



## AIM for climate-smart agricultural, food solutions through 30 innovation sprints

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The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM for Climate), a global initiative led by the UAE and the US with the support of over 275 government and non-government partners, announced commitments to channelling increased investments in climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation from 42 countries and over 235 non-governmental partners with a total value exceeding US\$8 billion.

The announcement was made at a high-level event titled 'From Sharm El Sheikh to the UAE and Beyond: Transforming Food Systems through Climate-smart Agriculture, organised by the UAE at its pavilion during the 27th UN Climate Change Conference (COP27), in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

In addition, the global initiative will see 22 new innovation sprints, bringing their total number to 30. Innovation sprints provide an opportunity for non-government partners to invest in specific, impactful, expedited efforts to drive the goals of AIM for Climate.

Mariam bint Mohammed Almhiri, UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, said, "AIM for Climate is helping countries make that shift and has managed to exceed its target of securing investment commitments in climate-smart agricultural innovation worth \$8 billion. In addition, we are pleased to see our partner base more than triple from 79 partners at COP26 to 275 at COP27."

She noted that food systems innovation is a key priority of the UAE's National Food Security Strategy 2051. In this context, the country focuses on advancing R&D in saline agriculture and controlled-environment agriculture (CEA).

Tom Vilsack, US Secretary of Agriculture, said, "AIM for Climate continues to be committed to spurring innovation in climate-smart agriculture and food systems to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes, promote regenerative and sustainable practices, enable ways in which methane can be reduced and for fertilisers to be used more efficiently, and encourage us to learn, adapt, and support best practices to empower smallholder farmers around the world, especially from marginalized communities."

Officially launched at COP26, AIM for Climate galvanises support and investments for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation to enable solutions at the intersection of global hunger and the climate crisis.