

## PRIORITIES

- Q1. Do the above priorities adequately reflect what needs to be done to accelerate pre-2020 action and support enhanced ambition, adaptation, resilience and support? If not, how could they be refined? In the context of the priorities, could specific actions be taken to achieve the desired outcomes?

My observations: I think building awareness should be one of the priorities. The partnership is not well known by the public including critical groups like workers, farmers, local governments, research and academicians, indigenous people, etc. The main objective is not to increase interaction between state and non-state actors; the ultimate objective is to ensure people in workplaces, communities, research and academic institutions, local government are involved. Increasing the interaction is just a mean of achieving this.

- Q2. How could interaction and communication between Parties and non-Party stakeholders be enhanced? How could the high-level champions contribute to that enhancement?

My observations: In 1992 during the first Earth Summit nine (9) major groups were recognized as key partners in the search for sustainable development. However, so far the Marrakech Partnership has not fully adopted this system. The same mistake is happening in some other UN processes e.g. in UNCCD. The Major Group system though not 100% perfect but has demonstrated the inclusion of many non-state actors. UNEP has a Department of CSO at its head office in Nairobi and has used this system in many other processes including during Rio+20, UNFCCC negotiations, SAICM, etc. The 9 major groups are: women, NGOs (Public Interest), Indigenous People, Workers and Trade Unions, Local Governments, Business and Industry, Farmers, Research and Academia and Children and Youth. To increase the interaction you need a balanced representation of these major groups otherwise the interaction will be between NGOs and states only.

- Q3. What obstacles and barriers do you face in taking enhanced action and engaging stakeholders?

My observations: Enhanced actions and engagements required adequate and reliable financial mechanism, a sound communication and information exchange mechanism, designation of coal points, joint program of actions, regular meetings (online and face to face), sound knowledge and skills on the subject matter and a positive mind set towards one another. To me these are the main challenges that I am facing.

- Q4. What could the high-level champions and the Marrakech Partnership do to increase Parties' access to relevant experts and resources?

My observations: The focus should not be on parties alone but on what the champions can do to increase access to experts and resources to all (state and non-state actors). The champions can mobilize resources and recruit experts and task them to carry out capacity building programs for

all stakeholders. The champions can also develop a list of relevant experts and different sources of funding and circulate it amongst parties and other stakeholders.

- Q5. How can non-Party stakeholders best support Parties and vice versa in the implementation of the Paris Agreement?

My observations: Non-Party stakeholders have traditional roles that they play better than Parties. These include awareness raising and monitoring implementation. These are the two roles that they can carry-out to support Parties.

#### **THEMATIC AND CROSS CUTTING ISSUES**

- Q6. Considering each of the thematic areas, cross-cutting areas, SDGs and priorities outlined in the indicative work programme, should any specific high-impact topics that address the greatest needs of Parties be discussed?

thematic areas (energy, land use, human settlements, industry, transport, water, and oceans and coastal zones) with specific cross-cutting areas (finance, health, resilience, gender, education and decent work) and SDGs.

My observations: It is my view that an important topic such as decent employment is ignored or given the back seat in the indicative program of work. I would also like to see issues related to chemical and plastic pollution of water, oceans and coastal zones be given a much higher priority. Possibly linking the work of the Champions to on-going initiatives such as those under the expert working groups and open-ended working groups. For example the Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics, the SAICM Open-ended Working Group on SAICM beyond 2020 and its linkage to Agenda 2030 etc.

#### **REGIONAL CLIMATE WEEKS**

- Q7. Why do you attend the regional climate weeks and what would incentivize you to participate regularly?

My observations: I did not attend the 2018 week but a colleague attended. I think it's an opportunity to carry an in-depth analysis of the regional situation. It is also an opportunity to meet state actors and establish working relationships. However, efforts should be taken to synchronize decisions or positions expressed during the climate week and those taken during Africa Regional meetings during UNFCCC COPs. The two meetings should talk to each other and not replace or undermine each other.

- Q8. Who would you like to meet at such events?

My observations: Innovators of Technology, negotiators from Parties, potential funding agencies, other Major Groups.

## **TECHNICAL EXAMINATION PROCESSES ON MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION**

Q9. Are the messages and recommendations in the summaries for policymakers useful and clear? How could they be enhanced and made more effective?

My observations: They are satisfactorily clear but they can be made more useful if they will include a step by step implementation procedure. Make them more user-friendly.

## **TRACKING AND REPORTING VOLUNTARY ACTION**

Q10. Is the Yearbook, as currently formatted and presented, a useful tool for Parties? Are the key messages clear and useful? How could it be improved?

My observations: I am satisfied

Q11. What is your feedback on the revamped NAZCA portal? Is the information useful for Parties? What other types of information and features should be added? What do you need to promote NAZCA and help mobilize non-Party stakeholders and initiatives to register their actions?

My observations: A campaign or program to promote the portal amongst non-state actors is needed.

## **MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES AT COPS**

Q12. Are the high-level and action events and round tables held at the COPs in their current format useful? How could they be made more impactful and accessible?

My observations: They are very useful however they should be made friendlier to non-state actors e.g. allowing them prior access to conference documents, allowing them to submit papers in advance, increasing intervention time from 3 to 5 minutes, etc.

## **THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CLIMATE SUMMIT IN 2019**

Q13. How can the high-level champions and the Marrakech Partnership best contribute to the Secretary-General's 2019 Climate Summit?

My observations: The champions should develop a comprehensive paper about the meeting and circulate it to all stakeholders well in advance. If resources allow the champions should organize a meeting (face to face or online) with non-state actors to collect views on different agenda items.

## **POST-2020 OUTLOOK**

Q14. Is there a need to discuss the possibility of a post-2020 role for the high-level champions? How could the current champions facilitate such discussion?

My observations: Yes the need is there and the champions can start collecting views from parties and non-parties on the post 2020 framework on climate action.

Q15. Could the high-level champions be more helpful in the implementation of the Paris Agreement beyond 2020?

My observations: Yes. They should be able to inform stakeholders on type of actions needed and/or taken in order to keep them abreast with implementation. The champions can also facilitate collection of assessments from non-state actors on the state of implementation. It will be nice if the champions produce a STATE OF PARIS AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION on a yearly basis. The report should show which type of actions are working and which ones are not working or need readjustment.

Q16. What key functions of the high-level champions would be useful to take forward beyond 2020?

My observations: Information exchange and organization of meetings