A COP too far? A preview of COP28, the climate agenda and challenges

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Overview

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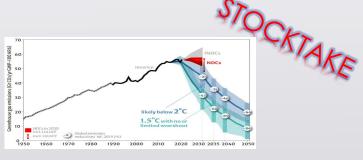
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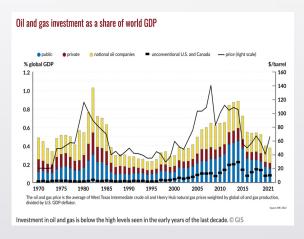
- Leadership in petrostate by CEO of 4 million bpd ADNOC: green outrage boiling over
- 70,000+ potential participants could be equal to Kyoto, Paris and Glasgow combined: plenty of distractions
- Global Stocktake evaluation of 2015 Paris commitments: current policies inadequate to have GHG down 45% by 2030





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- Main agenda issues: loss and damage fund, phase out (down) of fossil (abated, unabated) by 2050, climate finance
- On the sidelines: oil/gas investment in Goldilocks zone?, are IEA projections credible?, can activist outrage drive more ambitious language?
- Behind the scenes: Where's Joe Biden?,
 will the UAE pull a rabbit out of its hat?



Source: GIS

Likely top topics / areas for agreement

- Climate finance expansion, esp loss and damage fund design (cf actual money)
- Tripling renewables and doubling efficiency by 2030
- Tripling nuclear by 2050
- Deal-making on securing the critical minerals needed for mitigation, adaptation, digitalization, etc
- Agreement to build more robust nationally determined contributions, in light of gloomy stocktake

