

# HOPES AND REALITIES

## Children, Youth, and COP28



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The annual climate summit, COP28 just wrapped up. And I as a youth belonging to a country that has been facing the burdens of climate change regularly, don't feel very glad about the outcomes of this COP.

First, almost 80,000 people attended COP this year, among which only a mere percentage of attendees were children and youth. This is a

concern I have had in the past two COPs where the number of children and youth was very limited and over that, their presence had been minimized with several rules and regulations.

And when it came to the outcomes of COP28, I must say, the word game that was played was quite misleading for many people. "Transition away" is not exactly similar to "phase out". The children and youth around the world, the people around the world have been demanding a fossil fuel phase-out for the last 28 years, and now that the parties

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