



Work Programme (2017-2018) for the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (version 1)¹

I. Background

1. The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action was launched by the High-Level Champions at the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22). The Partnership builds upon the initiatives launched at the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Summit in September 2014, the Lima-Paris Action Agenda (LPAA) and the Technical Examination Process (TEP) and is designed to structure and enhance coherence of the activities of the various coalitions, initiatives and organizations with a view to mobilizing climate action up to 2020 by Parties and non-Party stakeholders. The Partnership is guided by the mandate given to the Champions in decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 121.
2. On 18 May 2017, the Champions made available the approach for the Marrakech Partnership from 2017 to 2020, which states its mission and approach of work until 2020 to mobilize actors to urgently deliver immediate mitigation and adaptation actions required to achieve the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and enable the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

II. Acting further, faster and together

3. The objective of the Marrakech Partnership is in alignment with the short- and long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, and the path of the Champions' work for 2017-2018 should help to achieve these goals, through this work programme. For this reason, the work programme is also focus on the short-term goal of reaching a successful Facilitative Dialogue in 2018.
4. During the Climate Talks in May this year in Bonn, the Champions were asked to ensure a firm link between the Marrakech Partnership and the Facilitative Dialogue. The Marrakech Partnership is a critical tool for feeding in the experiences, success stories, lessons learned and progress achieved by all actors.
5. The Champions are committed through this work programme to acting as envoys for the Facilitative Dialogue, making the bridge between non-Party stakeholders and Parties, and ensuring that the deliverables informed here, such as the update on NAZCA, the Yearbook for Climate Action, and the climate action events, will serve the purpose for bringing the voice of non-Party stakeholders to the Facilitative Dialogues process.
6. The Marrakech Partnership advocates for the need to act further and faster, the Facilitative Dialogue is considering how we are going to get there, to the aim of the Paris Agreement; together these processes can find solutions for specific recommendations of high-impact policy levers and collaboration opportunities for further scaling up action.

¹ A revised version of this document shall be published focused on 2018 by the beginning of next year.



III. Implementation of the Marrakech Partnership

7. Since COP 22, the Champions and the UNFCCC secretariat have commenced working with coalitions, initiatives to operationalize the Marrakech Partnership. Several meetings were held, virtually or in person, and priorities for the activities under the seven thematic areas (energy, industries, transport, land use, water, oceans and coastal zone, and human settlements) were developed. These priorities reflect the current state of that collective effort and will be updated as engagement evolves.

Defining priorities

8. Priorities for cooperation between organization, initiatives and coalitions: Building upon the outcomes of the thematic days at COP 22 and the various workplans/roadmaps prepared by coalitions and initiatives, there has been a collective effort by a broad range of stakeholders to define more clearly the desired impact to accelerate the achievement of the objective of the Convention and the aims of the Paris Agreement across the various thematic areas. The current status of this effort is reflected in an impact and priority tracker published on the [UNFCCC website](#).² This tracker will be updated periodically to reflect the work plans and focus areas of the various institutions and organizations engaged.
9. Priorities for continuous high-level advocacy: Based on consultation with the ecosystem of coalitions and initiatives, the High-Level Champions have identified the following priorities for engagement and political advocacy:
 - a. Ensuring low or zero greenhouse gas services can deliver socio-economic needs and aspirations, therefore advocating for enhanced reflection of the cost of emissions in economic decision-making;
 - b. Ensuring the long-term value of built assets and infrastructure, therefore advocating for long-term low emission climate resilient strategies to be developed by various levels of government;
 - c. Enabling the alignment of finance and investment flows with the aims of the Paris Agreement, therefore advocate for decision-useful disclosure in financial filings of climate related risks of assets and investment choices;
 - d. Sustaining the long-term benefits of natural systems and ecosystem services, therefore advocating for appropriate measures that recognize the role of ecosystems in addressing climate change and can also enhance the well-being of natural ecosystems, including through the security of land and resource rights;
 - e. Maximizing the utilization of the best available knowledge, therefore advocating for enhanced shared of knowledge and best practice including through the deployment of advanced information and communication technology.
10. Priorities for engagement at UNFCCC sessions: To strengthen and structure the engagement inside the UNFCCC process, the Champions will establish a signature focus within each COP. This will facilitate the work of the various mobilizer groups and enable the process to attract the appropriate stakeholders and, in particular, high-level representatives.
11. The approach includes the focus on individual thematic issues during the COP, working with volunteers from different organizations/coalitions/initiatives to showcase action and scale up the level

² See <http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/draft_impact_and_priority_tracker.pdf>.



of ambition by promoting major deliveries and attracting other actors and identify challenges and possible solutions,

12. At COP 23, in addition to the thematic showcase and solutions events, a series of high-level roundtables will be organized to facilitate engagement on the interaction between ambitious mitigation and adaptation action and “SDG2: Zero Hunger” and “SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities”. These roundtables themes were built upon the topics of the Technical Experts Meetings (TEMs) at the May session.
13. To provide clarity to all stakeholders it is further proposed that such high-level engagement at future sessions would be organized as follows:
 - a. COP 24 (2018) - “SDG12: Responsible production and consumption” and “SDG8&9: Decent work and economic growth & Industry, innovation and infrastructure”;
 - b. COP 25 (2019) - “SDG14&15: Life on land and below water” and SDG6&7: “Clean Water & Affordable and clean energy”.
14. The Champions will be also presenting during the COP 23 its first Yearbook for Climate Action. The 2017 Yearbook for Climate Action is synthesis of climate action during 2016 and the first half of 2017, providing an overview of non-Party stakeholders’ actions to the UNFCCC process. More on the elaboration of the Yearbook and its content can be found on section below under the recognition of achievement.

Engagement for delivery

15. At present, a broad array of coalitions and initiatives are actively engaging with many stakeholders to generate and support enhanced ambition. The impact and priority tracker published on the UNFCCC website provide a basis for increasing the focus and coherence of these efforts and support their delivery. The engagement activities required through the Marrakech Partnership could be categorized as follows:
 - a. Political advocacy: the messaging and outreach of the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, other high-level United Nations/international organization officials, the High-Level Champions, and the Leadership Network. The engagement plan will focus on the highest impact priority areas that would benefit from high-level intervention and could include targeted communication activities such as, op-eds, social media outreach, public speeches and direct advocacy with senior policymakers;
 - b. Recruitment: engaging new actors to join coalitions and initiatives and the Collaboration Forum that address their needs and priorities and/or to take on new ambitious or enhanced commitments for climate action;
 - c. Operational engagement and support: the support unit will be working with, and where appropriate convening, those who have pledged action to address barriers and progress implementation.
16. The support unit will maintain a list of major planned moments and events to support the Champions’ engagement, outreach and advocacy as a basis for cooperation among the various organizations, coalitions and initiatives in synergizing their outreach. Specific events may also use the Marrakech Partnership branding upon the agreement by the High-Level Champions. Any such co-branded events would also be promoted via the UNFCCC website and NAZCA platform.



17. Based on consultation with the ecosystem of coalitions and initiatives, the High-Level Champions have identified the following core messages to inform high-impact engagement up to 2018:

- a. Core message 1: The need for decarbonization. Progress is underway, and we have enormous opportunities ahead to build the future we want;
- b. Core message 2: The resilient development of economies and societies around the world is underway, creating opportunities and incentives for those businesses, investors, cities, and governments that take steps to capitalize on it;
- c. Core message 3: The need to expand the coalitions of stakeholders to increase action to deliver the results under the Paris Agreement. Even more can be achieved to ensure a well below 2 °C and towards 1.5 °C pathway by introducing vertical and cross-sectoral policy and regulatory levers in the development of national climate action planning.
- d. Core message 4: The need to promote public-private partnership. The public investment will never be sufficient to tackle climate change infrastructure challenges.
- e. Core message 5: The connection between adaptation and mitigation is poverty and impact on the poorest individuals and communities in many countries.

Recognition of achievement and reporting

18. It will be critical that clear results can be demonstrated and reported. This will be achieved through updates of progress on the NAZCA platform; ongoing communications activities of the UNFCCC, such as Momentum for Change; the events at the UNFCCC conferences to showcase progress; and the Yearbook of Climate Action.

19. Drawing on the discussions taking place during the TEMs, technical papers will be produced by the secretariat on accelerating pre-2020 action, based on them a Summary for Policymakers will be developed, which should provide clear policy priorities and recommendations to accelerate high-impact action, remove barriers and broaden participation for consideration by Parties.

20. The outcomes, progress and impact achieved by actors and initiatives will be compiled and reported through the Yearbook of Climate Action and highlighted on NAZCA.

21. NAZCA will be revised to highlight the thematic areas of the Partnership and enhance the progress and impact tracking across initiatives, individual actors and thematic areas. In addition to acting as a tracking tool, NAZCA will also be upgraded by the UNFCCC secretariat in consultation with data partners and other stakeholders to, inter alia, enhance the accessibility and availability of the latest information and help direct additional actors to initiatives and other actors with similar goals. The plan on the update NAZCA will be further informed during COP 23.

22. The Yearbook for Climate Action is an annual synthesis of climate action, and will be developed in cooperation with initiatives and coalitions. It should inform, in particular Parties, on what is being done on the ground or have to be done to accelerate transformation to a low carbon emissions world.

The 2017 Yearbook should have elements on:

- a. How climate action advances the Paris Agreement;
- b. What is the scale and scope of climate action;
- c. Progress made so far;
- d. New ambitions, actions and opportunities for the future.



IV. Enhancing cooperation

23. In the approach for the Marrakech Partnership, the Champions informed that to enhance cooperation they will establish three groups: the Climate Action Leadership Network, the Climate Action Collaboration Forum and the Communities of Climate Action Practice.

Climate Action Leadership Network

24. The Climate Action Leadership Network will be a voluntary network of senior decision-makers committed to the Paris Agreement and to cooperation in the delivery of immediate climate action.

25. The role of the network is to help the High-Level champions with advocacy, expanding distributed leadership and mobilizing more “hands on deck”. The Leadership Network should also provide guidance to the Champions, in particular under each of the members focus sector.

26. The following were the criteria used for nomination of members as part of this network:

- a. Expertise or Authority: significant experience in policy or implementation within one of the thematic areas of the Partnership or holding a senior position (CEO/Minister/Governor/Mayor or Deputy) within an entity with significant scope for appropriate technical and or policy expertise;
- b. Relevance: person or institution that has been active or influential on climate action;
- c. Impact: person or institution with direct influence on the decision-making processes with significant climate action or indirect influence through an extensive network of contacts with such decision makers.

27. To initiate the Leadership Network, a group of founders was invited by the High-Level Champions and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary. For the founders of the Leadership Network, besides the above described criteria, the following criteria were also used while choosing these initial members:

- a. Ensure representation for the seven thematic areas;
- b. At least one representative from each of the following groups:
 - i. National ministries;
 - ii. Local and subnational authorities;
 - iii. Finance and investment;
 - iv. Private sector;
 - v. Civil society;
- c. Ensure geographic balance, with participation of developing and developed countries and regional groups;
- d. Ensure gender balance.

28. The High-Level Champions will interact on a regular basis with the climate action leaders personally or by electronic means. The Leadership Network would be expected to support the current and future High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership up to COP 27 (2020). The wider Leadership Network would be called upon for specific advocacy activities up to 2020 and for enhanced high-level engagement at the COP. The Champions will work through the Leadership Network to expand the participation of relevant senior decision makers.

29. The Founders Group will be invited by the High-Level Champions and the UNFCCC Executive Secretary for a first meeting during the Climate Week in New York.



Climate Action Collaboration Forum

30. At an operational level, there is also a need to have a broad range of stakeholder groups, international organizations, sectoral expert organizations, initiative and coalitions to align their efforts with the Marrakech Partnership in a model of shared leadership to maximize synergies and impact. To facilitate alignment of the work of these actors, a Climate Action Collaboration Forum will be established. Participation in this forum would be open to all organizations, coalitions and initiatives registered on the NAZCA platform and that have their work guided by the criteria of relevance, scale, specificity, transparency in progress, impact/results-oriented and ownership/capacity as defined at COP 22³.

31. The Forum would have four main streams of work:

- a. Priority-identification;
- b. Cooperation in recruiting other organizations, initiatives and coalitions;
- c. Engagement and outreach alignment; and
- d. Tracking and reporting coordination.

32. In-person strategy and planning sessions would be convened up to twice per year on specific topics across the main streams of work. Electronic (tele/video conferences) of the forum would be convened regularly by the support unit at both a general/stocktaking level and on specific themes. In this respect, it is to be expected that participation and attendance will evolve.

33. The UNFCCC secretariat will operationalize the Coordination Forum by formalizing the relationship and membership with existing initiatives, launching an expression of interest for additional entities to participate and inviting each UNFCCC constituted body to participate.

Communities of Climate Action Practice

34. To maintain established relationships in the thematic areas and scale up the level of engagement, it is proposed to establish informal communities of practice for each thematic area. These communities should include key stakeholders in each thematic area, in particular, those that have not been active in the past, and the ones implementing action in developing countries. These stakeholders are a primary source of information on climate action for the thematic areas and are keen for the flow of information needed for climate action.

V. Expected activities and deliverables

Activities and deliverables up to COP 23 and afterwards

35. Tables 2.1-2.2 below provides an overview of the key activities and deliverables expected from the Partnership until COP 23. In addition, an overview of the timeline and delivery cycle to operationalize and take forward the work in 2017–2018 is outlined in Annex 1.

³ http://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/marrakech_partnership_for_global_climate_action.pdf



Table 2.2: Prioritization activities and deliverables for 2017

Date	Moment/Event	Activity/Deliverable
8-18 May	Sessions of Subsidiary Bodies (SB46) Bonn, Germany	Technical Expert Meetings Consultations with Parties and non-Party stakeholders on draft work programme, thematic priorities, impacts and action plans
Jun-Aug	Climate Action Collaboration Forum	Designing COP 23 action space, engagements and events Alignment on tracking and reporting cycle
September	Summary for Policy Makers	Provide policy options, priorities and recommendations to accelerate high impact action
November	Yearbook for Climate Action	Provide an overview of the state of climate action, what has been achieved and new commitments and initiatives

Table 2.3: Selected engagement activities and deliverables for 2017

Date	Moment/Event	Activity/Deliverable
31 Aug-1 Sep	Business and Climate Summit New Delhi, India	Showcase progress by business and identify policy barriers to enhanced implementation Strengthened partnerships between governmental and business stakeholders
11-13 Sep	Climate Chance Agadir, Morocco	Address priority issues, remove barriers and provide assistance by enhancing collaboration between the actors within the region and take stock of progress
13-14 Sep	Second Global Forum of Alliances and Coalitions Agadir, Morocco	The Champions will update the initiatives and coalitions on their work on work and future engagement and have a work session on the Yearbook for Climate Action
18-22 Sep	Climate Week New York, USA	High-level engagement. First meeting of the Founders Group of the Leadership Network
16-20 Sep	Pre-COP Suva, Fiji	Engagement with Parties focused in the participation of the Champions in the 2018 Facilitative Dialogue
16-18 Oct	Latin American Carbon Forum Mexico City, Mexico	Technical and high-level engagement (themes to be determined)
December	Asian Carbon Forum Bangkok, Thailand	Technical and high-level engagement (themes to be determined)



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Activities at COP 23

36. At COP 23, the Global Climate Action activities will be condensed in a shorter time period to maximize participation of non-Party stakeholders and minimize impact on the intergovernmental negotiations. The facilities planned for these events do not overlap with those planned to be utilized by the negotiation process and a more detailed agenda will be developed together with stakeholders in August, however the overall schedule of action events is contained in annex 2.



Annex 1: Expected timeline and deliverables to 2018





Annex 2: Overview of Global Climate Action activities at COP 23

