

Feedback on how to improve the Marrakech Partnership for enhancing ambition

The Climate Group welcomes the opportunity to reflect on the current state of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action ([letter](#) from High-Level Champions) and feed into the strategy for the upcoming years.

1. 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?

The Marrakech Partnership (MP) finds its strength not only in its members but also in the global leadership of its High-Level Champions and the support and guidance of a committed team at the UNFCCC.

The Climate Group believes that recent changes and improvements in its governance and coordination activities are a step in the right direction, and that the Race to Zero campaign, in particular, went the extra mile in mobilising the non-Party stakeholders that committed to net-zero emissions by 2050, demonstrating exponential growth. Successful campaigns, such as Race to Zero, can really galvanise actors to take credible, ambitious climate action that follows science and delivers the Paris Agreement.

We encourage the High-Level Champions to continue to make net-zero the new gold standard of climate action and, most importantly, to take this vision internationally and engage with as many non-Party actors as possible, in close collaboration with existing initiatives. An important component of future success will also be the extent to which progress made at the non-Party levels can inform national action and how the Marrakech Partnership's initiatives can inform NDCs more closely and in a collaborative spirit.

We look forward to working closely with the Champions to further build out the Race to Zero campaign across key thematic systems, such as energy, transport, built environment, industry and food, building on the strength of existing initiatives such as EP100, EV100 and RE100.

2. 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?

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In terms of business engagement, we recommend that the Champions and the Partnership focus efforts on promoting the We Mean Business Coalition's priority initiatives, namely EP100, EV100, RE100 and Science-Based Targets. It is important to have a concise and consistent set of asks for businesses. As the organisation running three of these four initiatives, we would ask the Champions to involve the Climate Group closely in all strategic discussions relating to engaging businesses on these areas.

As well as encouraging more businesses to make commitments, the Champions have a valuable role to play in showcasing the ambitious commitments, concrete action and advocacy effort of existing members across these initiatives, especially to encourage greater ambition from national governments in their NDCs.

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

The High-Level Champions are in a unique position to work closely with the COP Presidencies and the non-Party stakeholders. Therefore, their responsibilities are twofold:

1. Bringing the non-Party stakeholders' voice and action into (or at least closer to) the UNFCCC process.
2. Encourage and catalyse further non-Party stakeholder action that could provide the confidence for national governments to enhance their climate action.

There is a significant gap between achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 and the current level of climate ambition by national governments. This gap can be closed by the efforts of non-Party stakeholders, however better coordination is needed between the two groups. We believe that the High-Level Champions could play a role in facilitating conversations around NDCs through meetings and/or webinars. During their outreach, High-Level Champions could bring together stakeholders with national governmental officials to ensure that members of the MP are heard by those who negotiate under the UNFCCC process.

High-Level Champions could also contribute to accelerating climate action by bringing together investors with green project ideas. Linking investors and funders with actors who ensure action on the ground could significantly enhance non-Party stakeholders' efforts.

We are also supportive of reviewing how to best profile the MP externally in order to ensure that non-Party stakeholder actions are properly recognised both at the national and international level.