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OPENING - COP 31 GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA
FROM MOMENTUM TO SCALE

Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026 **| Time:** 17:00-18:45**| Room:** Special Event Room 4 - Perge

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Ten years ago, the Marrakech Partnership was established on a shared recognition: achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement requires action across the whole of society. Since then, governments, cities, businesses, investors, civil society and communities have worked together to turn climate ambition into action. COP 30 marked an important step in this journey, renewing the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) with a stronger focus on implementation and scaling solutions that are already delivering results across 6 thematic axes. Now, COP 31 offers an opportunity to build on this momentum for faster and wider implementation.

As the opening of the GCA programme at COP 31, the event will bring together the climate action community to reflect on progress since COP 30 and, above all, look ahead to what is needed to accelerate implementation in the years ahead. Ten years since the establishment of the Marrakech Partnership provides an important moment to reflect on how global climate action has evolved, while keeping the focus firmly on the next phase. The event will also celebrate the **launch of the 2026 Yearbook for Global Climate Action** and inform on the evidence of progress by the GCAA.

Bringing together leadership perspectives and experiences from the COP 30 and COP 31 Presidencies, Climate High-Level Champions and actors implementing climate action, the event will connect lessons from the past with priorities for the future and open the COP 31 GCA programme with a clear message: **build on what is working, address persistent gaps and barriers, and accelerate solutions towards greater scale and impact.** The event aims to set:

- **A clear direction for the COP 31 GCA programme**, building on progress and lessons from COP 30 and the Marrakech Partnership's ten-year experience, while focusing attention on the implementation priorities and opportunities ahead.
- **Continuity and collective leadership** between the COP 30 and COP 31 Presidencies and Climate High-Level Champions, including meaningful recognition of COP 30 Climate High-Level Champion's contribution and a forward-looking transition to the leadership of COP 31 Climate High-Level Champion.
- **Greater momentum among the broader Marrakech Partnership and GCAA community**, with Parties and non-Party stakeholders invited to use COP 31 to demonstrate progress, exchange implementation experience, strengthen collaboration and accelerate solutions across the 6 GCAA axes, and **introduce the new identity of the GCAA**.

Time	Segment
17:00 -17:05	Global Climate Action Agenda Energizer Video
17:05 -17:15	**1. Setting the Scene: What Comes Next** *Setting the stage for the programme ahead: building on progress and experience from COP 30 while looking firmly at what the next phase of global climate action can deliver; and introducing the new identity of the GCAA* ● **Ms. Kay Merce**, Manager for Engagement, UNFCCC secretariat
17:15 -17:20	**2. Passing the Baton: Progress and Lessons for the Next Chapter** *Drawing on progress, in particular informing the launch of the 2026 Yearbook, and experience to identify the lessons, opportunities and priorities that can help shape the next phase of global climate action and open the GCA programme* ● **Mr. Dan Ioschpe**, COP 30 Climate High-Level Champion
17:20 -17:50	**3. What Progress Looks Like in Practice - Voices from Climate Action** *Four voices from across the climate action community showcase tangible solutions, approaches and partnerships across the six GCA axes, highlighting how implementation can be accelerated, enabling conditions strengthened and impact scaled across climate, nature and people* **Moderator: Ms. Mariana Castaño Cano, International Journalist and Communications Expert, 10 Billion Solutions** ● **Mr. Nurdin Bilal Juma**, Mayor of Dar es Salaam City Council, Tanzania ● **Mr. Andreas Follér**, CSO, TRATON GROUP ● **Ms. Lena Julle**, CSO, Inter IKEA Group ● **Ms. Hailey Campbell**, Executive Director, Care About Climate
17:50-18:10	**4. Belém - Antalya - Addis: Building Forward Together** *Continuity between successive COPs and a shared commitment to advancing implementation.* ● **H.E. Dr. Fitsum Assefa Adela**, COP 32 Presidency, Minister of Finance, Ethiopia (TBC) ● **H.E. Fatma Varank**, CEO, COP 31 Presidency, Deputy Minister of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, Türkiye ● **Ms. Ana Toni**, CEO, COP 30 Presidency, Brazil
18:10-18:30	**Closing** ● **Cultural performance: Flow**