

Feedback on how to improve the Marrakech Partnership for enhancing ambition

Q1. 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?

A successful development agenda requires inclusive partnerships at the global, regional, national and local levels that are built upon principles and values, and upon shared vision goals placing people and the planet at the center. Notably, the success of the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership sounds practical and ambitious rightfully seeking a balance between reality and ambition to realize Climate Action Pathways. The consideration for cooperation through multi-stakeholder partnerships is a dedicated pathway to bring convergence and concerted outcomes for a holistic sustainable development, realizing the last Decade of Action. Augmenting the broad scope of synergies between climate change and environmental sustainability as the underlying essence of partnerships, its success is bound to provide a strong message to the global community.

Q2. 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?

These partnerships, which complement government action, allow agencies and institutions to access new knowledge, expertise, financing and resources that are often critical to advancing its work and help it to leverage skills, expertise and other resources that will support and advance its mandate. For instance, many developing and least developing countries require assistance to encourage sustainable development. Yet, aid levels are falling and donor countries have not lived up to their pledge to ramp up development initiatives, be it finance or technology. Efforts shall be made to reach a common understanding to realize leverage partnerships towards climate action at grass root level in these countries. While harnessing the partnerships at grassroots level, it is the civil society which can serve as a proactive catalyst between various agencies and the people to ensure effective implementation of the climate related endeavors. With Paris Agreement being ratified and Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 on the roll, it becomes necessary to enlighten every partner under the aegis of High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership the challenges and opportunities in the coming years. It is imperative to reflect on how societies can be made more resilient while confronting climate challenges, because transitioning towards more sustainable and resilient societies also requires an integrated approach that recognizes that climate challenges and their solutions are interrelated.

Q3. How can the High-Level Champions enhance collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders to further catalyze global climate action?

The outline of collaboration requires a more balanced approach to catalyze global climate action and implement at grass root level. Non-party stakeholders need to be meaningfully engaged and in support of cross-actor integration, coordination must be leveraged. An amicable call for effective non-party's participation shall encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships. Multi-stakeholder partnerships shall enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing and least developed countries. Global action on climate change and opportunity identifying interconnections between Parties and non-Party actors and promote learning, networking and knowledge across various levels and also help countries achieve their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and implement their national adaptation plans (NAPs). Further, it shall be ensured to highlight and address the barriers that inhibit effective participation of party and non-party stakeholders and combine synergies under a common platform Agreement because outcomes can only come by collective consensus.

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?

Actions resulting from the Climate action movement shall be action-oriented, credible, legitimate, transparent and comprehensive, understanding the current dynamics of climate change. Within a cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder context, considering interactions of UNFCCC process and follow-up of COP25 outcomes, parties can benefit from scale of the responsibilities arising from the implementation of the Paris Agreement among various party and non-party stakeholders and establish new partnerships to act on collective climate action. The work and progress of High-level Champions can be witnessed implementing resolutions and decisions under partnerships and identification of common priorities. Central to the implementations of the High-level Champions, they shall aim to support Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement implementation while adopting a broad, trans-disciplinary perspective to address climate challenges and collectively strive for 1.5C and a more resilient global space.

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?

It is essential to adopt a broad, trans-disciplinary perspective among the stakeholders to bring visible impacts at the global level. With a proper sustainable framework to negotiate and bring collective outcomes, collaborative efforts through cooperation and convergence shall create a visible impact and envisage a holistic cooperative model to catalyze global climate action for the near future. Preparation to COP26 with a follow up of outcomes envisaged in COP25 and the UNFCCC process cannot tap the potential of new best practices, such as climate-resilient approaches and science & nature-based solutions, ecosystem restoration strategies as well as their better promotion and increased implementation critical for ensuring effective climate

actions and frameworks. The Last Decade of Agenda 2030 and the climate agenda shall serve as an inspiration to streamline COP and the UNFCCC process by constructively engaging all stakeholders and international community and strengthen the tenets of Marrakech partnerships as envisaged.

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?

High-Level Champions shall foster a holistic approach noting that it cuts across essential pillars of UNFCCC framework and climate actions and strengthen focus on accelerating action rather than ambitions to realize our climate goals and targets. They shall seek to mainstream climate principles in their programme and activities and catalyze actions in support of broader UNFCCC goals. A knowledge-driven action is required to accelerate climate resilience on the ground. They shall find ways to enhance green footprint globally in an inclusive and equitable way, review progress in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions and promote information exchange among non-Party stakeholders. The focus areas considered for the preparation of the background documents and leadership dialogues facilitation of COP26 and Paris Agreement could be taken into account. High-Level Champions shall respond efficiently and effectively to party and non-party requests channeled through various communication mechanisms.

Q4. On the basis of experience so far, how can the Marrakech Partnership be improved for enhancing ambition, including through new and existing tools?

There is an urgent need to support implementation and increase the ambition of sharing and narrowing the gap between the availability of technology solutions and skills and means to use them. Sharing information transparently within stakeholders is essential to effectively inform decision-making processes, by drawing on coherent data and information systems, innovation and multi-stakeholder engagement for technical assistance. Science and Technology is a must for designing and implementing transformations to sustainable development and Marrakech Partnership must serve as a shared compass to rapidly mobilize and harness the extensive technological solutions available. Build trust through data generation, validation, standardization and information exchange for decision-making and accountability. Engaging swift responses to party/non-party requests through leveraged expertise and mobilization and Aligning technologies like Artificial intelligence, Big data to coordinate approaches under UNFCCC process as innovative approaches and tools have great potential to support climate monitoring and data assessments.