

CDP feedback on the priorities, operational approach and future of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

CDP is honored to have participated in the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action since its inception, and to be a core data partner for the Global Climate Action (NAZCA) portal. Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback on the priorities for the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, which for CDP center around scaling action through transparency, ensuring an enabling policy environment and scaling ambition by all stakeholders in line with the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C. We see the Champions role as important in implementing the Paris Agreement and remain a strong supporter of the overarching aims of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

CDP is an international non-profit that drives companies and governments to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, safeguard water resources and protect forests. We leverage investor and buyer power to motivate companies to disclose and manage their environmental impacts. Over 7,000 companies with over 50% of global market capitalization disclosed environmental data through CDP in 2018. This is in addition to the over 750 cities, states and regions who disclosed, making CDP's platform a rich source of information on global climate action.

CDP collaborates extensively with other non-Party stakeholders, including as founding partners of the We Mean Business coalition, the Science-Based Targets Initiative and The Investor Agenda. We are also a partner in many other initiatives, including but not limited to, the Business Alliance for Water and Climate, RE100 and the Under2 Coalition. Our feedback below is in response to the questions most pertinent to CDP and the stakeholders we work with.

CDP response to section 1: Priorities

We agree with the four focus areas listed but want to reinforce the need to urgently catalyze the scale and pace of concrete action and ambition in light of the IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C.

In addition to catalysing the scale and pace of action, we should ensure that as a community we are robustly tracking the progress of global climate action efforts. High-quality information is the fundamental basis for action, and environmental data of the type gathered by CDP can help provide Parties with the evidence they need to ensure an enabling policy environment for even more ambitious action by non-Party Stakeholders. CDP stands ready to support the efforts of UN Climate Change and Parties in this regard and would welcome continuing strategic conversations on the topic of tracking progress.

Dedicated forums for interaction and communication between Party and non-Party stakeholders, where meaningful dialogue can take place would be welcomed. Dialogues facilitated by the high-level champions during any intersessionals and regional climate weeks could be one such example. Ensuring that there are formal and transparent communication channels to allow for

best practice and knowledge sharing on an ongoing basis could ensure Parties have access to experts and resources.

Non-Party stakeholders can best support Parties and vice versa in the implementation of the Paris Agreement by working together on the progressive increase of ambition. For Parties this might mean delivering the enabling policy environment for climate action and for non-Parties this might mean actively supporting Parties to deliver this enabling environment, by clearly demonstrating and communicating how they are delivering ambitious climate action, technology and innovation.

CDP response to section 2: Thematic and cross-cutting areas.

The urgency and scale with which we need to act to limit warming to 1.5 degrees should be a key high-impact topic, as should the need with which we need to shift the trillions to enable the transition to a zero-carbon economy.

Particular attention should be paid to catalyzing action in those high impact, cross-cutting areas, and to synergies between the defined thematic and cross-cutting areas, to avoid a siloed approach under the Marrakech Partnership's structure. For example, how we ensure finance flows to sustainability initiatives in cities, or how we ensure industry efforts are also focused on resilience.

CDP response to section 3. Regional climate weeks

We attend the regional climate weeks when we have a presence in the region and would like to build further connections to enable climate action. To further incentivize participation, more advance notice about the dates and agenda would be welcomed. We would like to meet all global climate action stakeholders (Party and non-Party) at these regional climate weeks.

CDP response to section 5: Tracking and reporting voluntary action

CDP is a core data partner for the Climate Action (NAZCA) Portal. CDP has been requesting and collecting climate impact data from non-Party stakeholders for over 15 years, and as such CDP's platform is a vital tool to track the progress of global climate action. Therefore, CDP would welcome engaging in detailed and focused dialogue with Parties and the Secretariat as to how we can best serve efforts on this topic.

CDP response to section 6: Marrakech Partnership activities at COPs

The efforts by the Secretariat to streamline and enhance the impact of the high level and action events and roundtables at COP24 were appreciated, we feel these changes were positive and give a good basis to further increase the impact at COP25.

Global climate action events and roundtables at other UN Climate Change events and conferences throughout the year could make these events more accessible, also bringing the messages of the MPGCA to non-UN Climate Change events where relevant non-Party Stakeholders are already participating. Feedback from Parties throughout 2019 on the events, including what they found or would find useful from these events and how these can further evolve, would enable non-Party stakeholders to make these events more impactful.

CDP response to section 7: The United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Summit in 2019:

The high-level champions can best contribute to the Secretary-General's 2019 Climate Summit by ensuring timely and efficient information and opportunity sharing about the Summit with stakeholders of the Marrakech Partnership. Advanced discussion, and interaction between stakeholders, with as much time as possible to agree and prepare contributions, will be crucial.

CDP response to section 8: Post-2020 outlook

CDP congratulates the leadership of all high-level climate champions on global climate action and would welcome a discussion on how best to take the role forward post 2020 at an upcoming in-person conference or meeting. Champions could facilitate the process to gather feedback prior to that discussion. The key functions of the high-level champions that would be useful to take forward are leadership, advocacy for the value of global climate action by non-Party Stakeholders and a high-level focal point to bridge Party and non-Party Stakeholder interaction.