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Budget proposal elements related to Global Climate Action

At COP 21, Parties mandated COP Presidents to appoint High-Level Champions to support the mobilization of actors for accelerated climate action. At COP 22 in Marrakech, recognizing that this mobilization task is larger than the capacity of any two individuals, the High-Level Champions launched the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action. The Partnership is intended to maximize collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders to ensure the realization of existing pledges and commitments and to facilitate a greater number of and more ambitious commitments.

Funding requirements for supporting the work of the Champions and the Marrakech Partnership are included in the budget proposal.

The efforts of the Champions and the Marrakech Partnership are designed to facilitate cooperation between Parties and non-Party stakeholders and to highlight the impact of action taken now to meet the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement. The focus is on the delivery of immediate action, which must be consistent with the long-term direction established by Parties in the Convention and in the Paris Agreement.

The Marrakech Partnership will add value to the efforts of Parties to enhance climate action in the pre-2020 period by:

- Recruiting new constituencies to assist in the implementation of climate action;
- Providing practical opportunities to enhance immediate implementation to support Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) at lower cost;
- Diffusing low-carbon and climate-preparedness solutions and best practices, with a view to improving accessibility of developing countries to low-carbon and climate resilient technologies and knowledge;
- Raising the profile of actions being undertaken.

The Marrakech Partnership will assist the efforts of non-Party stakeholders by:

- Raising their profile in the UNFCCC process and beyond through tools like the High-Level Event, NAZCA, the Yearbook of Climate Action, existing communications activities of the UNFCCC, such as Momentum for Change and its Newsroom website, etc.;
- Linking the solutions that they offer to opportunities for national governments, for example via the Technical Expert Meetings (TEMs), the Yearbook, the High-level Event, and creating cooperation and collaboration;
- Amplifying the impact of immediate individual or sectoral mitigation and adaptation actions through a common narrative of economy-wide transformation to deliver on the goals of the Paris Agreement as quickly as possible;
- Facilitating the translation of the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement into short term operational actions for a range of stakeholder groups.

The Marrakech Partnership will assist the efforts of both Parties and non-Party stakeholders by:

- Leveraging the convening power of the UNFCCC process to connect stakeholders across thematic areas and to new constituencies and communities to enhance the effectiveness and impact of their efforts; and
- Strengthening the connectivity with local, national, regional and international actions, particularly with potential to promote innovative technologies and solutions that are scalable and replicable.

The proposed budget includes EUR 0.322 million for one new position to provide managerial oversight of the work on mobilizing public and private actors to address climate change, including support to the climate champions, and to ensure coherence of secretariat support to activities in relation to climate action. Supplementary funding amounting to EUR 0.95 million will be sought from Parties and EUR 0.285 million from other funding sources. As indicated in the details provided in the documentation for supplementary funded projects, these resources will support several activities including:

- High-Level Event on Climate Action and high-level engagement at the COP;
- Technical and high level engagement on various thematic areas;
- Engagement with coalitions, initiatives and related data providers to track and record progress;
- Summary for Policymakers providing policy options, priorities and recommendations to accelerate action;
- Yearbook of Climate Action on achievements, new commitments and initiatives; and
- Further development of NAZCA with regular updates on progress and commitments.

The zero growth scenario doesn't provide for funding of the post for managerial oversight in the core budget, but includes it in terms of supplementary funding requirements. In addition, the contributions sought from in terms supplementary funding in the zero growth scenario is lower, EUR 0.72 million. This lower budget for support to climate action related work will result in reduced activities particularly as relates to recognition and tracking of progress, and showcasing and reporting through the summary for policy makers and annual yearbooks.