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## Rotary at COP 28

Rotary experts are actively participating in the 28th United Nations Climate Conference (COP28) in Dubai, addressing the intersection of a changing climate with health, poverty, and other factors.

Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally emphasizes the mental health effects of climate-linked disasters, citing record global temperatures and their impact on mental distress and violence.

Rotary sponsors 12 youth volunteers to amplify young voices in climate discussions.

Sessions cover diverse topics, including biodiversity loss, community-led watershed protection, and the role of artificial intelligence in energy, agriculture, and disaster resilience.

Rotary's commitment extends to environmental projects, such as planting 50,000 mangrove trees in the UAE to protect coastlines and marine life.

With a delegation including Trustee Chair Barry Rassin, Rotary fosters partnerships and initiatives to address climate challenges globally.

The Rotary Foundation has allocated over US\$23.7 million for environmental projects led by Rotary members worldwide.

