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Globally's First Climate Action Leadership Summit To Propel Policy Proposals To COP28 in Dubai

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Globally, an organization dedicated to empowering and engaging emerging leaders to solve global challenges, hosted its first summit under its climate leadership program, Emerging Leaders for Climate Action (ELCA), as the world gets ready to convene in Dubai for climate policy decision-making.

The initiative, generously sponsored by the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Washington, D.C., identified and convened a cohort of 42 diverse rising leaders from across sectors committed to building a more climate-resilient world and fostering ambitious climate action.

This summit served as the final stage for this cohort to share their final policy proposals to key stakeholders, experts, and leaders preceding the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference, commonly referred to as COP28, aiming to influence climate policy discussions and drive transformative change.

“Throughout our time together, we have witnessed the power of collaboration, the impact of innovative ideas, and the strength of our shared commitment to combating climate change,” said Clara Schmae, Globally’s program manager and ELCA lead. “[ELCA] nurtures the next generation of leaders, providing them with the knowledge, skills, and networks necessary to become catalysts for transformative change in the realm of climate action.”

This is the end of a long road for ELCA participants. Over the past six months, they have been leveraging their skills and expertise to collaborate on finding solutions to climate and sustainability issues. Divided into four thematic working groups –Mitigation, Adaption, Finance, and Loss & Damage– the fellows converged at each core event to present their proposals for feedback.

Some ELCA participants are expected to attend COP28 UAE, which will take place at Expo City Dubai from November 30-December 12, 2023. The Conference is expected to convene over 70,000 participants, including heads of state, government officials, international industry leaders, private sector representatives, academics, experts, youth, and non-state actors.

As mandated by the Paris Climate Agreement, COP28 UAE will deliver the first ever Global Stocktake – a comprehensive evaluation of progress against climate goals. The UAE will lead a process for all parties to agree upon a clear roadmap to accelerate progress through a pragmatic global energy transition and a "leave no one behind" approach to inclusive climate action.

Globally and the UAE Embassy in Washington, D.C., share a common vision of addressing climate change and building a better future. Together, they are forging a path towards a more climate-resilient world by empowering emerging leaders and catalyzing meaningful climate action.

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