

Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) feedback to High Level champions

*Q1. How would you define success of the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership in terms of **enhancing ambition in the next 5 years and beyond?***

- Develop the Pathways for the Human Settlements track and restructure them to create a tool known, accessible and used by all stakeholders to help increase the level of ambition and track action in the five years ahead and beyond 2025.
- Increase the number of partners actively engaging in the MPGCA and in the Race to Zero, thus creating a global movement and collective impact that will be manifested and measured by the growth in commitment and in concrete and measurable implementation actions.
- Measure the success and use of tools developed: pathways, Nazca portal participation, website, yearbook and adjust development according to needs.
- Ensure that the link is made to the SDGs timeline and 2030 agenda and track progress over the years.
- Develop a Model role (action at home), a witness role (of progress), and be a motivator (to do more faster).

*Q2. How can the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership add the most value and **complement existing efforts to drive ambition and transformation in the next 5 years and beyond?***

- Help facilitate cross-cutting action both across sectors that do not yet sufficiently cooperate; between the MPGCA groups and between these groups and the two cross cutting themes which are resilience and finance for COP26.
- Facilitate greater engagement between the MPGCA partners and the Parties by helping build a bridge between the green and the blue zone actors and spread the message among non parties actors and more widely, including the general public.
- Amplify the visibility and call for urgency in key sectors such as Buildings and Construction that are not yet fully taking action at the scale and pace needed to reach the Paris Agreement goals as there still seems to be a large gap between potential and actual actions.

*Q3. How can the High-Level Champions enhance **collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders** to further catalyze global climate action?*

*a) **How can Parties benefit** from the action resulting from the Global Climate Action movement and how can this action best be reflected in the work of the High-Level Champions?*

- Engage in co-creation of policies and strategies as well as implementation both on national and regional level. They can benefit from the exchange that has been initiated between countries through Regional roundtables and establishment of GlobalABC regional and national roadmaps and follow up within the MPGCA by engaging in the vertical integration of policies at the city level.

- Establish regular exchanges in the lead up to the COP inviting parties as opposed as today's focus on the COP events during the ten days window.
- Help increase legibility of COP events: avoid the overlap of schedules leading to competition between events. Create Event passport with short descriptions of all sessions may help attract more people, beyond the typical captive audience already dealing with the area. The events could be filmed and broadcasted on websites, or transformed into short statement films.

*b) How can the **COP and the UNFCCC process** be more effective in the **collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders** to further catalyze global climate action?*

- Engage in fewer but more impactful high-level dialogues, structured around cross-cutting issues such as resilience and adaptation, finance, health, circular economy and others. Importantly, most commitments are made on city, not on country level.
- Support events which bring together different line ministries, such as buildings and housing, transport, cities, agriculture, health to list a few.
- Non-Party stakeholders could support Parties by demonstrating that solutions are available and pointing to what enabling conditions they need to bring them to scale. Party stakeholders could support non-parties by setting clear targets and market conditions, enabling roll out of solutions. Together, they help increase the effectiveness of action by spurring public-private partnerships.

*c) How could the **High-Level Champions** through their work in accelerating action and ambition of non-Party stakeholders most effectively contribute to the global stocktake of the Paris Agreement?*

- Rely on the HLC strong network of parties and non parties engaged in the Race to Zero initiative and coordinate with the GlobalABC diversified network of members and other RTZ partners' contributions to increase collective action.
- Support to initiatives such as the planned Real Estate Climate Pavillion, which will help put focus on a key sector through a series of events and a Ministerial declaration and participate on the opening day and with the outreach to private company sponsors.
- Help ensure that high level representatives assist on some more technical events by being present in person during the event.
- Disseminate the work of the MPGCA by quoting it in speeches, in press conferences, in the medias, but there is also the need to enhance accessibility to the internet site for Parties, possibly by having a dedicated access and page.

*Q4. On the basis of experience so far, how can the **Marrakech Partnership** be improved for enhancing ambition, including through new and existing tools?*

- Pathways development currently engaged as a good way to enhance ambition and provide a living tool which can be used and easily accessed by different stakeholders and which covers all sectors and builds synergies and dialogues between the seven MPGCA tracks and two cross cutting tracks.

- Establish in a joint engagement strategy for the Regional Climate Weeks that could link to the Pathways, the TEM sessions and the regional Roadmaps to pave the way for COP26. Regional Climate Weeks highlight the importance of urgent action in the Buildings and Construction sector and catalyse political will through sharing of experiences. Build greater synergies, benefitting from attendance to the Climate Weeks and pooling resources that we have.
- Continue to hold regular meetings and provide updates on advancement (minutes, chat box, powerpoint) on the website. Regularly report on cross sectoral track advancement and include results into groups work. Organise exchange between sectorial group leads and communicate on identified speakers for the events for each track.
- Assist countries in taking up city action and ambition in NDCs – so countries commit to vertical integration (especially important for buildings). The HLC can also help giving essential sector such as buildings that can make a real difference in climate mitigation and adaptation a voice by showcasing its importance and corresponding members' work, e.g. insights from our GlobalABC Global Status Report and NDC guide.