

Submission from Fundación Avina to the Champions following their specific request

Fundacion Avina engage in the “action agenda since 2014 supporting the government of Peru on the “Climate Action Day” during COP 20 and the overall “Lima Paris Action Agenda” during 2015.

Fundacion Avina, will still engage in the Action Agenda in the coming years encouraging climate action commitments and their implementation through a new regional Platform name ActionLAC.

Taking in consideration the invitation from the Champions to submit submission, Fundación Avina want to share a few suggestions for questions 2-4.

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?

- Champions are expected to become the “ambassadors of climate action” encouraging key stakeholders to move forward maintaining the political momentum needed on the pre 2020 action agenda. To advocate in favor of climate action to different audiences and in particular to high level political leaders asking for their support and personal engagement. From a different level and strategy, Champions could give continuity to the role played by the SG, the executive secretary of UNFCCC and COP president’s during 2015.

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)?

- Criteria of progress on existing commitments should consider among others:
 - New institutional arrangements put in place to take action (ex. new organizations as it was the set-up of the “Tropical Forest Alliance” in the case of forest)
 - New legal and policy frameworks put in place to enable actions to fulfill existing commitments (ex. New adaptation or mitigation action plan of a local community).
 - New systems put in place to track progress on specific actions (ex. Tracking system of companies to track energy consumption from RE; or free supply chains from deforestation in their products)
 - Reporting of advance on the specific target (ex. New RE installed in specific regions with commitments; % of RE consumption from a company; new land tenures secured to local communities or indigenous people regarding commitments on free deforestation)
- The most effective way to assess initiatives would be with the engagement of others institutions. Champions could ask for the support of key “non-party stakeholders” that are already working on monitoring and reporting that have their own tracking system in place and are willing to support the champions role.
 - For those initiatives presented under the NAZCA portal, the data providers of NAZCA (CDP, Carbonn, others.) already have their own tracking system and could provide substantive information on progress on implementation.
 - For initiatives presented under the LPAA or the Climate summit, a formal request of reporting should be made to the leading institutions of each sector. Only those who are doing the best progress should be highlighted at the next COP.
 - A third party assessment could also be requested by champions to a well regionally represented set of partners from the academic and knowledge sector, as it was made before COP 21. If this partners need additional resources to do so, a letter from the champions asking for their support could be very useful for them to address potential funders.
 - Finally, champions could also play a more “proactive role”, addressing some of the most relevant existing commitments encouraging their leaders to accelerate action towards implementation, considering how important will be to show progress in Marrakesh to maintain the credibility of the overall action agenda.
- Regarding the role of NAZCA, we understand that NAZCA plays a critical role as a communication platform that collect different commitments and shows mass mobilization

on climate action. They should adapt the virtual platform to ensure they can give strong visibility not only to “commitments” but also to the advances on implementation.

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?

- As a non-party stakeholder engage on climate action our main expectation of the high-level event at COP 22 is:
 - The high-level at COP 22 should help to enhance participation of african leaders working in partnerships with other parties and non-parties stakeholders to launch new substantive climate action commitments. This would help not only to reduce the unbalance of participation from developing countries, but also to take the opportunity of the COP to provide special attention to one of the most vulnerable regions.
 - For the same reason, the high-level at COP 22 should play special attention to enhance commitments on resilience and adaptation.
 - Finally the high-level should provide some critical examples of **progress on implementation**, to maintain credibility of the overall action agenda
 - As an invitation for the future, the launch of the 2018 climate summit at the highest level (preferably UNSG with some heads of states and global leaders) would encourage parties and non-parties stakeholders to keep and enhance their commitment to this process as part of the pre-2020 action.
- As it was suggested in the First forum on Global climate action done in Rabat, regional events during 2017 in preparation of the 2018 Summit would help to reduce the existing un balance representation of parties and non-party stakeholders from developing countries. Champions could encourage this regional hosted by key partners in each region with the support of the champions.
- Building on the good experience of 2014, we endorse the idea of doing the 2018 summit well in advance of COP 24 as a way to create political momentum.

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

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.