



ROAD MAP FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION

At the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) in Paris, it was agreed that mobilizing stronger and more ambitious climate action by all Parties and non-Party stakeholders is urgently required if the goals of the Paris Agreement are to be achieved.

In decision 1/CP.21,¹ the commitments from all actors are recognized, including those launched through the Lima–Paris Action Agenda, as well as the urgent need to scale up the global response to climate change and support greater ambition from governments.

To ensure a durable connection between the Convention and the many voluntary and collaborative actions, Parties decided that two high-level champions shall be appointed. The above-mentioned decision details the tasks to be performed by these high-level champions.

[...] 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, including by:

(a) Working with the Executive Secretary and the current and incoming Presidents of the Conference of the Parties to coordinate the annual high-level event referred to in paragraph 121 above;

(b) Engaging with interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including to further the voluntary initiatives of the Lima-Paris Action Agenda;

(c) Providing guidance to the secretariat on the organization of technical expert meetings referred to in paragraph 111(a) above and paragraph 129(a) below.

As the appointed champions of global climate action:

- We believe that we need to, inter alia, be an interface between action on the ground and the UNFCCC negotiation process, and 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 from developing country Parties and non-Party stakeholders;
- We are committed to working with all Parties and non-Party stakeholders, to respecting the principles of inclusiveness and transparency, and to promoting innovation.

¹ Part IV, Enhanced Action Prior to 2020, paragraphs 105–132, and Part V, Non-Party stakeholders, paragraphs 133–136.



We will present, at COP 22, a joint report on climate action and on the implementation of this road map.

OUR TASKS:

(a) *Engaging with interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders, including furthering the voluntary initiatives of the Lima–Paris Action Agenda*

(i) Building on existing initiatives, and supporting new and more geographically diverse initiatives

We believe it is important that we build upon the achievements of the Lima–Paris Action Agenda, which mobilized more than 70 transformational initiatives involving almost 10,000 players from 180 countries, including over 7,000 local authorities and 2,000 businesses. An unprecedented number of commitments were made across a diverse range of thematic areas such as agriculture, buildings, energy, forests, innovation, resilience, short-lived climate pollutants and transport. Hundreds of billions of US dollars were redirected to invest in the transition towards a low-carbon and resilient economy. Over 7,000 local authorities made ambitious, operational commitments to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Thousands of local leaders, business leaders and civil society figures travelled to Paris to show their commitment and present their solutions and proposals.

However, we believe that more can be done, in particular, to actively include in this process more representatives from national and local governments, businesses and civil society from developing countries. We intend to ensure that they are fully engaged and represented in the global climate action agenda.

We also wish to ensure that, in line with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, we bring in more initiatives and proposals focusing on adaptation and climate resilience, as well as on the reorientation of financial flows.

We also wish to recall that innovation is of critical importance, and we plan to fully support initiatives that foster innovation.

(ii) Connecting initiatives and coalitions with national action plans such as nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

We are actively engaging all climate action coalitions and leading initiatives. We strongly believe that now is the time to consolidate and streamline support for climate action and empower civil society at large to get on with the job of delivery and scaling up results.

Our focus will be on supporting those initiatives that have the greatest impact on the ground, consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.



In particular, we will be encouraging a stronger connection between voluntary coalitions and initiatives, national action plans and, in particular, nationally determined contributions (NDCs) of Parties, and the implementation of the sustainable development goals.

In some Parties, NDCs are already a vehicle for pre-2020, as well as post-2020, action; other Parties, mostly developing countries, need support to implement their NDCs; finally, some Parties may wish to review their NDCs in light of the long-term goals now embedded in the Paris Agreement.

As NDCs become the framework for policy planning, and are turned into investment plans, it is essential that sectoral initiatives (in transport, building, energy and other sectors), as well as business and subnational commitments and actions, support NDCs and allow for additional actions. Initiatives will prove most useful when they enable the implementation of NDCs and their progressive increase in ambition.

We will be calling for contributions from actors in all sectors to generate solutions that can help governments to implement what they have committed to and to extend them further.

Finally, in line with the Paris Agreement (article 4, paragraph 19) and decision 1/CP.21, we will launch a new voluntary initiative on low-emission development strategies for all interested Parties and non-Party stakeholders. We strongly believe that going through the process of developing a mid-century strategy will help countries, cities, regions, businesses, investors and all actors to understand what it takes to achieve the long-term goals embedded in the Paris Agreement while implementing the sustainable development goals:

- At the national level, it will help to design and implement short-term actions aligned with the long-term objective, avoid lock-in and embark on a truly cost-effective emission reduction pathway (as opposed to only minimizing the short-term costs of action);
- At the international level, it will help to identify the benefits of international cooperation (on finance, technology and policy) and how to tap into these benefits.

(iii) Bringing more transparency, tracking results and demonstrating credibility

Initiatives will continue to be self-organized; it is important that they maintain some degree of independence from the UNFCCC process and governments in general. Governments will also continue to have bilateral interactions with their respective civil society representatives, as well as with global networks.



However, initiatives are seeking a form of official recognition, as a way to enable them to better pursue their goals; they are also looking for ways to feed into the UNFCCC negotiation process, and to interact better with governments.

We need to help Parties and non-Party stakeholders achieve the recognition they seek. At the same time, we need to ensure that these initiatives and coalitions achieve the targets they set themselves, that these targets are really consistent with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and that actors are actually doing what it takes to achieve the commitments they made.

Therefore, we intend to work with Parties and non-Party stakeholders to consolidate transparency of action and tracking of implementation to demonstrate the credibility of voluntary initiatives and coalitions.

We will undertake wide consultation with Parties and non-Party stakeholders to receive their proposals on how to move forward with appropriate arrangements for institutional support of the global climate action agenda, as well as arrangements for monitoring the transparency of voluntary initiatives and coalitions and the actions of non-Party stakeholders that are both 'light-touch' and efficient.

(b) Providing guidance to the secretariat on the organization of technical expert meetings, and working with the Executive Secretary and the current and incoming Presidents of the Conference of the Parties to coordinate annual high-level events

This year's main milestone and focal moment of climate action will be the High Level Event on Climate Action in Marrakech at COP 22. We intend to use the event to its full potential and invite leaders and stakeholders to actively prepare for and engage in it.

Technical expert meetings (TEMs) and the summary for policymakers should also play new roles in this dynamic, finding their specific added values and formats. There is a need to build an aligned and integrated process with TEMs, the high-level event and the actions of champions.

TEMs are not stand-alone meetings, and constitute great opportunities for technical exchanges in the spirit of cooperation. They could feed high-level events, either directly – by identifying specific recommendations of commitments – or indirectly – by incubating solutions for the action agenda or helping multi-stakeholder initiatives to gather more partners. To do so, TEMs should be concrete, focused and planned, with inputs from initiatives of the action agenda.

We have, and we will be making, more proposals to ensure that TEMs are more solution oriented. We also believe that participation should be broader so that, in particular, policymakers from all countries can have, if they so desire, a more direct participation



and more diverse interaction tools (such as live webcasts, question and answer sessions, webinars, etc.).

In the lead-up to COP 22, we will convene informal dialogues with Parties, key experts and thought leaders from around the world. We have requested that the secretariat make information on these events available on the UNFCCC website (<http://newsroom.unfccc.int/climate-action/global-climate-action-agenda/#Events>). We look forward to active engagement in these events in order to develop the tools and partnerships necessary to truly have, in Marrakech, a COP session of action and solutions that drive the global climate action agenda forward.

The summary for policymakers that the UNFCCC secretariat is to prepare, in consultation with the champions, is to be published at least two months in advance of each session of the COP, and will serve as an input for the high-level event and the champions' joint report at COP 22. The summary will include *"information on specific policies, practices and actions representing best practices and with the potential to be scalable and replicable, and on options to support their implementation, as well as on relevant collaborative initiatives"*.

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H.E. Ambassador Laurence Tubiana

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H.E. Minister Delegate Hakima El Haite