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Outcome Document

Action Event: Transport

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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13:00 – 15:45

Action Room 1 (Blue Zone)

Organised by the MPGCA Transport Thematic Group and the Champions Team

MPGCA Transport: Zero Carbon Transitions: Ambitions and Actions in the Transport Sector

SECTION 1 - ACTION EVENT

Key Messages:

The key messages conveyed in the Transport Action Event include the need for greater co-operation and collaboration, especially between governments and the private sector, as well as among businesses and other stakeholder groups. No country or individual business can decarbonise the transport sector alone and everyone needs to participate in the transition to zero carbon. Changes in mindset and behaviour will be critical moving forward, including the mindset of investors, as decarbonising transport infrastructure has to be financed in both developing and developed countries. Solutions will especially need to be affordable for developing countries. For passenger transport, different modes, such as public transport, walking and cycling will also need to be integrated and linked to transport networks. Electric mobility will play a more significant role and not just for private automobiles, but also for two- and three-wheelers and buses for public transport. In addition, the transition to zero carbon has to be just and inclusive, with people's needs at the centre. Decarbonising transport measures should also be coupled with Covid-19 recovery, where the transport workforce must be built back in a more resilient manner, while closing the gender gap in transport. Lastly, decarbonising transport action must improve the quality of life, which goes beyond transport technology development.

Outcomes:

1. Endorse and drive action aligned with the Marrakech Partnership Climate Action Pathways

The programme of the event was designed with the Marrakech Partnership Climate Action Pathway for Transport in mind. Key components from the Pathway were therefore further developed to construct each of the three thematic sessions on the transitions and actions required to achieve zero carbon transport that is sustainable, resilient, healthy, and inclusive in the long term. The event highlighted specific measures already included in the Transport Pathway and further identified key priorities for different stakeholders.

2. Generate Convergence around campaigns, Race to Zero, Race to Resilience, Race to Zero breakthroughs

Most of the speakers representing the private sector who were invited to participate in the Transport Action Event are also members of the Race to Zero campaign. All five sessions also highlighted the sense of urgency, the level of commitment required and the need to address both mitigation and resilience in the transport sector at the same time.

3. Strengthen the quality and depth of dialogues and collective action between non-Party stakeholders and governments

The event provided a platform for multi-stakeholder engagement, where participants included national and local governments, businesses, intergovernmental organisations, transport associations, and NGOs. In addition, the participants represented all major transport sectors, including road, rail, aviation, and maritime transport, and modes, including automobile, two-wheelers, walking, cycling, and public transport. The design of the programme had already identified specific themes, such as electrification, Covid-19 recovery and just transition, which further strengthened the quality and depth of dialogues by identifying possible synergies among stakeholder groups and across transport modes.

4. Demonstrate action and evidence of transformation across diverse parties of the NPS community

The Transport Action Event at COP26 enabled diverse parties of the NPS community to engage in panel sessions that are not transport mode specific. Discussion outcomes reflected national strategies and commitments, including Chile's regional corridors for electric mobility, innovative business models and public transport development, the UK's transport decarbonisation plan, India's support of the electrification of two wheelers and public transport, Brazil's goal to reach carbon neutrality in 2060, and Ethiopia's plans for electric mobility and public transport expansion. Industry's goals, such as developing compatible engines with sustainable aviation fuels by 2023 and the need to align the energy and transport sectors to have energy distribution systems ready for increased charging

demand for electric vehicles. On-going partnerships, such as the Transition Playbook for Electromobility, which will be brought forward to COP27, also demonstrated the transformation of the sector.

SECTION 2 - PROGRESS AND OUTLOOK

Overview of progress in 2021

Major political, economic and social developments that have affected the transport sector are closely related to the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, which has affected the sector significantly. The coupling of Covid-19 recovery measures with decarbonising transport action has thus been recognised by MP stakeholders. The building of more resilient and sustainable transport connectivity can be achieved through decarbonisation and digitalisation measures, which have expanded throughout the transport sector since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Some examples of the commitments announced in 2021 are shown below.

Road Transport

- 100% Electric Vehicle (EV) sales commitments for light duty vehicles (LDVs): GM (2035), Volvo (2030), Ford Europe (2030), Mercedes-Benz (2030), BYD Global (2035), JLR (2025-2035), Rolls Royce, Fiat (2030), Hyundai EU, China, US (2040), Audi (2032), Honda China (2030). (Not verified but likely Nissan 2030s, VW EU 2035)
- 5.5 million vehicles are part of fleet owners that are committed to EV100 (electrification and EV charging commitments by 2030)
- 34 cities globally have committed to zero emission bus purchases and zero emission zones as part of C40 green and healthy streets declaration

Shipping

- Maersk is the only shipowner to sign up to Race to Zero through Science Based Targets (Business Ambition for 1.5C) although many other stakeholders in the maritime ecosystem have (e.g Financiers, Customers, Classification Societies)
- The Getting to Zero Coalition (GtZ) launched the Call to Action with over 150 shipping CEOs calling on World leaders to provide the policy enabling environment
- Many other shipping companies have set net-zero by 2050 corporate targets outlined in the GtZ report accompanying the Call to Action

Aviation

- Over 60 signatories including 10 airlines have signed up to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Clean Skies Ambition Statement which is aligned with the Climate Champions breakthrough target of 10% SAF usage by 2030. In addition, all oneworld alliance members have committed to the 10% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) target

Action during 2022

- To bring more entities and voices from developing countries into the overall work of the MPGCA Transport Thematic Group, with a focus on Africa as the host region of COP27, by leveraging the wide network of existing members.
- To ensure stronger collaboration with other thematic groups, primarily by organising exchanges and events that bring these key stakeholders together and collaborating on cross-cutting themes to capture synergies, exchange knowledge on best practice, development action on the ground and efforts towards COP27.
- To further sensitise partners and other stakeholders to the important work of the MPGCA, with a particular focus on the expansion of key platforms, such as the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience campaigns and the Climate Action Pathway for Transport to include concrete implementation actions that will support current transport commitments and targets.