

## **Submission by the Land Use Action Group under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action**

### **To the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Concerning the feedback to the High-Level Champions on how to improve the work under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for enhancing ambition (Decision 1/CP.25)**

The Land Use Action Group welcomes and appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to the High-Level Champions on how to improve the work under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MPGCA) for enhancing ambition (decision 1/CP.25 para 28). The Land Use Action Group and its members will continue to support the MPGCA to identify areas of synergies between our respective activities.

This submission documents answers to the guiding questions provided by the High-Level Champions.

#### **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?**

**Focusing on showcasing action and implementation.** The MPGCA should increase its focus on spurring implementation and how to reach goals in countries via non-state actors action. Action events should be the opportunity to show results of on-going implementation. Action events during regional climate weeks and annual United Nations Climate Change Conferences should showcase tools, new platforms, and knowledge, with less content on best practices and examples of success of on-the-ground implementation. In that sense, the format and content of the events could be revised. Thematic action events could be transformed into a mix of action-oriented session and hands-on technical workshops that share and teach best practices to facilitate capacity building and information exchange.

**Strengthening bottom-up initiatives.** While the climate action and change is rapidly progressing at the High-Level, there should be more focus and support to action on the ground by farmers, cooperatives and small entrepreneurs. The High-Level Champions should be inclusive in their approach and work with all level actors, and not only leaders of states and large companies.

**Transparent reporting and clearer action pathways.** The success of the of the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership includes creating clear pathways toward 1.5 degrees and taking concrete actions along those pathways- including transparent reporting of actions by Party and non-Party stakeholders. We suggest creating and disseminating templates and platforms for such reporting and (as below) utilizing existing networks – for instance, the Lima Nazca Platform, with whom the MPGCA seems to be disconnected. Furthermore, there should be clear identification of how the High-Level Champions and the MPGCA will directly contribute to potential pathway to increase accountability.

**Recognizing and endorsing existing initiatives that can move the needle.** The involvement and integration of existing initiatives, for example Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi), should be strengthened. The efforts should be focused on utilizing the existing initiatives among MPGCA and creating synergies rather than creating new ones.

#### **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?**

**Leveraging the expertise of the MPGCA group to strengthen implementation instead of pushing for more pledges.** It is crucial to capitalize on the technical expertise of the MPGCA stakeholders to work with countries and develop roadmaps and implementation plans on how to achieve what is already pledged. There should be a link between Global Climate Action and the support that is available to countries. In that way, the MPGCA can become an important platform to drive the implementation.

**An integrated approach for Land Use.** The High-Level Champions and the MPGCA should not endorse siloing Land Use, Land Use Change and Forests (LULUCF), agriculture and food systems into separate subsectors, but highlight more integrated landscape approach and the synergies that exist between them. The current

Climate Action Pathway for Land Use also seems to be rigidly divided into these subsectors along with the mitigation and adaptation lines.

**Focusing on learning and information exchange.** The MPGCA can use its capacity of convening different sectors, stakeholders (including Parties and non-Parties), and the legitimacy of the UNFCCC to contribute to a global exchange of lessons learned and information. Action engenders learning, which can then be shared to spur more action, i.e. best practices for Parties to mobilize and draw on non-Party actors to facilitate the implementation.

**Transparent and coherent vision, objectives, outputs and outcomes** defined in the Work Programme. While vision and objectives are reflected in [2020-2021 Work Programme](#) assuring continuity of the priorities<sup>1</sup> defined in 2019, outputs, outcomes, activities, and work plan for the stakeholders of the Marrakech Partnership, The High-Level Champions, and the UNFCCC Secretariat are missing. Biannual Marrakech Partnership Coordination Meetings should be used to develop more concrete work programme using a logical framework approach involving all key actors e.g. stakeholders of the Marrakech Partnership, facilitators of the action groups, the High-Level Champions, and the UNFCCC Secretariat. A clear work programme would bring multiple benefits, including increased transparency among stakeholders and clarity of Marrakech Partnership's work to the new partners and stakeholders.

**Stronger engagement with other workstreams and discussions under the UNFCCC.** Discussions under the Marrakech Partnership of Global Climate Action, within and outside COP, are separated for the ones taking place between Parties during the climate negotiations and various technical workshops. Official discussions on *Article 6 under the Paris Agreement*, [Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture \(KJWA\)](#), [Nairobi Work Programme on Impacts, Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change](#), [Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage Associated with Climate Change Impacts \(WIM\)](#), [Enhanced Lima Work Programme on Gender and its Gender Action Plan \(LWPG and GAP\)](#) and others. The existing tools used by the Marrakech Partnership to report climate action, including Thematic Climate Action Pathways, Yearbook for Global Climate Action, Nazca Platform, thematic action events should be used to inform Parties and delegates as part of the discussions and work listed above.

### **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?*

**Standardized accounting frameworks for Party and non-Party stakeholders.** To ensure that Parties benefit from non-Party action that takes place in their countries. The High-Level Champions can facilitate the process by helping non-Party stakeholders to agree to a standardized and central forum for reporting on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, broken down by country of operations. This could be guided by e.g. the GHG Protocol or similar existing initiatives if stakeholders deem them sufficient.

*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?*

**Providing space for engagement and informal exchanges between Party and non-Party stakeholders during COP and throughout the year.** This would include more informal sitting areas and cafes at COP venue. Furthermore, there should be dedicated fora for safe networking through virtual workshops and discussion groups throughout the year.

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<sup>1</sup> (1) strengthening collaboration among national government and non-Party stakeholders; (2) broadening participation; (3) creating enabling conditions for breakthroughs in ten tipping points for system transformation; (4) following up on and ensuring continuity and coherence; and (5) tracking progress, impacts, results and identifying best practices and lessons learned.

**The need for inclusive leadership within process**, with legitimacy coming from demonstrating value-add to Party and non-Party stakeholders, from having the right combination of stakeholders present and participating, and from creating an efficient process to drive ambition.

*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?*

The High-Level Champions should strengthen the collaboration with existing initiatives, such as CDP, SBTi, Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the GHG Protocol to ensure that accounting is standardized and transparent, that it allows for a "bridge period" where certain types of carbon credits can be traded to allow for collaboration between Party and non-Party stakeholders.

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

**Clearer and more transparent membership, values and mandates.** In order to attract more diverse Party and non-Party stakeholders, the High-Level Climate Champions and the UNFCCC Secretariat should establish a clear mechanism and principles on how one can become a member of the Marrakech Partnership. There should be clear understanding of who is part of the Partnership and High-Level Champions' teams and what the mandates of each respective group are. Such information should be made available in the UNFCCC web portal dedicated to the Marrakech Partnership as well as communicated to the current stakeholders. Furthermore, outlining a narrative of the value-added to becoming a member would be important to attract more stakeholders from the Global South and other levers (subnational governments, private sector, finance sector).

**Visibility and accessibility for implementing climate action.** It could serve as a space to link Parties with non-Party stakeholders, including private sector companies and experts, to provide assistance for implementing climate action plans.

**Strengthening NAZCA** to provide clear milestones and updates on tracking progress.