UNDP Support in Iraq's COP28 Participation

UNDP played a pivotal role in Iraq's engagement at UNFCCC's COP28, conducting a four-month training program for 50 officials on climate change science and negotiation. Notably, 21 excelled, leading to their selection for COP28 negotiations. Iraq secured a position in the Paris Agreement's capacity-building committee, actively participating in discussions on key topics. In its inaugural Pavilion, Iraq organized 32 side events. The support was in three folds: 1) Technical support in the building capacity of the core negotiators, 2) Securing the Iraq pavilion in COP28 and related logistic and administrative support, and 3) strategic communication support.

1. Technical support in the building capacity of the core negotiators

1.1 Training of the Core Negotiators:

- UNDP provided training to more than 50 short-listed participants for the Iraq's technical delegation for COP28.
- A total of 33 training session divided into three groups (Adaptation, Mitigation, Cross Cutting) were delivered by 3 international consultants and 2 national consultants.
- Each participant was given an opportunity to complete an online course in SDG Academy CCSN001: Climate Change Science and Negotiations.
- Finally, 19 technical negotiators were selected based on their completion of the online course, attendance in training sessions, feedback of the facilitators, active response in the sessions and proactive response to the session assignments.
- UNDP also provided a final training in Dubai just before (27-29 November) to the COP28 (30 Nov.-13 Dec). This training was only for the 21 final technical negotiators. The training also only focused on negotiation strategy and tactics.
- UNDP also organized two intensive interactive sessions (31st Oct-2nd November; and 7th - 9th November) with key negotiators and other stakeholders on different issues and articles related to Paris Agreement: Global Stock Take (GST)-Article 14, Global Goals on Adaptation (GGA)-Article 7, Mitigation Work Programme (MWP)-Article 4, Carbon Credit-Article 6, Loss and Damage-Article 8, Climate Finance-Article 9, Technology Transfer-Article 10, and Capacity Building-Article 11).
- There were specific in-dept discussion on the following issues:
    - Gas flaring, Energy Transition, and Article 6
    - Water and Food Security, Ecosystem and Marshlands, and Forestry
    - Climate Change Displacement and Security, and on Article 8.

1.2 Sponsoring the Iraq Delegation Participation in COP28

- UNDP financially supported travel, accommodation, food, local transportation, terminal, and incidental costs of 19 technical negotiator, 5 officials from KRG, 3 women representative, and 5 youth delegates.

- UNDP also provided 1 international consultant and 1 national consultant to support the delegation for the full period of COP28.

1.3 Technical advisory support in formulating the Iraq's Position paper and during the COP 28 negotiations:

- UNDP provided a guidance note to formulate Iraq's position paper for COP28 in August 2023.
- UNDP also supported MoEn to have active discussions with NGOs, Private Sectors and Youth in Baghdad (30-31 August) and in Erbil (10-11 September) to receive feedback from stakeholders on Iraq's draft position.
- UNDP also provided training (16-18 November) for the 19 Iraqi Delegation on Global Stocktake and facilitated interactive discussion on Iraq's COP28 Position and Key Messages. The following issues was discussed during the training and workshop.
    - Stocktaking on the Cross-Cutting Articles of the Paris Agreement
    - Review key messages and Iraq's Position for COP28
    - Agree on the roles and responsibilities of the core negotiators.
    - Stocktaking on Mitigation Articles and provide capacity building on Iraq's position on the Mitigation aspect.
    - Stocktaking on Adaptation Articles and provide capacity building on Iraq's position on the Adaptation aspect.
    - Identify the thematic agendas for COP28 and discuss with core negotiators.

2. Securing the Iraq pavilion in COP28 and related logistic and administrative support

2.1 Iraq Renting Pavilion and Office including:

The renting of the logistic arrangements for the Iraq pavilion and office were managed by DMG event company (which is one of the companies hired by Expo City management)

- Renting of Pavilion (Tier #2) size: 110 sq meters.
    - Printing graphics (wall)
    - Cube boxes with graphics
    - Branding of the exterior
    - Sustainable carpet flooring
    - Furniture package:
        - 2 meeting tables
        - 40 white chairs with metal leg
        - 40 white chairs with wooden leg
        - 4 plants
        - 1 reception corner
        - 1 high stool
        - 1 plastic trash Bin

        - 4 X 65” Led Screens (we got only 2)
        - 1 X 86” (we got only 75”)
        - 2 Speakers
        - 2 Wireless mics
        - Baseline sockets abd lights suitable for the room
- Renting office (Tier #2) 1st floor size 56.67 sq meters.
    - Walling with vinyl graphics
    - Cube boxes with graphics
    - branding on the exterior
    - sustainable carpet
    - furniture package:
        - Meeting table 10 PAX EB
        - 4 X 65” Led Screens
        - Black and white desktop printer
        - 3 Meeting table
        - 12 white meeting chairs
        - 1 plastic trash Bin

All the above were managed by DMG event company with the support of 1 technical assistant – event days for the period (30 Nov – 12 Dec 2023)

2.2 Translation Services:

The translation services of the Iraq pavilion were managed by Solten Group (which is one of the companies hired by Expo City management), the services include:

- Equipped booth
    - Receiver + 30 headsets for on-site participants
    - Technician – test/rehearsal and on call availability
    - Delivery / install / dismantling.
- Interpreting
    - Simultaneous interpreting - 1 EN<>AR interpreter for 9 hours for 12 days (30 Nov – 12 Dec 2023)

All the above were managed by Solten group with the support of 1 technical assistant – event days for the period (30 Nov – 12 Dec 2023)

2.3 Catering Services

The catering services of the Iraq pavilion were managed by COP28 UAE Catering Portal (which is one of the companies hired by Expo City management), the services include:

- 30 Nov 2023
    - Al Ain 330 ml (24 bottles) X2
    - Compostable Clear Cups 12 OZ with lid (Pack of 50)
    - Green Apple (1,5 L)
    - Orange (1,5 L)

- Watermelon (1,5L)

- 2 Dec 2023
  - Al Ain 330 ml (24 bottles) X9
  - Biodegradable packed cutlery (pack of 24) X 3
  - Brown Sugar (60 sachets)
  - Coca Cola (24 cans / 330 ml) by Case only
  - Compostable double wall 12 OZ Coffee Cups with lid (Pack of 50)
  - Electric Kettel Purchase
  - Fanta (24 cans/330 ml) by case only
  - Milk Full Fat X2
  - Napkins (pack of 50) X2
  - Oat Milk
  - Opal One Capsule Machine (SUITABLE for CAPSULES)
  - Orange (1,5 L) X4
  - Skimmed Milk X2
  - Sprite (24 cans / 330 ml) by case only
  - Tea Box (selection of 36 bags) X2
  - White Sugar (100 sachets)

Highlighting that we didn't receive any from the above catering services during the mentioned days (30 Nov and 2 Dec 2023)

2.4 Communication and Advocacy Services

During COP28 in Dubai, UNDP Iraq's communications team provided extensive support to the Government of Iraq, ensuring their presence and messaging were impactful and well-coordinated. This support began with early-stage coordination between the Ministry of Environment (MoEN) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) regarding the pavilion, translation, and all logistical needs for Iraq's first-ever pavilion at the event.

2.4.1 Designing Iraq's First-Ever Pavilion at COP28

UNDP led the design process for Iraq's pavilion, collaborating with Iraqi artists and studios to bring the concept to life in Dubai. The design revolved around Iraq being the cradle of civilization, marking Iraq's inaugural participation in COP, and highlighting the country's endangered species. The pavilion design also extended to merchandise distributed to guests, including pins, tote bags, and bottles, all embodying the theme and spirit of Iraq.

The pavilion was designed in a modern minimal style, that outshone many other pavilions at the event, in addition to innovative touches such as AR moving wallpapers.

2.4.2 Media Coordination and Outreach

UNDP played a crucial role in coordinating with international, regional, and local media present before and during COP28. This involved securing interviews for Iraqi officials and negotiators, enabling them to

appear on outlets such as Al-Sharq News, Dubai TV, Rudaw and others, to articulate Iraq's position on climate issues. Additionally, UNDP brought influencers to Dubai to amplify Iraq's messaging through their extensive online followings, predominantly targeting youth audiences.

2.4.3 Content Creation and Coverage

High-quality content was produced by UNDP to be displayed on the pavilion's screens, bringing the reality of many vulnerable Iraqi regions closer to the visitors.
Additionally, UNDP produced articles, press releases, and over 20 interviews with officials from various ministries, Iraqi youth at COP, social media figures such as Mahdi Laith, Mustafa Zair and Omar Al-Sheikhly, as well as UN figures and personalities from international partner entities. These efforts were aimed at amplifying Iraq's efforts and presence during COP28.

UNDP also provided optimal logistic support during the government's and the UN's side event sessions.

2.4.4 Sessions Coordination

During the preparation for COP28, UNDP's communications team supported the Government of Iraq through the Ministry of Environment, organizing a total of 32 sessions at the Iraq pavilion, 16 of which were UN-led.

Throughout the conference, UNDP continued its support by frequently updating the schedule to accommodate the needs and timing of all stakeholders. Additionally, the team ensured that the latest agenda was consistently distributed and shared with the pavilion's guests.

UNDP's team of volunteers took minutes during major sessions and summarized them for archival purposes, as well as to enhance the approach for future conferences.

2.4.5 Live Coverage and Unified Messaging

UNDP provided live coverage of the sessions, coordinating with other UN agencies to ensure better coverage and unified messaging. This comprehensive coverage helped reach over **5 million users** across various platforms through UNDP accounts alone, significantly enhancing the visibility and impact of Iraq's participation in COP28. This audience was reached through videos, photos and articles mainly.

In summary, the support provided by UNDP Iraq's communications team was instrumental in ensuring that the Government of Iraq's participation in COP28 was well-coordinated, impactful, and far-reaching. Through meticulous planning, media engagement, and high-quality content creation, UNDP amplified Iraq's voice and presence on the global stage, contributing to the country's climate advocacy efforts and its successful participation.

3. Financial Statement- COP28- Financial Reimbursement Report

Description	Amount USD	Invoice Ref #
HDMI splitter, 5 ports, HDMI cable (three cable each 15 meters length)	$ 1,153.95	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
HDMI - 5mtr	$ 111.30	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
86 Display, USB source-For event	$ 3,549.00	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
65 Display, USB source-For event	$ 11,518.50	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Wireless handheld microphone -	$ 491.40	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Plastic Trash Bin	$ 54.60	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Pavilion Space & Build - Tier 2	$ 147,840.00	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Meeting Chair - EB	$ 2,276.82	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Meeting Room/Offices Space & Build - Tier 2	$ 83,899.94	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Lounge chair - fabric tub	$ 505.05	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Pylon kiosk - steel frame with wooden board to install 65inch screen	$ 3,412.50	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Meeting table - 10pax	$ 1,847.53	DMG Invoice 01-BD2744531
Black & white desktop printer (A4) - Instalment: 100.00%	$ 547.08	DMG Invoice 02-BD3099914 Chairs & AV
Technical assistance – event days - Instalment: 100.00%	$ 8,638.81	DMG Invoice 02-BD3099914 Chairs & AV
Chair WL - EB - Instalment: 100.00%	$ 4,149.60	DMG Invoice 02-BD3099914 Chairs & AV
Equipped Booth	$ 15,246.39	Solten Invoice 01-INV2023-00034
Receiver + Headset for on-site participants	$ 3,267.08	Solten Invoice 01-INV2023-00034
Technician - Test/Rehearsal and on call availability	$ 13,068.34	Solten Invoice 01-INV2023-00034
Delivery / Install / Dismantling	$ 2,069.15	Solten Invoice 01-INV2023-00034
Simultaneous interpreting - 1 EN<>AR interpreter for 6 hours during 12 days	$ 13,068.34	Solten Invoice 02-INV2023-00035
Simultaneous interpreting - 1 EN<>AR interpreter for 6 hours during 12 days	$ 13,068.34	Solten Invoice 02-INV2023-00035
Simultaneous interpreting - 1 EN<>AR interpreter for 3 extra hours during 12 days	$ 5,880.75	Solten Invoice 02-INV2023-00035
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Professional Consecutive Translators for 13 Days (2 items X 13 days X $1000 per day)	$ 26,000.00	Plaza Holiday Invoice 9395-2023
Translation Portable Equipment for 13 Days (20 items X 13 days X $35)	$ 9,100.00	Plaza Holiday Invoice 9395-2023

Two Technicans for Audio & Visual (2 items X 13 days X $500 per day)	$	13,000.00	Plaza Holiday Invoice 9395-2023
Site Manager & 2 coordinator	$	13,000.00	Plaza Holiday Invoice 9395-2023
Visual Identity Creation	$	8,000.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Premium Plated Lapel Pins	$	3,000.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Printing Premium T-shirts	$	7,000.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Branded Lanyard for Badges	$	1,500.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Bookmarks	$	200.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
UNLTA02 - Animation Video	$	2,500.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
LTA-006-22-Creative design work	$	8,400.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Videography - Najaf	$	3,360.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Videography - Basra	$	3,360.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002379 - COP 28 Communication Services
Guides Design NAMA	$	9,400.00	BeCorp-OFR.2002368 - COP Guides Design
Sub Total	**$**	**449,365.22**	
UNDP General Management Support (3%)	**$**	**13,480.96**	
Total Amount	**$**	**462,846.17**	