

UNFCCC COP 25

Concept Note Resilience Roundtable

Accelerating Action to Build a Resilient 1.5⁰ World

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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15:00 to 16:30

This roundtable is led by GRP and A2R with partners including BSR, Centre for Disaster Protection, FAO, FOLU, GARI/ The Lightsmith Group, GNDR, ICCCAD, ICF, InsuResilience Global Partnership, IUCN, Mercy Corps, Navigating a Changing Climate, Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, SEI, UNCTAD, UNDP, UNDRR, UN Habitat, Wetlands International, WFP, and WRI

MPGCA: RESILIENCE ROUNDTABLE

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Description:

We know that why action on resilience and adaptation is essential. We know why this is urgent and where the facts speak for themselves. Without action, climate change is predicted to:

- Affect the poorest and vulnerable the most - especially those living in least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS).
- Reduce global agriculture yields up to 30 percent by 2050.
- Increase the number of people vulnerable to food insecurity by 189 million, a 20% increase compared with today.
- Increase the number of people who lack water¹ from 3.6 billion today to more than 5 billion by 2050.
- Force hundreds of millions of people in coastal cities from their homes, with a total cost to coastal urban areas of more than \$1 trillion each year by 2050.
- Place 100 million people at risk of being pushed into poverty 2030 and another 720 million by 2050.
- Increase the cost of climate-related disasters to about USD\$520 billion per annum with a total cost of USD\$2.7 trillion in total over the next 20 years.

This is why the [UN Climate Action Summit](#) (UNCAS) issued a [Call for Action on Adaptation and Resilience](#). It is also clear that with action and investments into resilience many of these predicted impacts will not happen. Further these investments make economic sense. The [Global Commission on Adaptation](#) estimated that investing USD1.8 trillion in adaptation and resilience from 2020 to 2030 has the potential to generate USD7.1 trillion in total global net benefits.

What we need now is to translate this awareness and attention into accelerated action, and identify the best pathways to achieve this change. We know the “**Why**” and we now need to focus on the “**How**”.

This includes building momentum to advance the MPGCA Resilience and Adaptation Pathway whose headline milestones to be achieved by 2030 include:

- 1 billion people benefitting from expanding early warning systems in developing countries.
- 1 billion people supported by implementation of heatwave action plans in cities.
- 600 million urban slum dwellers are resilient and lifted out of poverty.
- 500 million vulnerable people covered against climate disasters by risk finance and insurance.
- 500 million coastal people benefit from financial and insurance products.
- 200 million smallholder farmers benefitting from adaptive/resilient technologies and practices.
- Agricultural supply chains worth USD50 billion annually are climate resilient.
- USD6 trillion per annum is invested in climate smart infrastructure (including the transport, energy and water sectors).

Purpose and Objectives:

The purpose of the roundtable is on **how to accelerate action and investment into transformative change so that those most affected by climate change**, especially people living in LDCs and SIDS, are able to thrive

¹ This is considered to be at least one month per year where water is insufficient.

and live prosperous lives in the face of climate change. It will consider on how to translate global commitments to national action, including mainstreaming resilience into national development plans including NAPs and NDCs. This roundtable will build on previous resilience events at COP24 and COP25, [Development and Climate Days](#), Global Climate Action Summit, UNCAS and [Building a Resilient Future Day](#). It has three objectives:

- To share examples on how non-state actors (especially private sector and grassroots organisations) are already accelerating action (focusing on LDCs and SIDS). These are expected to be within and across the sectors: food and agriculture; water; infrastructure; cities; energy and transport.
- To identify how the resilience and adaptation actions (including UNCAS initiatives and on-going initiatives) can be accelerated to deliver transformative change at scale, and to identify any gaps.
- To discuss how to track and learn from actions to build a resilient future², including how best practice initiatives such as MPGCA can help to achieve resilience targets at future COPs, and through fora including [Development and Climate Days](#) and [Community Based Adaptation conferences](#).

Across all of these objectives how to engage marginalised groups including women, youth and people living with disabilities thereby achieve inclusion and equitable outcomes.

Format and Speakers:

The priority for the roundtable will be for all speakers to clearly articulate how their organisations are accelerating actions to build a resilient future, and the challenges they are facing to deliver this ambition. We will proactively use this criteria (focus on how to accelerate actions) for identifying who we ask to speak at the roundtable. We do not want speakers simply to list the actions they are taking.

We will build on the very successful format of last year's resilience roundtable that brought together Foreign Ministers, Ministers, CEOs from business, heads of international and financial organisations, UN agencies, leaders of NGOs, academics, with grassroots representatives from LDCs and SIDS. We will ask speakers to address one of the following questions:

1. What on the ground examples, do we have from non-state actors (businesses and grassroots) on building resilience that ARE accelerating and going to scale?
2. How can existing initiatives, and those launched at UNCAS, be accelerating to deliver transformation change for a resilient future, and is anything missing?
3. How can we track and learn from initiatives and accelerate ambitious actions to build a resilient future?

We will again use interactive approaches to maximise the impact of the roundtable and give "voice" to all who are able to attend the event. We achieved this by asking speakers to limit their interventions to three minutes, and using Mentimeter interactive software for all in the room to share their thoughts and ideas on action. We will explore whether we can web cast and record the event to increase the roundtables impact on advancing actions to build a resilient future. We will build on the communication strengths of our partners to share the outcomes of the roundtable.

² This includes the UNFCCC Global Climate Action portal (NAZCA) to track resilience and adaptation actions.