

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION FOR 2022

Context

1. This **work programme outlines the objectives and strategic approach of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for 2022**. At its twenty-sixth session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) acknowledged the important role of non-Party stakeholders (NPS) and welcomed the Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for Enhancing Ambition¹ as part of the Glasgow Climate Pact.² The five-year plan of the improved Marrakech Partnership for enhancing ambition outlines the vision, mandate, core functions and tools, and updated structures intended to increase the scale and impact of the Marrakech Partnership work through 2025.
2. This 2022 work programme was developed on the basis of that five-year plan, the shared vision of the **High-Level Champions from COP 26 Presidency (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)** and from **COP 27 Presidency (Egypt)**, the emerging priorities of the COP 27 Presidency, and the discussions and feedback from stakeholders held in the beginning of 2022.
3. The work under this improved Marrakech Partnership is to focus on enhancing immediate and concrete action from NPS that is aligned with science, with a view to halve global emissions by 2030, and reach a net-zero, climate-resilient world by 2050 at the latest.
4. Collaboration through the Marrakech Partnership is crucial to fulfil this goal, as it provides a global forum, stewarded by the High-Level Champions, to drive greater ambition, action and alignment among NPS in this critical decade. By setting shared, near-term, actionable goals, the Marrakech Partnership is better able to work together and support Parties to help accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The improved Marrakech Partnership has been designed to promote an all-of-society and systems transformation approach across every sector, guided by a spirit of radical collaboration, and strengthened support to Parties in implementing and enhancing national plans through a continuous spiral of action, or ‘ambition loop’.
5. To implement their vision, the five-year plan establishes that the work of the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership is to be organized around six key functions:

¹ See [improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for enhancing ambition](#).

² See [Glasgow Climate Pact](#).



- a. Mobilizing and aligning NPS towards credible, transparent, science-based goals that maximize ambition;
- b. Supporting NPS to drive systems transformation around sector pathways with actionable short-, medium- and long-term milestones that facilitate all stakeholders working collaboratively across sectors and value-chains toward a shared vision;
- c. Strengthening collaboration between national governments and NPS by identifying opportunities where climate action from NPS encourages and/or helps to create the conditions for national governments to enhance ambition and accelerate implementation, facilitating the “ambition loop”;
- d. Broadening and deepening engagement globally, with a particular focus on developing country stakeholders to encourage action, highlight opportunities and identify the solutions most appropriate for their context;
- e. Tracking progress and enhancing the transparency and credibility of NPS action to build confidence and a shared understanding of the overall state of systems transformation and game-changing solutions to inform and accelerate action;
- f. Building a shared narrative for the decisive decade of climate action to understand the overall direction of travel and inspire further action.

6. To foster deep collaboration and an inclusive and ambitious ecosystem, the plan for the improved Marrakech Partnership lays out the following guiding principles for the work of the Marrakech Partnership:

- a. Commit to accelerating action above all else: recognizing driving action, increasing ambition and delivering impact is the core purpose of our work;
- b. Build on the significant progress to date: both inside and outside the community;
- c. Be driven by science: uniting behind the science, which acts as an anchor for the work;
- d. Celebrate unique strengths: making the most of support team capacity and partner expertise;
- e. Be open and generous: working collaboratively, transparently and open to respectful challenges.

Priorities, strategic enablers and success indicators

Introduction

7. Taking into account the context described above, the progress made at COP 26, and what is still needed to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, four priority areas for the Marrakech Partnership have been set along with four strategic enablers, which have been identified as critical to delivering those priorities in the year ahead.

8. The **priorities for 2022** are: Strengthening and Mainstreaming Resilience, Increasing Finance for Climate Action, Accelerating Action, and Building Credibility and Trust.
9. The **strategic enablers for 2022** to ensure the impact of the unique platform to drive action is maximized are: Tracking Progress, Radical Collaboration, Regionalization (including broadening and deepening engagement globally with a particular focus on developing country stakeholders), and Narrative.
10. As called for in the five-year plan, an initial set of **success indicators** was identified for each priority area. This intends to help the Marrakech Partnership stakeholders have a clear and shared understanding of how their work together is progressing. Reporting against these quantitative indicators will be included in the Champions' achievement documents and made publicly available.

Priorities for collective work of the Marrakech Partnership in 2022 and their success indicators

a) **Strengthen and mainstream resilience** by:

- i. Strengthening the [Race to Resilience](#): continuing to grow participation in the campaign, supporting NPS to take action on their commitments and report progress for the first time against the metrics by partners, showcasing impact and scalability of leading resilience initiatives and increasing resilience financing;
- ii. Mainstreaming climate resilience: continuing to elevate resilience messaging in overall shared narratives, deepening engagement with resilience linked stakeholders, strengthening systems transformation tools and activities, with focus on development and dissemination of environmentally sound technologies fit and relevant to the local environment, in order to build the resilience of rural, urban and coastal communities;
- iii. Addressing loss and damage: identifying actions by NPS to address loss and damage including support, knowledge-sharing through the Santiago Network.

b) **Finance climate action** with a focus on:

- i. Net-zero implementation: supporting NPS to set and implement robust near-term targets, incorporating sectoral pathways utilising best practice transition plans and portfolio alignment metrics;
- ii. Mobilization of capital to emerging markets and developing economies across the themes of mitigation, adaptation, considering impacts, building equity and using the best available science: working to drive alignment and synergy among mobilizations by clarifying the overall green finance architecture needs and landscape, supporting private sector engagement in country platforms and catalytic initiatives, and establishing GFANZ regional networks in Africa and Asia;
- iii. Public policy engagement: working with NPS to support ambitious climate policies at national and global level to strengthen the enabling environment for zero carbon and resilient investment, including calling for policies supporting mandatory



- reporting of climate risk, mandatory net zero transition plans and supporting ambitious climate policy in multilateral fora and from the International Public Finance Institutions;
- iv. Financing resilience: including improved climate risk assessment, supporting private sector engagement in resilience focused catalytic initiatives, and piloting innovative solutions to address risk, the protection gap and loss and damage;
 - v. Financing nature: including supporting more financial institutions to make and follow through on plans to eliminate agricultural commodities-driven deforestation, scale up financing for nature-based solutions, and support ambitious policies to further incentivize nature conservation and restoration.
- c) **Accelerate immediate action by:**
- i. Translating [Race to Zero](#) campaign members' pledges into clear plans and meaningful action with progress reporting: working with partners to ensure they are able to support and track progress of members towards net zero; setting expectations for planning and publishing of progress; spotlighting early adopters;
 - ii. Delivering tangible progress towards the 2030 Breakthrough Outcomes through coordinated action across real economy sector value chains: supporting partners to ensure all sectors reach breakthrough ambition by COP 27; increasing convergence on outcome goals among key stakeholders; establishing interim goals and tracking for a just and equitable transition;
 - iii. Incorporating NPS actions into the systems transformation tools and activities (e.g. Climate Action Pathways) that will increase the resilience of urban, rural and coastal communities from climate shocks and stresses by 2030: establishing goals within sectors that align with the global 2030 target of making four billion people more resilient; increasing co-operation between states and NPS on sector resilience plans.
- d) **Building credibility and trust** in non-Party stakeholders' action:
- i. Strengthening the guidance and accountability of the global campaigns: clarifying tracking and reporting processes and establishing public inquiry mechanisms and clear, transparent standards, publishing strengthened and clarified criteria documents for Race to Zero; publishing progress reporting on impact of Race to Zero campaign;
 - ii. Contributing to the call of the United Nations Secretary-General Expert Group on Net Zero: sharing the outcomes of the third criteria consultation process, a report on progress from Race to Zero members as well as all the efforts to strengthen the data tracking systems;
 - iii. Building a culture of accountability and trust through relationships: collecting and integrating the perspectives of key stakeholders to strengthen the campaigns and make them more clearly accountable; ensuring that diverse stakeholders from underrepresented regions and groups are accounted for;

- iv. Moving from voluntary commitments towards regulation for net zero: accelerating the pathway to regulation by strengthening the partnerships with the International Organization for Standardization to launch a pathway to regulation.

Strategic enablers for 2022

a) Tracking progress:

- i. Building a transparent, comprehensive tracking infrastructure with partners: identifying, converging and strengthening data sources and providers of assessment analysis that can be used to track campaign members' commitments and progress; and track the state of sectoral transition across each sector;
- ii. Facilitating impactful NPS input to key moments: synthesising key trends and forward-looking opportunities for climate action to inform the High-Level Event on global climate action, the global stocktake (GST) and other key moments at COP 27, including through the annual Yearbook of Global Climate Action.

b) Radically collaborating:

- i. Strengthening collaboration between national governments and NPS in key regions: mobilization of NPS in support of ambitious climate policy; supporting delivery of interventions at key moments to activate the ambition loop in specific countries; deepening connections with local partners and networks in under-represented regions; supporting development of robust transparency and accountability measures; demonstrating the value of tools such as the Climate Action Pathways and the 2030 Breakthroughs as a source of opportunities for governments to consider in the context of their ongoing NDC updates and implementation;
- ii. Delivering the ambition loop through radical and inclusive collaboration: providing platform for diverse global voices to be heard and for different ideas and views to be shared and understood so as to inform our work and develop holistic solutions together;
- iii. Building and maintaining deep trusted relationship with organizations working on NPS climate action, including Marrakech Partnership stakeholders: ensuring strategic alignment, coordination and empowerment of partners, designing campaigns to build on existing networks and initiatives including the Alliances for Climate Action (ACA), cultivating a diverse network that allows diverse global voices and ideas to inform climate action, and ensuring high quality information sharing;
- iv. Supporting the global stocktake: facilitating NPS inputs and engagement in the global stocktake (collection, preparation and assessment); contributing to a successful and action-oriented GST outcome by providing guidance and enabling coalitions, initiatives and NPS in developing economies and at the regional level; inputting to and convening dialogues with NPS to assist in crystallising key messages with respect to sectoral progress, trends, solutions and forward-looking opportunities for enhanced action and help set the stage for the technical dialogues;



- v. COP 27 engagement: ensuring architecture of engagement between national governments and NPS during the COP will be adapted appropriately to drive ambition, implementation and systems transformation in line with the vision of the incoming COP Presidency and in coordination with the secretariat; highlighting the game-changing solutions and evidence of transformation identified through scaling the Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs throughout the year, launching new initiatives, making ambitious announcements and raising public awareness of what has been achieved and what remains to be done.
- c) **Regionalization:**
- i. Enhancing NPS participation in global campaigns from underrepresented regions in the Marrakech Partnership: actively pushing to increase campaign members from underrepresented regions with particular focus on Africa; landing specific system breakthroughs in under-represented regions and bringing underrepresented countries into Glasgow Breakthroughs;
 - ii. Providing regional focused climate action programme for NPS: executing programme of Africa-specific initiatives around open waste burning, green hydrogen, cement and built environment, agriculture, youth and more;
 - iii. Strengthening regional engagement with Marrakech Partnership stakeholders and establishing regional teams: including by building on existing networks of the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres³, United Nations Regional Commissions, and development banks, increasing number of regional events that feature Pathways, campaigns or breakthrough agendas in least developing and middle income countries;
 - iv. Strengthening presence at the Regional Climate Weeks⁴: broadening and deepening engagement of Marrakech Partnership, bringing new members into the global campaigns; refining the Pathways and 2030 Breakthroughs taking into account regional perspectives, and catalysing support for developing economies.
- d) **Building a shared narrative:**
- i. Converging narrative for the Marrakech Partnership: establishing the role of NPS on loss and damage, advancing what credible, accelerated action looks like and holding all actors to account, advocating for what it will take to mobilise finance to emerging markets and developing countries, mainstreaming resilience within broader climate narrative; consolidating nature's place in the race;
 - ii. Positioning the Marrakech Partnership as the main framework and at the centre of climate action for NPS under UNFCCC: articulating the importance of NPS action and the criticality of a coordinated, comprehensive climate agenda; spotlighting successes and lighthouse initiatives that provide a rallying opportunity in the broader ecosystem;

³ UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centres are currently hosted by Regional Partners in Dubai (WGEO); Bangkok (IGES); Kampala (EADB); Lomé (BOAD); Panama (UNEP) and St. Georges (WINDREF)

⁴ See [Regional Climate Weeks](#)



- iii. Designing events and activities that foster dialogue on the Marrakech Partnership agenda: driving action through global and regional moments, ensuring diversity in representatives (more youth, indigenous and female representation) and partners (more developing country focused), pushing innovative and creative formats to bring a broader group into more inclusive, impactful and engaging events.

Organizational matters

11. As described in the five-year plan, the High-Level Champions have been enhancing the support from different stakeholders to drive ambitious climate action and have secured support for the continuity of the Marrakech Partnership during the period 2021-2025. They have established a Climate Champions Team and will be working in close collaboration with the COP Presidencies and the Marrakech Partnership stakeholders, with the support of the UNFCCC secretariat. This enhanced architecture will work under the provisions of the Improved Marrakech Partnership to deliver the priorities for 2022 above mentioned.