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**CMS is designated as a provider of legal services for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), hosted by the UAE.**

## Empowering COP28 with comprehensive legal support

CMS will provide broad-ranging pro bono legal support for COP28, which will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates from 30 November to 12 December 2023. The support includes sustainable finance, data privacy and security, trademark registration, brand protection, reputation management, event-related advice, UN-related partnerships, intergovernmental cooperation, technology platforms for start-ups, and relevant agreements with global tech companies.

The initiative is led by Dr. Döne Yalçın, partner and key member of the global CMS Sustainability and ESG leadership team. She is supported by Munir Hassan, partner and head of the CMS Energy & Climate Change Group, and more than 160 CMS colleagues from around the world. The project is strengthened by collaboration with stakeholders across the firm to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach.

This achievement marks a significant milestone for the firm and reaffirms its commitment to climate action. As demonstrated by the engagement with the UN Global Compact, CMS actively contributes to the world's largest corporate social responsibility initiative. This commitment covers four key areas: environment, human rights, labour, and anti-corruption.

CMS prioritises climate action, as evidenced by ambitious carbon reduction targets and firmly believes that a successful transition to a more sustainable future requires thoughtful regulation that recognises its integral role it plays in driving meaningful change.

The Paris Agreement aims to reduce global emissions by 50% by 2030. As we approach the six-year mark, the gathering of government representatives, policymakers, NGOs, citizens, and businesses at COP28 will be crucial for assessing progress and developing plans to achieve this goal. Immediate

and collaborative efforts across both the public and private sectors are essential to the success of these efforts.

By empowering governments and businesses to live up to their responsibilities and by strengthening their capacity to deliver impactful change at scale, we are committed to building a better working world – one that is future-facing, sustainable, and inclusive.

Dr. Döne Yalçın, Managing Partner, International Co-head of ESG and Sustainability “It is a privilege and an honor for us to have been selected as a provider of legal services for COP28. This appointment is a testament to our commitment to embed sustainability in our DNA. We are excited to support an event that has the potential to create positive global change in addressing the climate crisis. Our approach aligns seamlessly with 'Unite, Act, Deliver' and demonstrates our unwavering commitment to advancing global sustainability efforts.”

Learn more about [COP28 UAE - United Nations Climate Change Conference](#).

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CMS Reich-Rohrwig Hainz is also a founding member of CMS, an international organisation of law firms. With around 5,000 lawyers and 73 offices in 43 countries, CMS has many years of local expertise as well as a global network.

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