



Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Event:

“Summit to Summit: Reflections of pre-2020 action”

Conference room 11

21 September 2019, 16:00 to 18:00

INTRODUCTION

Kick-started in 2014 at the inaugural UNSG’s Climate Summit – and then maturing with the Lima-Paris Action Agenda – the world has witnessed the emergence of a groundswell of *Global Climate Action* from all segments of society.

It’s true that much of this ambition from cities, regions, businesses, and others has developed organically. However, what is equally clear is that **key global summits and multilateral efforts to catalyse climate action** – such as the One Planet Summit, the Global Climate Action Summit, not to mention the UNFCCC Conference of Parties – have undeniably helped to expand the number of initiatives and commitments to accelerate climate action. On the Global Climate Action portal (NAZCA)¹ alone the number of registered commitments has doubled in five years, from 2014-2019.

The Paris Agreement decision formally recognized these commitments, as well as acknowledging the urgent need to scale-up the global response to climate change and support greater ambition from governments. This signal has been particularly important, given the need to implement enhanced action in 2016-2020, as this is a ‘gap’ period between the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, launched by the High-Level Champions in 2016, had this exact common vision in mind: **to deliver climate action at an accelerated pace and at a greater scale across all sectors of the economy and society in this critical pre-2020 period.**

DESCRIPTION

Hosted by the High-Level Champions, Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow (Poland) and Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz (Chile), this event will explore the burgeoning momentum around **climate action from the 2014 UN Climate Summit to the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit**, analysing what has changed since 2014 and what still needs to move forward after the 2019 Summit to achieve the Paris Agreement, including the immediate action required in the pre-2020 period.

¹ See <https://climateaction.unfccc.int/>



Objective of the event:

This event will examine the role of key global events and multilateral processes, which have provided the central points of gravity insofar as the climate action movement are concerned. This analysis draws on data from the Global Climate Action portal (NAZCA) and on the Yearbooks of Global Climate Action, as well as from other sources of data. It will also involve leaders of coalitions and initiatives from the Marrakesh Partnership on how global summits and processes have helped to shift the needle politically.

The objective of this roundtable is to celebrate what has been achieved since the 2014 Summit and identify what still needs to be achieved to scale up climate action for different sectors in the pre-2020 period towards achievement of the aims of the Paris Agreement.

Agenda

Moderators: Mr. Tomasz Chruszczow and Mr. Gonzalo Muñoz, High-Level Champions

1. Opening

2. Welcome remarks

- Welcoming remarks by **Ms. Patricia Espinosa**, UNFCCC Executive Secretariat

3. Segment 1: Climate Action the 2014 UN Climate Summit

- Interview session
 - **Mr. Ban Ki Moon**, former UN Secretary General (2007-2016) (tbc)
 - **Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal**, President of COP 20
 - **Ms. Christiana Figueres**, former UNFCCC Executive Secretary (2010-2016)

4. Segment 2: Pre-2020 action since 2014 UN Climate Summit

- Presentation: Climate action from 2014 to now
- Roundtable reflections

Member State representatives and high-level representatives of coalitions and initiatives, in particular those engaged in the Marrakech Partnership, will provide their reflections on how global summits and processes have raised the political momentum and what are the achievements fulfilled and challenges faced in various sectors the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.

5. Closing