



WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPIONS AND THE MARRAKECH PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION FOR 2024

INTRODUCTION AND CONTEXT

1. This work programme outlines the objectives and strategic approach of the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for 2024. This 2024 work programme was developed on the basis of:
 - a) The outcomes of COP 28, including the encouragement by Parties to the Champions, the Marrakech Partnership and non-Party stakeholders (NPS) to consider the outcomes of the first global stocktake (GST) in their work on scaling up and introducing new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions;
 - b) The outcomes of the activities undertaken in 2023 and the growing momentum and alignment in NPS activities in the recent years;
 - c) The shared vision of the High-Level Champions from the COP 28 Presidency (United Arab Emirates) and from the COP 29 Presidency (Azerbaijan);
 - d) The emerging priorities of the COP 29 Presidency;
 - e) Discussions and feedback from the Marrakech Partnership stakeholders held in the first half of 2024.
2. It is also guided by the mandate given to the High-Level Champions by the Parties of the United Nations Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC), and the multi-year vision set out in the five-year plan for the [“Improved Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action for Enhancing Ambition 2021-2025”](#) welcomed by Parties in the Glasgow Climate Pact at COP 26 (hereafter referred to as the “five-year plan”).
 - a) The five-year plan 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.
3. The Marrakech Partnership, established by the first two High-Level Champions in 2016 and welcomed by Parties in COP 22, provides a unique platform intended to enable efficient and impactful collaboration and drive greater ambition, action, and alignment among NPS and between Parties and NPS in this decisive decade. The work under the five-year plan is focused 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, to support Parties in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. The five-year plan 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 positively reinforcing cycle of ambition and action or 'ambition loop'.

4. Through the UAE Consensus agreed at COP 28, Parties urged Parties and non-Party stakeholders to join efforts to accelerate delivery through inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action and encouraged the High-Level Champions, the Marrakech Partnership, and non-Party stakeholders to consider the outcomes of the first GST in their work on scaling up and introducing new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions.
5. Based on the foundations and progress achieved over the years and support from this accelerated delivery urged by Parties at COP 28, this work programme aims to support the implementation of enhanced national climate plans, mobilize resources, and strengthen international cooperation.

VISION AND APPROACH FOR 2024

6. The High-Level Champions, with the support of the Marrakech Partnership, envision maximizing efforts to mobilize, align, and accelerate action towards achieving a net-zero, resilient, nature-positive, and equitable world by 2050. This vision emphasizes sustainable development, halving global emissions, enhancing resilience, halting nature loss, and aligning financial flows by 2030.
7. It is however crucial to highlight that this vision is to be taken in the context of how best to support, enable and respond to the key outcomes expected at COP 29, including the discussions related to the new collective quantified goal on climate finance (NCQG), and having in mind the need for ambitious next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) that are implementable and investable.
8. This 2024 work programme builds on the efforts of past work to ensure continuity while addressing existing challenges and gaps within the NPS community in delivering climate action. In particular, it builds on the years of work of the Marrakech Partnership stakeholders, nurtured and stewarded by previous Champions and supported by their Presidencies.
9. This 2024 work programme will be supported by the continuity of the existing campaigns, initiatives and tools and will build on them to deliver the work laid out in the six functions of the five-year plan. These include:
 - a) **Mobilize NPS to maximize ambition:** mobilize NPS towards credible, transparent, science-based goals that maximize ambition and action. This includes through the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience, working with Partner initiatives and their thousands of NPS members and signatories to take action, emphasizing plans, action delivery and progress of those already in the Races.
 - i) For 2024, the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will include efforts to continue to increase participation from emerging markets and developing economies and smaller countries, and an emphasis on inclusion of smaller NPS to ensure campaigns, tools, technologies and finance are accessible and relevant and beneficial to all. In addition, they will continue to urge for an increase of ambition, participation and progress on *Nature Positive*



for Climate Action, that benefits nature and biodiversity, enhances resilience and reduces emissions.

- b) **Drive systems transformation:** facilitate and enhance collaboration of stakeholders within and across sectors and regions with shared milestones and vision, with focus on mobilizing action among NPS on enablers for climate action, including finance, technology and capacity building.
- i) In particular, this will include activating NPS from all regions to accelerate progress toward the 2030 Climate Solutions, an integrated implementation roadmap compiling the existing 2030 frameworks and tools developed under the leadership of the High-Level Champions with the Marrakech Partnership as an offer to the GST at COP 28. The 2030 Climate Solutions present clear 2030 targets covering mitigation and adaptation across key sectors to serve as a unifying framework for action in response to the GST and to support and inform the strengthening, enhancing and delivery of NDCs, as appropriate.
- c) **Strengthening collaboration between national governments and NPS:** identify opportunities where climate action from NPS helps to create the conditions for enhancing ambition and accelerating implementation; including engaging NPS in the UNFCCC processes as appropriate, and facilitate input of information and expertise of NPS into the UNFCCC processes and enhance engagement of NPS with Parties to enable the ratcheting-up of global ambition and accelerating implementation, including in support of national government ongoing efforts to update and strengthen NDCs, NAPs and national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs).
- i) While respecting the Party-driven nature of the formal workstreams of the UNFCCC process, this includes supporting the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme (i.e. the Mitigation Work Programme) where the Parties encouraged the High-Level Champions to support the effective engagement of NPS in the dialogues and organization of the investment-focused events, and exploring other opportunities where NPS engagement would be appropriate, including the NCQG technical expert dialogues, the workshops of the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue on Article 2, paragraph 1(c) of the Paris Agreement and its complementarity with Article 9 (i.e. the Sharm el-Sheikh Dialogue) and the follow up on the first GST, among others.
- ii) Outside of the UNFCCC process, this includes supporting strengthening close continued collaboration between NPS and governments on the Breakthrough Agenda thematic areas (energy, transport, steel, hydrogen, buildings, and cement) as well as alignment and positive reinforcement between NPS and government efforts on solutions emphasized in COP 28 declarations and the UAE Consensus (e.g. multi-level partnerships, resilience, renewable energy, energy efficiency, methane, nature, food, health, etc.).
- iii) This also includes collaboration on innovative adaptation finance, in particular through the Sharm El Sheik Adaption Agenda (SAA), to build resilience and accelerate transformation across five impact systems (food and agriculture, water and nature, coastal and oceans, human settlements, and infrastructure, and including enabling solutions for planning and finance).

- d) **Broadening and deepening engagement globally:** with a particular focus on helping developing country stakeholders to identify opportunities and the solutions most appropriate for their context.
 - i) The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will focus on increasing regionalization with a stronger representation from emerging economies and developing countries. The regionalization efforts of the 2030 Climate Solutions will contribute to identify key regional stakeholders that are delivering action and promoting synergies to enhance climate action.
- 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 and support the UNFCCC secretariat in ensuring greater accountability of voluntary initiatives through the Global Climate Action portal (GCAP, a.k.a. NAZCA).
 - i) The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will work closely with their ecosystem partners on the different campaigns and 2030 Climate Solutions at hand to collect and track increased ambition and progress on the delivery against these commitments.
- f) **Building a shared narrative:** to collectively understand the overall direction of climate action and inspire further action.
 - i) The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will utilize their collective voice to amplify the solutions, innovation and insights from NPS who are leading the way on overcoming barriers and accelerating climate action, helping to showcase specific examples from around the world, trends in action and progress, and the early benefits of that leadership action to inspire and inform global efforts.

PRIORITIES AND ACTION POINTS

- 10. While the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will act in all areas of action identified in the five-year plan, the 2030 Climate Solutions, and the Climate Action Pathways, they define the following **three priority topics** for the year:
 - a) **Accelerate the just transition away from fossil fuels:** supporting acceleration of just energy transition away from fossil fuels, working with Race to Zero and Breakthrough Delivery Partners to mobilize NPS action and support collaboration on priority solutions from the Breakthrough Agenda, and showcasing NPS leadership and insights on tripling renewable energy, doubling energy efficiency, and reducing demand and increasing alternatives in heavy emitting sectors and building a resilient future economy. The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will drive progress and build a compelling narrative and evidence-base of the sustainable development benefits of the climate transition, especially for fast growing urban areas. Business engagement will be particularly important, with Race to Zero new and existing members and accelerators serving to deliver tangible evidence of progress and leadership, and businesses playing a lead role in many of the heavy industry and energy collaborative initiatives.

- b) **Protect and restore nature:** recognizing the interconnectedness of nature and climate agendas, while prioritizing action and finance to halt and reverse deforestation, transform food systems, and restore ocean and coastal zones - building resilience and reducing emissions. Empowerment of Indigenous People and direct access to finance will be a priority to ensure that their traditional knowledge is respected and utilized, and we will work with partners to bring together the nature conservation and climate action agendas to maximize efficiencies and benefits.
 - c) **Equitable finance to climate solutions:** mobilizing investment in climate solutions projects in emerging and developing economies, funding and showcasing the business case for investment in solutions that support climate mitigation and adaptation as a driver of sustainable development, including nature and adaptation finance. Specific programmes include private finance setting deforestation free policies, making progress on deforestation targets and increasing investment in specific nature adaptation solutions in oceans and coastal zones, land use and food system. The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will also support NPS to advance innovative solutions in insurance to de-risk investments and increase financial flows including insurance on de-risking, nature debt swaps and engagement with financial institutions in developing and emerging economies. They will also continue to use the Champions' unique voice and network to bring private finance insights to support and inform Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) reform efforts with an emphasis on adaptation, resilience, and nature.
11. The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will also prioritize the following **cross-cutting topics**:
- a) **Equality and inclusion:** to ensure that the climate processes are equally representative and inclusive with focus on underrepresented groups such as women, Indigenous Peoples and youth. This emphasis will be applied across implementation of all elements of the work programme.
 - b) **Resilient lives and livelihoods:** this emphasis is seen in the programmatic work of the 2030 Climate Solutions, in particular on nature and finance mobilization, and will continue to use the SAA and Race to Resilience as key frameworks for aligning and mobilizing NPS adaptation action.
12. The High-Level Champions work with a wide variety of NPS, and will continue to do so to build inclusive, all of society support for climate action and sustainable development:
- a) **Business engagement** will also be a top priority across all thematic areas of the work programme with an emphasis on small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which may include informal sector, that, as one of the largest groups of NPS, are the backbone of global and national economies and supply chains.
 - i) The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership will emphasize effective and inclusive engagement and support for SME businesses to ensure the transition is inclusive and leaves no one behind. They will also work with stakeholders to showcase and highlight private sector innovation, solutions, action and benefits from around the world to provide support and insight to policy makers working to achieve the Paris Agreement goals, increase finance and resourcing for solutions in all sectors and countries to support the enhancement and implementation of NDCs and NAPs.



- b) **Subnational engagement** will include a focus on increasing action and finance for solutions in cities, states and regions, and supporting the follow up of the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) initiative, through which cities and subnational regions are bringing their insights and leadership to inform and support updated NDCs.

REPORTING

13. The progress and achievements of this work programme will be reported twice throughout 2024. One will be published by the subsidiary sessions of the UNFCCC, containing the mid-term progress, and the second version will be published by COP 29, which will present the achievements of the year.