

# OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATIONS OF THE INCOMING PRESIDENCY OF COP22/CMP12

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**13:15-14:45 hours**

**Chamber Hall**

**Bonn, Germany**

**Speaking notes for the incoming-Presidency**

## Opening statement

- Distinguished Delegates, Colleagues,
- It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this open-ended informal consultations on the expectations for the Marrakech Conference.
- I am here with the Chairs of the various bodies – **Mr. Carlos Fuller** – Chair of SBSTA, **Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow** - Chair of SBI, and the co-Chairs of APA – **Ms. Jo Tyndall and Ms. Sarah Baashan**. Coordination between the bodies and coherence of their work is the prerequisite to achieving a significant outcome in Marrakech. We are one team, working together towards a common goal.
- Morocco is committed, in our capacity of incoming Presidency, to strengthening this multilateral climate process. We will manage it in line with the principles of transparency, inclusiveness and full participation of all Parties, respecting all legal procedures, so that the variety of interests and opinions of the Parties to the Convention is properly taken into account. Trust and confidence in UNFCCC process must be strengthened.
- We are also strongly committed to a meaningful stakeholder engagement, including meaningful participation of non-Party actors, in line with what was agreed in Paris.

- We will also make every effort to ensure that, alongside the process, there is a robust and action oriented programme of events to help advance the relevant action agenda.
- COP22/CMP12 shall be a very important step forward in the process, which will need to lay the foundation for the new era of implementing the Paris agreement. The Paris Agreement and outcomes set out a clear political narrative on what Parties and other stakeholders should achieve in the short, medium and long term in order to meet the global goals on mitigation and adaptation.
- At this session we have been focusing on full implementation, through concrete actions and deliverables for Marrakech and beyond.
- Since the beginning of this year we have been having consultations with many Parties. Under the goal of focusing on enhancing ambition, promoting implementation and providing support, we identified the following priorities for consideration at the Marrakech Conference:
  - Strengthening action on mitigation and adaptation by all Parties before 2020;
  - Supporting domestic action to give effect to nationally determined contributions;

- Pursuing collaborative initiatives as part of an intensified action agenda; and
  - Mobilizing finance, technology and capacity-building support before and after 2020.
  - **Concrete Action!!**
- The various events that will be held during the Marrakech Conference can be important opportunities to advance on key issues. Your advice on these issues would be welcomed today.
  - During the May sessions, we have been undertaking informal consultations on several important issues, paying close attention to what each and every one of you wanted to express to us as the Incoming-Presidency.
  - Also, as you are aware, **H.E Mr. Salaheddine Mezouar**, President-Designate of COP 22/CMP 12, met with all nine constituencies of the UNFCCC on Tuesday 17 May. He reiterated his resolve to take civil society fully on board as contributors to the success of the Marrakech Conference, underlining the importance of their enhanced participation, as actions of cities, regions, companies, investors and civil society could set the benchmark and create the necessary opportunities for stronger commitments from national governments.
  - In addition, you were informed that H.E. Ms. Hakima EL HAITE, as the high-level Champion of Morocco, would be fully devoted to mobilizing all of us for the Action Agenda. She has also proposed

a roadmap on concrete action for Marrakech and beyond. The first step on that roadmap will be June 23rd in Tangiers.

- We intend to have **one** informal consultation on September 10 and 11 for the Heads of Delegations and experts. The purpose of this informal consultation is to discuss in depth all the matters that parties consider important and urgent, in preparation for the COP22 in Marrakesh. We invite parties to reach out to us through submissions to inform us about what they consider as priorities to be discussed during this event.
- In addition, we are very much looking forward to hosting the traditional pre-COP meeting at the ministerial level, which will be held from the **17<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October**, and we hope to see an important ministerial presence there.
- We will of course strive to ensure that both these events are organized in a way that allows for inclusive participation of all parties and offer an environment conducive for productive exchanges and work.
- The incoming-Presidency will adhere to the Party-driven process of the UNFCCC. We are here to listen, to consult, and to learn from you. Our guiding principle in the run up to the Marrakech Conference is to hear the voice of each and everyone, be it parties, observers, cities or business.

- In line with the above, we would like to proceed with listening to all, taking into account our time constraints. We will first hear from Groups and Parties and then I will invite the observers to take the floor.
- I would like to urge Parties to limit their interventions to **3 minutes**. You may wish to make full versions of your statements available online as well.
- If that is agreeable, I would now like to open the floor to the Groups and Parties.

**End of the opening statement by Morocco**