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INFORMATION TO PARTIES

High-level Champions' *Reflections on the way forward* and the Global Climate Action events at the United Nations Climate Change Conference, 2016

Marrakech, Morocco

This is to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that the high-level champions, Ambassador Laurence Tubiana and Minister delegate Hakima El Haite, have published their "*Reflections on the way forward*" for Global Climate Action, which may be found at: <http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9951.php>. This document proposes the next steps to strengthen global climate action in the years leading up to 2018 and 2020. The high-level champions intend to further discuss their proposal during the Conference of Parties to be held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 7 to 18 November 2016 (COP 22). Based on these further discussions, they will provide their recommended way forward to the COP and propose a framework for accelerating global climate action.

In addition, this is to inform Parties that during the Marrakech Conference, Parties are invited to a series of events planned by the high-level champions aiming to mobilize stronger and more ambitious climate action. The high-level champions intend that these events will enable cooperation on the implementation of action to support the achievement of nationally determined contributions. Parties are therefore encouraged to participate in these events and acquire information on best practice and lessons learned and to build networks to support their implementation activities.

On 8 November, an introductory event will take place where the high-level champions will explain their plans for the two weeks of the Marrakech Conference and launch the Global Climate Action events.

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The themes of the Global Climate Action events are as follows:

8 November: Forests
9 November: Water
9 November: Industry/Business
10 November: Cities and Human Settlements (Resilience and Buildings)
11 November: Energy
12 November: Transport
12 November: Oceans
16 November: Agriculture and Food Security.

The **High-Level Event on Accelerating Climate Action** will take place on Thursday, 17 November 2016, and will be the culmination of this series of thematic action events, aiming to demonstrate the progress achieved in the implementation of initiatives and to celebrate new initiatives since COP 21. The high-level champions will present their proposed framework for global climate action at the event. The full programme of the High-Level Event can be found at: http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9965.php.

In order to accelerate implementation of identified opportunities, the plenary session of the High-Level Event will be complemented by high-level working sessions. These sessions will be organized by high-level representatives from Parties, non-Parties and international organizations. The champions will be available to attend and to facilitate discussions. Any Party wishing to propose topics for such follow-up working sessions are requested to contact the high-level champions through the secretariat at globalclimateaction@unfccc.int, no later than **7 November, 17:00 CET**. Time and location of these sessions will be announced on the UNFCCC website.

More information related to the High-Level Event and the action events including their programmes, is on the UNFCCC website at: http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9954.php.

For any questions or for further information on the Global Climate Action events at COP 22, please contact the secretariat at globalclimateaction@unfccc.int.

Information on the Low-Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC) sponsored by the Government of Morocco is annexed hereto.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by Richard Kinley for)

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Annex

Information on the Low Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC) provided by the Government of Morocco

The Government of Morocco, in partnership with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), and ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) is inviting all nations to send representatives to actively participate in the Low Emissions Solutions Conference (LESC,) that will be held from 14 to 16 November 2016 at COP 22.

Aiming at bringing out all the creative and innovative technology solutions for a low emissions future, this conference will be the best opportunity to gather all the technical experts, innovators, world-leading scientists and engineers, high-level research representatives from the business sector and guests from cities and regions around the globe. Besides creating the debate around the LEDS (Low Emission Development Strategies) and national pathways, the conference will be covering innovation in various fields.

To nominate representatives to take part in this conference, Parties are welcome to register at the following registration link: <http://www.e-registration.fr/lesc22/Delegations>.