

■ India at COP28: Launches Global River Cities Alliance, Champions Climate Justice

As the curtains fell on COP28 in Dubai, India made some prominent contributions including the launch of the Global River Cities Alliance, spearheaded by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). This collaborative effort involves more than 275 river-cities across 11 countries, solidifying India's commitment to sustainable water management. India staunchly advocated climate justice and urged global leaders to adhere to the Paris Agreement. The "UAE Consensus", embraced by 198 nations, charts an ambitious course, aiming to cap global warming at 1.5°C. Key elements include transitioning from fossil fuels, achieving Net Zero by 2050, and ambitious renewable energy targets. Named ALTÉRRRA, a \$30 billion catalytic private finance vehicle introduced by the UAE during COP28 aims to mobilise \$250 billion for global climate action. Additionally, 158 countries endorsed the 'COP28 UAE Declaration on Agriculture, Food, & Climate,' embedding sustainable practices, while 144 countries backed the 'COP28 UAE Declaration on Climate and Health,' accelerating resilient health systems.

