

## MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2019–2020

### Context

1. This work programme outlines the objectives and strategic approach of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for 2019–2020 on the basis of the work of the High-Level Champions<sup>1</sup> so far, adjusted in accordance with reflections on and analysis of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), including the global climate action (GCA) events, the three declarations announced at COP 24,<sup>2</sup> the views of the COP 25 High-Level Champion, stakeholder input to the letter from the high-level champions,<sup>3</sup> and reflections on the strategy workshop with stakeholders held in the first half of 2019.
2. The High-Level Champions will take stock of progress in 2020 and the work programme will be adjusted in accordance with reflections on and analysis of COP 25, including the GCA events, the views of the COP 26 High-Level Champion, and the strategy sessions planned for 2020.
3. The mission of the Marrakech Partnership is to strengthen collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders to facilitate mitigation and adaptation action and action on means of implementation in the pre-2020 period and beyond. Such action is to be guided by the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and undertaken in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>4</sup>
4. To fulfil this mission, the Marrakech Partnership, building on achievements in previous years, will focus on environmental, economic and social system transformation, promoting higher ambition of all stakeholders to collectively strive for the 1.5 °C temperature goal and a climate-neutral and resilient world.

### Objectives

5. The Marrakech Partnership has the following objectives for 2019–2020:
  - a) **Strengthening interaction between Parties and non-Party stakeholders** and promoting integration of action, across all levels of government and sectors, with a view to catalysing concrete action on high-impact issues, in particular in cross-cutting areas, and leveraging, inter alia, the collaborative experience of the Talanoa Dialogue process to scale up transformational solutions that can support implementation and higher ambition of action;

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 1/CP.21, paras. 121–123.

<sup>2</sup> Solidarity and Just Transition Silesia Declaration, Ministerial Katowice Declaration on Forests for the Climate, and Driving Change Together – Katowice Partnership for Electromobility Declaration.

<sup>3</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/marrakech-partnership/invitation-to-provide-feedback-to-the-high-level-champions-on-global-climate-action>.

<sup>4</sup> In line with the approach to the Marrakech Partnership; see [https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/gca\\_approach.pdf](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/gca_approach.pdf).



- b) **Broadening participation** in the Marrakech Partnership of non-Party stakeholders from all regions and sectors, in particular from developing countries, to bring about more balanced representation and to realize the potential for action, promoting an environment of inclusiveness where a diverse set of views can be shared, and leveraging networks and members of coalitions and initiatives that can act as multipliers and catalysers of action;
- c) **Following up on and ensuring continuity and coherence** of action between major milestones. Engagement activities and milestones should not be viewed in isolation but build on one another through a shared narrative and by focusing on transformative action linked to national sustainable development priorities;
- d) **Tracking progress, impacts and results** with a view to identifying best practices and lessons learned and providing evidence and recognition of the transformation to help Parties in their transition and to accelerate action in support of the implementation of the Paris Agreement through tools such as the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action (NAZCA) portal<sup>5</sup>, the *Yearbook of Global Climate Action* and the summaries for policymakers from the technical examination processes.

### Strategic approach and tools

- 6. The overall approach will be to anchor the objectives around what ambition and the transition towards a 1.5°C climate-neutral and resilient world means in the identified thematic and cross-cutting areas and what immediate action is needed for the achievement of longer-term goals. The work of the Marrakech Partnership will be based on science and guided by a common narrative and a set of concrete questions, linked to Parties' development needs and integrated with the priorities of the COP Presidencies, to provide continuity and to streamline and align efforts to collectively achieve the aims of the Paris Agreement.
- 7. Cooperation and communication will be built on the culture of inclusion, empathy, mutual respect and meaningful collaboration that was demonstrated during the Talanoa Dialogue process.
- 8. To accomplish the above objectives, the following tools and mechanisms will be leveraged and enhanced:
  - a) **Communicating with impact the work of the Marrakech Partnership**

Communication and outreach are foundational elements of the Marrakech Partnership. Its work, achievements and progress against its objectives and in all thematic and cross-cutting

<sup>5</sup> See <https://climateaction.unfccc.int/>.

areas must be regularly communicated to build a common understanding of the current direction of climate action and to develop coherent messages that are tailored and delivered to different audiences. This will be done using the existing communication resources of the secretariat and Marrakech Partnership stakeholders and complementing this with new voices and expanding the available pool of climate action media and communication expertise. Media specialists and networks will be engaged to assist efforts to raise awareness and facilitate broader stakeholder participation. This will include strengthening communication tools, such as by revamping the GCA website, to increase visibility and understanding of the work of the Marrakech Partnership.

**b) Strategic engagement**

The Marrakech Partnership will be actively involved in activities to promote inclusiveness, support the common narrative, address specific issues and take stock of progress against its objectives.

In addition, there will be several other opportunities over the next two years to drive climate action (information on which will be collected together on the UNFCCC website), with the Marrakech Partnership facilitating the coherence of the action with the overarching narrative and providing support for the preparations, as needed.

**i. Regional climate weeks**

Building on past experience, the Marrakech Partnership will be involved in the regional climate weeks to catalyse concrete climate action on the ground, in particular in developing countries, where opportunities will be explored for facilitating regionally relevant discussion and interaction among and between Parties and non-Party stakeholders.

Climate weeks have taken place or are planned for the following regions in 2019:

- Africa (in Accra, Ghana, from 18 to 22 March);
- Latin America and the Caribbean (in Salvador, Brazil, from 19 to 23 August);
- Asia-Pacific (in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2 to 6 September).

In 2020, climate weeks are anticipated to be convened also in other regions.

**ii. Technical examination processes on mitigation and adaptation**

In accordance with decision 13/CP.23, the High-Level Champions will continue to support the technical expert meetings on mitigation and adaptation by, inter alia, recommending appropriate expert organizations, practitioners and other non-Party stakeholders from the Marrakech Partnership that can highlight case studies and solutions that could enhance the technical discussions and exchanges, including at the regional level, through the regional climate weeks. The policy options and opportunities



identified at the meetings will inform the development of the summaries for policymakers referred to in decision 13/CP.23, paragraph 10.

iii. Constituted bodies of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement

The High-Level Champions will reach out to constituted bodies, as appropriate, with the aim of facilitating collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders, complementing and streamlining stakeholder engagement, gathering relevant expertise, capacity and technology, and promoting integrated approaches to adaptation, mitigation and engagement.

iv. COP engagement

The focus of COP engagement will be on identifying concrete and transformational solutions around cross-cutting topics, enabling synergy between stakeholders and integrating the COP Presidencies' priority areas. Events will be used as a platform for high-level representatives of Parties and non-Party stakeholder leaders to demonstrate high-impact collaborative solutions, launch new initiatives, make ambitious announcements and raise public awareness of what has been achieved and how much more needs to be done.

v. United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit 2019<sup>6</sup>

The High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership stakeholders will proactively engage in identifying synergies and facilitate a contribution of a broad set of impactful initiatives, solutions and action towards the Summit. The Marrakech Partnership is ready to ensure continuity from the Summit to COP 25 and beyond by following up appropriately on outcomes through engagements at the COP and other relevant activities.

c) **Tracking and reporting voluntary action**

The *Yearbook of Global Climate Action* will provide a synthesis of the key messages from and trends in climate action during the year and comparison with the long-term goals in the thematic and cross-cutting areas of the Marrakech Partnership. The information provided will be tailored to Parties' needs while highlighting important aspects for the general public. The secretariat will continue to enhance the NAZCA portal in order to provide an accurate picture of the voluntary commitments, action and progress of non-Party stakeholders and initiatives, diversifying the information published on stakeholders, initiatives and action in order to address regional and sectoral gaps, particularly in relation to developing countries, and linking the local to the global, regional and national level. A consultative process will be undertaken to gather inputs from stakeholders during the development of these tracking

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<sup>6</sup> See <http://www.un.org/en/climatechange/>.

and reporting products, ensuring sustainability and complementarity with new and existing tools.

d) **Strengthening cross-cutting action**

To recognize and drive the urgent and high-impact action needed for system and infrastructure transformation, an integrated and cross-cutting approach will be pursued, in particular with areas such as finance and resilience. Links to climate action in the sustainable development agenda will also be strengthened by engaging with key stakeholders and organizations with relevant expertise.

e) **Modes of cooperation**

The Marrakech Partnership's modes of cooperation will be adjusted to reflect the urgency of transformational action. The High-Level Champions will enable collaborative solutions between Parties and non-Party stakeholders, reinvigorate the Leadership Network through sectoral, regional and/or national contact points, encourage action on system change across thematic areas, work with representatives of Parties to align the work of the Partnership with the implementation of nationally determined contributions and long-term sustainable development strategies, and provide innovative tools to facilitate the most impactful participation of stakeholders.



**Annex**  
**Topics and milestones relevant to the Marrakech Partnership**

The following previously identified topics and focus areas will be used as the basis for refining and harmonizing the substantive issues to be addressed under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action in 2019 and 2020:

	2019	2020
Technical examination process on mitigation <sup>1</sup>	Off-grid and decentralized energy solutions for smart energy and water use in the agrifood chain	Sustainable low-emission housing and building solutions
Technical examination process on adaptation <sup>2</sup>	Adaptation finance	<i>To be determined</i>
United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDG 6: clean water</li> <li>• SDG 7: affordable and clean energy</li> <li>• SDG 14: life below water</li> <li>• SDG 15: life on land</li> </ul>	<i>To be determined</i>

<sup>1</sup> See [http://unfccc.int/files/parties\\_and\\_observers/notifications/application/pdf/notitification\\_tep\\_mitigation\\_topics\\_2018\\_20.pdf](http://unfccc.int/files/parties_and_observers/notifications/application/pdf/notitification_tep_mitigation_topics_2018_20.pdf) for further details on the topics. Innovative solutions for securing clean energy and water access for the agrifood chain will be examined in 2018, including related off-grid renewable power systems, storage technology and energy-efficient solutions. Technologies and design for buildings, housing and construction and the use of indigenous and local knowledge, techniques and resources will be examined in 2019.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/technical-examination-process-on-adaptation-tep-a>.

<sup>3</sup> See [https://unfccc.int/files/paris\\_agreement/application/pdf/gca\\_approach.pdf](https://unfccc.int/files/paris_agreement/application/pdf/gca_approach.pdf).