



# **Indicative Marrakech Partnership work programme for 2019**

- 1. This work programme highlights an indicative set of priorities of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for 2019 based on the work of the High-Level Champions<sup>1</sup> so far and the collaborative experience of the Talanoa Dialogue process. The aim of this document is to ensure continuity with the activities carried out in 2018 and to provide an initial framework to enable a prompt start to work and discussions in 2019. The work programme will be 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 events, as well as the Polish initiative of various declarations, the views of the incoming COP 25 High-Level Champion and the strategy sessions planned for 2019.
- 2. The mission of the Marrakech Partnership is to strengthen collaboration between Parties and non-Party stakeholders to allow greater mitigation and adaptation action as well as action on means of implementation to be implemented 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>2</sup>
- 3. The Marrakech Partnership will build on achievements in previous years and focus on the following priorities in 2019:
  - a) Strengthening interaction between Parties and non-Party stakeholders and promoting integration of action, among all levels of government and sectors, with a view to catalysing concrete action on high-impact issues, in particular related to cross-cutting areas, and leveraging, inter alia, the collaborative experience of the Talanoa Dialogue process;
  - b) **Broadening the participation** of non-Party stakeholders in the Marrakech Partnership in regions and sectors in order to ensure a more balanced representation and to realize greater potential for action, in particular in developing countries;
  - Providing follow-up on and continuity and coherence with and between major milestones.
    Engagement activities and milestones during the year should not be viewed in isolation but build on one another;
  - d) **Communicating with impact** the work of the Marrakech Partnership and developing coherent messages that are tailored and delivered to different audiences over the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with decision 1/CP.21, paragraphs 121–123.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In line with the approach to the Marrakech Partnership; see https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/gca\_approach.pdf.





#### **Operational approach**

- 4. To accomplish the above priorities, the following tools and mechanisms will be leveraged and enhanced:
  - a) Regional Climate Weeks:

Building on the experience of 2018, the Marrakech Partnership will be involved in the Regional Climate Weeks to further catalyse concrete climate action on the ground, in particular in developing countries, opportunities will be explored for facilitating regionally relevant discussion and interaction among and between Parties and non-Party stakeholders at the Regional Climate Weeks, which are planned so far for the following regions in 2019:

- Africa (in Accra, Ghana, from 18 to 22 March 2019);
- Asia-Pacific;
- Latin America and the Caribbean.
- b) The 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 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 discussion and exchange, 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.

c) Constituted bodies of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement:

The High-Level Champions will reach out to the constituted bodies, as appropriate, with the aim of facilitating greater 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.

d) The United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Summit 2019:<sup>3</sup>

The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership stakeholders will proactively engage to prepare for the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Summit in 2019 and demonstrate the activities as the contribution to the Summit of a broad set of impactful initiatives, solutions and action.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See http://www.un.org/en/climatechange/.





### e) The tracking and reporting of voluntary action:

The Yearbook of Global Climate Action 2019 will synthesize the key messages from and trends in climate action during the year. The UNFCCC secretariat will enhance the NAZCA portal in order to provide a continuously evolving picture of the voluntary commitments, action and progress of non-Party stakeholders and initiatives.

#### f) Expansion of climate action media and communication:

Media specialists and networks will be engaged to assist the efforts to build and raise awareness and facilitate wider participation of various stakeholders. This will also include strengthening communication tools, such as revamping the Global Climate Action website, to increase the visibility and understanding of the work of the Marrakech Partnership.

#### g) Further strengthen cross-cutting areas:

Further strengthen linkages to action on the Sustainable Development agenda, finance and resilience, in particular by engaging with key stakeholders and organizations in these areas.





# Annex Topics and milestones relevant to the Marrakech Partnership

## 1. Previously agreed topics and focus areas:

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

- The topics for the Technical Examination Processes on mitigation<sup>1</sup> and adaptation,<sup>2</sup> respectively:
  - Off-grid and decentralized energy solutions for smart energy and water use in the agrifood chain;
  - Adaptation finance;
- The focus areas of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):3
  - SDG 6: clean water;
  - SDG 7: affordable and clean energy;
  - SDG 14: life below water;
  - SDG 15: life on land.

#### 2. Key moments in 2019:

The table below provides an indicative overview of key moments 2019 (dates and locations subject to change) that may be directly or indirectly linked to the climate change agenda.

Moments	Date	Location
World Economic Forum	22–25 January	Davos, Switzerland
Africa Climate Week	18–22 March	Accra, Ghana
UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4)	11–15 March	Nairobi, Kenya
One Planet Summit	14 March	Nairobi, Kenya
Word Bank/International Monetary Fund	12-14 April	Washington D.C.,
spring meetings		United States of
		America
Fiftieth sessions of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies	17–28 June	Bonn, Germany
G20 Summit	28 and 29 June	Osaka, Japan
Asia-Pacific Climate Week	July	To be determined
High-level Political Forum on Sustainable	July	New York, United
Development		States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See

http://unfccc.int/files/parties\_and\_observers/notifications/application/pdf/notitification\_tep\_mitigation\_topi cs\_2018\_20.pdf.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See https://unfccc.int/files/paris\_agreement/application/pdf/gca\_approach.pdf.



Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week	August	To be determined
G7 Summit	25–27 August	Biarritz, France
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	September	
Special Report on Ocean and Cryosphere in a		
Changing Climate		
United Nations Secretary-General's Climate	23 September	New York, United
Summit		States
High-level Political Forum on Sustainable	September	New York, United
Development		States
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	To be determined	
Special Report on Climate Change and Land		
Twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the	11–22 November	To be determined
Parties		