass Ceiling at COP 28: Four key elements to ensure a successful global goal on adaptation](#)

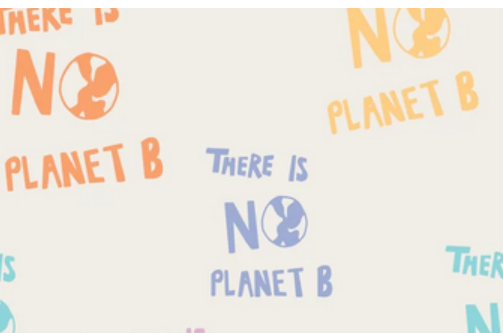
[Bring the vulnerable to 'front of the line' for climate funding](#)

[A layered approach to the Global Goal on Adaptation Framework](#)

[What Will the Global Stocktake Mean for Corporate Climate Disclosures?](#)



SHEM HIGHLIGHTS



Photos by iStock/smartboy10, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine/Foundation for European Progressive Studies

News from the field

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS: WHAT WE NEED FROM COP28 IS FOR COUNTRIES TO FINALLY AGREE ON LIBERATING US FROM FOSSIL FUELS

Given the COP28, civil society organizations have issued statements and petitions urging authorities for the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy since early in the month. The World Federation of Public Health Associations, the International Council of Nurses, and the World Medical Association have initiated actions and appeals for countries to expedite the phasing out of fossil fuels and transition to clean energy sources. Also noteworthy is a statement from over 200 health-focused journals urging the World Health Organization to declare climate change and biodiversity loss a global health emergency. ActionAid has established five benchmark parameters for climate justice, anticipating some relevant points for the success of discussions within the framework of COP28. The International Federation of Medical Students Associations published a message stating the urgent need for an accelerated, fair, and equitable elimination of fossil fuels as the decisive path for health for all. Greenpeace urged countries to take a stance in favor of halting new projects in oil, carbon, or gas. OXFAM informed that their priority in COP28 is questioning the deeply unjust reality of wealthy countries driving the climate crisis, while the poorest, marginalized groups and low-income countries bear the cost... continue reading [here](#)

VIDEO

[Health at COP28](#)

[The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: 2023 report](#)

PODCAST

[An update on the COP28 negotiations](#)

ARTICLES

[Health at COP28: three things to watch for](#)

[The global and regional air quality impacts of dietary change](#)

ENDEAVOURS

Fiocruz Bahia launches Climate, Environmental and Health Data Platform



The Cidacs Clima project represents a groundbreaking initiative delving into the intricate connection between health and climate. It focuses on the expansive Brazilian continental territory, embracing its rich diversity of climates and ecosystems. By harmonizing socioeconomic, geographic, and modeling data, this megastructure aims to tackle previously unexplored scientific inquiries at the juncture of health and the environment.

Sponsored by the Wellcome Trust Foundation in the United Kingdom, this project will explore, in the coming years, the impact of climate and the environment on the health of the Brazilian population, considering the social context of our country. Through collaboration with national and international research institutions, this initiative aims to position Brazilian research at the forefront of studies examining the intricate relationship between climate and health.

POINT OF VIEW

READ SHEM MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Climate Equality: A Planet for the 99%

Oxfam, Campaign Report 2023

The moral clarity of WHO's Director-

General

Richard Horton

Oral Health as a Refugee Health Right

Elham Kateeb & Hyewon Lee

Webinar: The Global Health Equity

Atlas: A Data-Driven Tool for

Combatting Inequalities

SHEM/HENA

JOIN SHEM

sustainablehealthequity.org

shequitymov

SustainableHealthEquity

At SHEM we link citizens, public health and healthcare advocates, scientists, academics, and related institutions from all regions, cultures, and ideologies pursuing the universal right to health. We aim to promote sustainable health equity as an ethical principle that guides all national and international economic, social, and environmental policies.