

The current situation

Is this general presentation an accurate description of the current state of play? If not, what can we do more? **BusinessEurope agrees with the sense of urgency, though it urges high-level champions to make their “more, faster and now”-stance on pre-2020 action more concrete. Most importantly, BusinessEurope believes it is vital for the success of the Paris Agreement that major economies around the world converge as soon as possible in terms of their climate ambitions.**

The role of the high-level champions

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? **BusinessEurope fully agrees that there needs to be an interface between non-Party stakeholders and Parties. In order to ensure that, it urges high-level climate champions that they make a strong stance towards those that want to exclude non-Party stakeholders from the UNFCCC negotiation process, as some reports came from the Bonn meetings that this has been the case.**

Transparency and tracking

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)? **No position formulated on this.**

High-level event

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

BusinessEurope has the following expectations from the high-level event at COP 22, in line with letters sent by its CEO Markus Beyrer to Commissioner Mr. [Miguel Arias Cañete](#) and Her Excellency Ms. [Sharon Dijksma](#):

- **Ratification.** BusinessEurope calls for the Paris Agreement to be ratified and that all countries fully deliver on their pledges. BusinessEurope therefore firstly expects that as many countries as possible will have ratified the Agreement before the event. Furthermore, it hopes to see concrete ratification timeframes of countries that will not have ratified by the start of the event.
- **Converging of ambitions.** BusinessEurope hopes that major economies other than the EU showcase how they expect to increase their ambition comparable to those of the EU, as climate change is a global challenge that requires global action.

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? **BusinessEurope agrees and can propose to its members to submit non-state actor initiatives before the event.**

The role of TEMS

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? **BusinessEurope does not have a formal position on this issue, but believes the effectiveness of the TEMS could be improved by taking care of technicalities before the TEMS, for example agreeing on the agenda (this allegedly took up the first 3 days of the Bonn Meetings last May).**