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Concept Note Action Event: Water

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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MPGCA Water: Just Add Water: *Solutions for the 2020 NDCs and beyond*

Description:

This year's Water Action Event features tangible, real-world examples of how water can assist Parties in achieving their climate mitigation and adaptation goals, organized around the overarching theme of integrated management across the landscape - from forested headwaters to the sea - with a particular emphasis on what both cities and rural communities are doing to take action. In addition, we include a special feature on the work of the Global Commission on Adaptation and its newly created Water Action Track, which was launched at the UN Secretary General's Climate Action Summit in New York and seeks to mobilise and leverage global efforts to create climate and water-resilient societies.

Objective of the event towards the following issues:

Pre-2020 action:

Water is a fundamental precondition for a low-carbon future; therefore, achieving our shared climate goals for both pre- and post-2020 requires the integration of water resource management into climate planning and implementation. There is much work already being done to integrate water more centrally into climate planning, and we wish to use this event in part to provide concrete examples of businesses, industries, governments, agricultural producers / distributors, and local actors implementing resilient water management tools and approaches across a range of governance scales and geographies.

Climate Action Pathway/Yearbook of Global Climate Action/Global Climate Action portal (NAZCA)

There are systematic transformational actions using resilient water management that can help Parties working on Nationally Determined Contributions to reach their mitigation and adaptation goals. This event will highlight solutions and case studies already being undertaken by companies, organizations, cities and countries. Moving forward, Parties have the opportunity to scale up and expand this work. Finance plays a particularly critical role in this endeavour. As such, we will also highlight innovative finance instruments such as green bonds for water, which are increasingly being used to finance climate-resilient nature-based and hybrid green-grey water infrastructure.

2019 United Nations Climate Action Summit

Here we showcase the work of the Global Commission on Adaptation, in particular, the work of the Water Action Track (launched at the Summit) and its "resilient basin futures" initiative. By 2030, The Commission calls for ensuring the resilience of natural and managed freshwater



systems and of the critical human systems dependent upon water, reducing risks to over 2.5 billion people currently facing high water stress and to the nearly 150 million annually impacted by floods and droughts. Through its aligned government and civil society partners, the Water Action Track is mobilising hundreds of millions of dollars to support climate adaptation efforts in dozens of basins worldwide.