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## MESSAGE TO PARTIES

I am pleased to convey to all Parties and observer States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and all intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations admitted as observers by the Conference of the Parties, a message contained in the annex to this note from the high-level champions, Her Excellency Ms. Laurence Tubiana, French Ambassador for climate change and Her Excellency Ms. Hakima El Haite, Minister Delegate to the Minister of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of Morocco, in charge of the Environment.

Yours faithfully,

*(Signed by)*

Christiana Figueres

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## **INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS ON THE ROAD MAP FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION**

### **MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND NON-PARTY STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPIONS,**

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ENVIRONMENT OF MOROCCO, IN CHARGE OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

This is the first opportunity that we have, as high-level champions, to address Parties and non-Party stakeholders and engage them in the tasks that have been entrusted to us by the COP 21 Presidency and the COP 22 incoming Presidency. On Friday 20 May 2016, during the sessions of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies in Bonn, we held a special event with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres, to present our road map for global climate action and announce our intention to consult widely with all Parties and non-Party stakeholders on how we can work together to accelerate the global climate action agenda.

We would now like to seek the views of Parties and non-Party stakeholders on our road map for the global climate action agenda (<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/climate-action/global-climate-action-agenda>).

In particular, we would welcome the views of Parties and non-Party stakeholders on the following questions:

#### **1) The current situation:**

The sense of urgency that led to the Paris Agreement and sustained the work on workstream 2 (pre-2020 ambition) throughout the whole of 2015 must be sustained. The high-level champions need to make sure that we do “more, faster and now” on enhanced pre-2020 action. Pre-2020 action is a key element for the implementation and success of the

Paris Agreement, equally for adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation. Notably, there is a need to quick-start implementation with a sense of urgency and ambition; create an interface with the real world and solutions, particularly the involvement of non-Party stakeholders; and maintain the political momentum.

*Is this general presentation an accurate description of the current state of play? If not, what can we do more?*

## **2) The role of the high-level champions:**

As champions of global climate action, we believe that we need to be an interface between action on the ground and the UNFCCC negotiation process, between non-Party stakeholders and Parties. We intend to track implementation of existing initiatives to demonstrate credibility, promote best practices and enhance delivery. We will also support new initiatives focusing on adaptation, with a view to broadening the country coverage and including more initiatives coming from developing country Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

*Is this an accurate description of the role the high-level climate champions should play with regard to the mobilization of non-state actors? Is there anything else they should do, or are there things mentioned here that they should not do?*

## **3) Transparency and tracking**

We need to help non-Party stakeholders achieve the recognition they seek. At the same time, we owe it to the integrity of the UNFCCC process to make sure that these initiatives and coalitions achieve the targets they set for themselves; that these targets are truly consistent with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement; and that the participants in initiatives and coalitions are actually doing what it takes to achieve the commitments they made. Therefore we intend to work on improving transparency of action and tracking of implementation to demonstrate the credibility of their work.

*How do we assess the initiatives? What would be the ideal set of criteria? Who would assess them? What should be the role of the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA)?*

## **4) High-level event**

The high-level climate champions will facilitate, through strengthened high-level engagement in the period 2016–2020, the successful execution of existing efforts and the scaling-up and introduction of new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions. The high-level event at the Conference of the Parties (COP) is now the main annual showcase of climate action.

*What do Parties and non-Party stakeholders expect from the high-level event at COP 22?*

*To have a real impact at COP 24 in 2018, the Climate Action Summit showcasing the results of non-state actor initiatives would need to take place sufficiently in advance. Should it be organized in the summer of 2018?*

## **5) The role of the TEMS**

We intend to use the tools created by Parties for the enhancement of climate action prior to 2020, such as the technical expert meetings (TEMs). These meetings have a whole new role to play in the dynamic and should be more concrete, focused, and connected to initiatives of the action agenda.

*Do you share the belief that the format of the TEMs should evolve in the light of the Global Climate Action Agenda? How could we ensure that the TEMs are more solution-oriented?*

We would welcome all inputs and request that they be submitted to the secretariat by 1 August 2016.

Parties may wish to send their views through the UNFCCC submissions portal at the following web address:

<http://www4.unfccc.int/submissions/SitePages/sessions.aspx?search=Roadmap&showRefinementPanel=0>

Non-Party stakeholders may wish to use the following e-mail address when submitting their views:

[secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int)

We invite the secretariat to post the submissions on the dedicated page of the UNFCCC website (<http://unfccc.int/documentation/items/9636.php>) as they are received.

We would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to involve all interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders in our work and to thank you for your consideration of this request.

*(Signed by)*

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