

Stocktaking Plenary of the President

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Speaking notes for High-Level Champion

Mr. President,

distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Ambassador Tubiana and I launched the Global Climate Action activities at COP 22 on Tuesday morning.

Since then Parties and non-Party stakeholders have had intensive discussions on the themes of forests, water, human settlements, energy and industry.

Further events are taking place today on transport and on oceans.

All of these thematic events are providing an opportunity to:

- Update on progress achieved with initiatives showcased or launched at COP 21;
- Launch new initiatives and coalitions; and
- Discuss approaches to accelerate the implementation of more action now.

We are pleased that the dialogue events have been well attended by Party delegations. This allows for greater collaboration to be established in implementation.

The outcomes of the events will be published on the UNFCCC website and NAZCA portal in the coming days. The highlights and main areas of future focus will be

reported to the High-Level Event on Accelerating Climate Action on Thursday 17th November.

I would like to thank all of the organizations who have supported the facilitation of the thematic events. Without their enthusiasm and energy these events would not have been possible.

In addition to the thematic events we have continued to hold discussions regarding how to provide guidance to the technical examination process. It is clear to us from those consultations that:

- Parties consider that the Paris decision provides the required elements for an effective process;
- Parties request that guidance ensure that the processes are more focused in their operation. They are concerned that this results in a series of events in the technical process which do not link to concrete implementation.

- Parties have requested that the champions place greater focus on their mandate to guide these processes.
- We have heard the following main elements that may help to guide the process:
 - Establishing clearer priorities and objectives
 - Ensuring that the events can be attended by those involved directly in implementation; both government representatives and Parties
 - Ensuring that the outcomes can be incorporated in the work of the UNFCCC institutions
 - Reducing the overlap between Parties negotiating time and the climate action activities in order to facilitate the active participation of Parties
 - Providing Ministers with a clear set of policy recommendations for discussion during the COP.

We will continue to discuss these issues and have arranged for an open-ended discussion on Monday at 13.00 in Meeting Room 5.

Mr. President,

We intend to rise to the challenge given to us by the Paris decision. We must scale up action now in the pre-2020 period to:

- ensure that the objective of the Convention can be met;
- ensure that the aims of the Paris Agreement can be achieved; and

- keep the Sustainable Development Goals within reach.

Based on our discussions we will publish our proposals for scaling up pre-2020 action on Thursday 17th November and will report these to the COP.

I thank you, Mr, President, for your guidance and support in delivering our mandate.