



GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION HIGH LEVEL EVENT STATEMENT BY EU - MINISTER ANDREJ VIZJAK, SLOVENIA

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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.

Let me start by thanking the High-Level Champions Gonzalo Muñoz and Nigel Topping and their team for their extraordinary efforts these past two years. Congratulations on the success of your work!

Despite the challenges the world has experienced during the pandemic, you have managed to strengthen the spirit of the Marrakech Partnership and showcased ways we can enhance global climate action.

Non-state Actors are showing us that we are making progress towards the Paris Agreement goals and urging us to embrace the opportunities in the transition to climate neutrality.

We welcome their further efforts towards the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement. Strengthening linkages between intergovernmental and non-state action is key for the exponential changes we need, therefore aligning the work of the Marrakech Partnership with the ambition cycle of the Paris Agreement is very important to us.

At this COP, we have seen a very inspiring programme across the Marrakech Partnership activities. The EU was happy to endorse the Glasgow Breakthrough among other commitments taken these last days. We have seen widespread engagement from youth to business leaders and civil society here in Glasgow.

For the European Union it is important that we continue strengthening and improving the Marrakech Partnership. We think the new priorities you propose are very good ones.

Non-state action includes not only systemic changes but also personal action. For the green transitions to accelerate so that we make it on time, we need everyone on board. This is the objective of the European Climate Pact.

Its motto 'My World. My Action. Our Planet.' helps to bring climate action to the worlds we live in – as citizens, parents, employees and employers. To see what climate change means to "me in my world and what can I do about it". Because every action counts.

And it works: we already have well over 500 Ambassadors – volunteers who spread inspiration and action in their communities. We are also collecting pledges that go beyond legal requirements and that turn all types of organisations into multipliers of climate information and action by engaging employees and value chains in the green transition and through other innovative climate initiatives.

Finally, let me conclude by expressing support for your work as High-Level Champions. You are inspiring so many people around the world and we are proud of the outcomes under the Marrakech Partnership we have achieved at this session.

Thank you!