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**Implementation Lab**  
**Concept Note**  
**“Actionable Adaptation Plans”**

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

**TIME:** 14h30

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**VENUE:** Lotus Room, Action Zone

Convened by the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership  
Led by Cities Race to Resilience and Partners (ICLEI, WRI, C40, Regions4), Cities  
Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, BCG and High-Level Champions’ Team

## MP “Breakthrough Lab”: Human Settlements

*Achieving evidence-based, Actionable Adaptation Plans as part of a robust transition in cities, states and regional governments towards building adaptation and resilience from the local level*

### Concept note

#### Background and context

The Marrakech Partnership Implementation Labs were initiated by the UN Climate Change High-Level Champions as a means to broaden and deepen regional engagement and provide a bridge with national governments. They were convened during the 2021 and 2022 Regional Climate Weeks in the Middle East and North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia-Pacific, and Africa. As part of the 5-year plan for improved Marrakech Partnership for enhancing ambition welcomed by Parties at COP 26 through the Glasgow Climate Pact, one of the key responsibilities will be to continue providing the bridge between national governments and non-Party stakeholders, demonstrating opportunities and solutions for implementation, facilitating an ambition loop and using the Climate Action Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs as the basis for collaboration. These Implementation Labs will be one of the key tools to drive this forward for Mr. Nigel Topping, High-Level Champion of the COP 26 Presidency of the United Kingdom and Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, High-Level Champion of the COP 27 Presidency of Egypt, in 2022 and beyond.

The aim of these labs is to be demand-driven based on the countries’ needs and have an open, solutions-oriented exchange between national government representatives (e.g., from implementation agencies, line ministries, etc.) and non-Party stakeholders (e.g., businesses, cities, subnational regions, investors, and civil society) in the region whose expertise can support countries in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans and long-term strategies and inform progress of cities, states and regions to the Global StockTake. By matching the priorities and needs outlined in national plans with the options for policies, technologies and solutions described in the Climate Action Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs, this will frame the collaboration around shared sectoral goals and a common purpose, and will also provide insight on how to adapt and refine the Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs to bring in the regional context and perspectives.

<b>Description</b>	A roundtable discussion with high-level speakers who will present and reflect on case studies of cities, states and regions that have had success in implementation of adaptation and resilience building actions, by <b>a)</b> understanding the challenges that cities (states and regions) face in implementation, <b>b)</b> showcasing the importance of using data (evidence) to develop new plans or to climate proof existing plans to integrate aspects of resilience across urban planning and decision making, and <b>c)</b> demonstrating the importance of collaboration (e.g. Multi-level Governance - including private sector engagement) and innovation for enhanced resilience building implementation
<b>Headline</b>	Torchbearers: From planning to action - how cities, states and regions are leading in building adaptation and resilience from the ground up
<b>Breakthrough</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 000 cities have evidence based, actionable adaptation plans in place (by 2030)</li> <li>● 100 states and regional governments have evidence based, actionable adaptation plans and actions in place (by 2030)</li> </ul>
<b>Guiding Question</b>	What case studies or examples have cities, states and regions implemented towards achieving the target breakthroughs of 10 000 cities and 100 states and regional governments have evidence based, actionable adaptation plans in place by 2030, how has this been achieved, and what are the actions that other cities, states and regions can replicate in order to accelerate these targets?
<b>Targeted Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Understanding of the importance of robust risk and vulnerability assessments, and other evidence based climate risk assessments for integrating adaptation and resilience building actions into urban planning</li> <li>● Clarity on resilience priorities considering relevant local contexts, opportunities and challenges in implementation and how collaboration with other non-Party stakeholders can help in realizing opportunities and overcoming challenges;</li> <li>● How to incorporate resilience-building principles in urban planning (e.g. nature-based solutions) to enable solution oriented strategies and plans, that deliver immediate benefits to frontline communities/constituencies;</li> <li>● Showcasing success stories: climate proofing existing plans, or co-developing new plans, and how/when this can be replicated;</li> <li>● Share knowledge and success stories on private sector engagement and/or needed funding mechanisms/innovative financial schemes that support adaptation and resilience building activities;</li> <li>● Next steps on how to ensure that the Climate Action Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs take into account the different settings and challenges of cities and their capacity/ability to integrate resilience across urban planning elements, with limited financial and/or human resources in global south cities, and nurture the collaboration around these issues.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>To showcase Race to Resilience cities, states and regions that have 1) developed R&amp;V assessments or used data available to 2) integrate aspects of adaptation and resilience into urban planning (e.g. through developing Climate Action Plans and/or other relevant policies and plans that guide decision making and mandates), and 3) can demonstrate clear, locally-led adaptation actions with links to ring-fenced funding for the activities'</p> <p><b>Deep dive into some of the challenges faced on the ground</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resources (Human/financial/technical)</li> <li>2. Data needs (collection / availability / relevance)</li> <li>3. Roles and responsibilities / mandates / governance issues</li> <li>4. Measurement of adaptation and resilience building actions (M&amp;E)</li> <li>5. Finance for the decentralized level, and urbanization</li> </ol> <p><b>Showcasing solutions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bridging the gap (e.g. 'middle-men' that provide technical and financial support) and legislation</li> <li>2. The invaluable power of nature-based solutions</li> <li>3. Innovative financing / Private sector engagement</li> <li>4. Multi-level governance (i.e. vertical and horizontal collaboration)</li> </ol>
<p><b>*Participants</b></p>	<p>Participants will be local and national government representatives, and representatives from the private sector, cities, subnational regions, financial institutions, think-tanks and research centers, and civil society who are involved in implementation. We endeavour to ensure diverse voices are represented specifically targeting youth and women.</p> <p>Expected number of people: 120</p>
<p><b>Key Action points out of the discussion</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify ways to ensure all cities, states and regions can access reliable, relevant climate data</li> <li>2. Determine ways in which technical capacity can be built and learnings shared across cities, states and regions to ensure adaptation and resilience is integrated across urban planning</li> <li>3. Understand the institutional and governance arrangements that support private sector engagement with cities, states and regions, which accelerate investment and support of adaptation and resilient urban planning</li> </ol>
<p><b>Logistics</b></p>	<p><b>Roundtable discussion</b></p>

## Draft Agenda

The 90 minute implementation labs are delivered collaboratively with Marrakech Partnership stakeholders and partners and will be a combination of a roundtable/fireside chat / plenary discussion.

Timing	Segment & Speaker	Objective/key points
<i>Pre event</i>		
14:30 - 14:35 (5 min)	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Moderator (TBC) Rogier van den Berg, Acting Global Director, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities	<i>Welcome and framing of discussion. Overview of agenda. Housekeeping/logistics. Invite participants to connect with people next to them.</i>
14:35 – 14:40 (5 min)	<b>Opening remarks</b> Dr Mohieldin, High-Level Champion of COP27 Presidency	<i>Personal welcome, then HLC briefly announces the overall breakthroughs both for Planning and Human Settlements, then focuses on framing for the specific session breakthrough</i>
14:40 – 14:43 (3 mins)	<b>Framing remarks</b> Moderator - Rogier van den Berg	<i>Framing remarks, introduce roundtable 1</i>
14:43 – 15:08 (25 mins)	<b>Roundtable discussion: Part I (Case studies)</b> <i>Showcase 5 examples of visionary leadership at city, state, region level whereby challenges related to implementing adaptation actions have been overcome and opportunities capitalised on.</i>  Moderator - Rogier van den Berg Speakers x5	High-level speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hitesh Vaidya, Director National Institute of Urban Affairs (Ministry of Housing &amp; Urban Affairs: Govt of India) (5 mins)</li> <li>2. Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Lagos State (5 mins)</li> <li>3. Mayor Chilando Chitangala, Lusaka City Council (5 mins)</li> <li>4. Mr. Eduardo Trani, Subsecretary of the Environment /SIMA, Sao Paulo, Brazil (5 mins)</li> <li>5. Mayor Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North</li> </ol>

<p>15:08 – 15:28 (20 min)</p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Part II (Reflections)</b> <i>In-depth reflective session on “What determines the success of different cities, states and regions regardless of geography in implementing evidence-based, actionable adaptation plans? In other words, what are some of the recurring, core aspects necessary for implementing and driving solutions (.e.g innovative financing, multi-level governance)</i></p>	<p>Follow up discussion on relevant sub questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICLEI (5 mins): Ms Soumya Chaturvedula, Deputy Director of ICLEI South Asia</li> <li>2. CPI representative (5 mins): Priscilla Negreiros, Manager, Cities Climate Finance Alliance</li> <li>3. Speakers respond (2 mins each)</li> </ol>
<p>15:28 – 15:50 (22 min)</p>	<p><b>Plenary discussion / Q&amp;A</b> Moderator - Rogier van den Berg</p>	<p><i>Invite feedback/report from audience - BCG, CDP, Resilient Cities Network, Catapult</i></p>
<p>15:50 – 15:57 (7 min)</p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> Marcia Toledo, Resilience Lead, High-Level Champions Team</p>	<p><i>Summarises Resilience outcomes from across COP27, landing with outcomes from this iLab on moving from planning to implementation for cities, states and regions</i></p>
<p>15:57- 16:00 (3 mins)</p>	<p><b>Wrap-up and next steps</b> Moderator - Rogier van den Berg</p>	