

The work of the High-Level Champions

- Views by Norway

Norway is a strong supporter of the Action Agenda, and we welcome this opportunity to look back and review the work done so far. In light of this, we have assessed what we believe works well and propose some actions that could contribute to accelerate our shared efforts.

Overall, the link between the Action Agenda, NDC development and other partnerships can be further strengthened in all activities under the Action Agenda

The regional climate weeks have been a very positive addition to the Action Agenda. Enabling discussions at the regional level makes the Action Agenda more relevant and makes it possible to broaden stakeholder involvement. These should be continued and the Champions could consider broadening their scope. For example, new regions and local solutions can be explored.

While the regional climate weeks have been a welcome initiative, we believe there is further potential to increase the visibility of the Champions, especially between the major UNFCCC events.

The United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Summit in September 2019 will be a milestone event to raise climate ambition. In our view the high-level champions could play a key role on the way to the summit. We would encourage the UNFCCC Secretariat to utilise the Champions more proactively toward the Summit, both in terms of shaping the narrative and structure. The Climate Summit is also an opportunity to strengthen the links with other partnerships and NDC development.

It is Norway's view that a broader selection of stakeholders should be given the opportunity to influence agendas and participate in meetings, including thematic days during COPs. The private sector, NGOs and others should be encouraged to participate and share how different measures can help meet the Climate Challenge. This is the case both for TEMs and other events under the Action Agenda. Correspondingly, Parties should be able to engage in the planning of the Thematic Days organised at COPs. Combined, these efforts can help increase representation and ensure our relevance.