



Submission by Hungary and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Subject: HL Champions work program and priorities for the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

Summary of Key points:

- The EU has been supportive of the Marrakech Partnership since its beginning, because we need to accelerate action by all stakeholders, including civil society and (but not limited to) the private sector, to achieve the Paris Agreement Goals and to deliver on the commitments from the UAE Consensus.
- We think the strength of the MPGCA and its real impacts on climate action and support strongly depends on the interaction between the action agenda and the intergovernmental negotiation process.
- With regard to enhancing the Marrakech Partnership, we find it important that initiatives build on existing ones, for instance, the EU would see merit in complementing last year's initiatives with additions for instance on further intermediate targets on energy transition. We encourage the Champions to look for synergies with other work streams to avoid duplication of work, and promote current tools, rather than opening new work tracks.
- We encourage the Champions to ensure that any new international initiatives should focus on advancing the global efforts from the GST decision as much as possible, such as the energy efficiency and renewable energy targets, as well as preparation of ambitious NDCs and these efforts should encourage partnerships, empowerment and investments, including in human capital, in this respect.
- The Champions could further strengthen cooperation with relevant international organisations and stakeholders in advancing the UAE Consensus and particularly the GST outcome.



Introduction/background

The EU would like to thank the High-Level Champions for the letter and the call for inputs to the guiding questions. The EU is grateful for the opportunity for sharing views and looks forward for continuing and enhancing its engagement with the High-Level Champions and other Parties and non- Party stakeholders in the context of the Marrakech Partnership. Please find our suggestions below.

The EU has been supportive of the Partnership since its beginning, because we need to accelerate action by all stakeholders, including the civil society and (but not limited to) private sector, to achieve the Paris Agreement Goals, and to deliver on the commitments from the UAE Consensus. We welcome the work done by the HL Champions and the Marrakech Partnership as illustrated in the mid-term progress of the 2024 Work programme.

On the guiding questions

1. How can the High-Level Champions (HLCs) and the Marrakech Partnership (MP) add the most value and complement existing efforts to accelerate climate action and drive implementation?

Together with question:

3. How can the MP be enhanced to support Parties in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, including through new and existing tools?

We think the strength of the MPGCA and its real impacts on climate action and support strongly depends on the interaction between the action agenda and the intergovernmental negotiation process. In Dubai for instance, the thematic days and the initiatives on energy efficiency and renewable energy together with other initiatives on health and food security created strong incentives for the negotiation on the UAE Consensus.

In the implementation of the UAE Consensus the Action Agenda can be crucial. Your contribution in providing a stage for the best examples of climate action and the positive energy coming from that engagement can play a significant role on Parties and their discussions in this process. The EU suggests exploring how the Action Agenda can be further reflected in the COP/CMA outcomes. Best practices



across economic sectors highlighted in the context of the MPCGA and reflected in decision text could provide encouragement to Parties to explore such solutions in NDC/NAP elaboration and implementation.

With regard to enhancing the Marrakech Partnership, we find it important that initiatives build on existing ones, for instance, the EU would see merit in complementing last year's initiatives with additions for instance on further intermediate targets on energy transition. Presidency initiatives as currently promoted in areas of clean energy corridors, green hydrogen and green energy storage could reflect such complementarity.

In this respect, we see particular merit in priority area "a" of the 2024 Work Programme, which aims at "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".

We encourage the Champions to look for synergies with other work streams to avoid duplication of work, and promote current tools, rather than opening new work tracks. We recognize the efforts already undertaken to make the Marrakech Partnership more visible and streamlined. It has played a key role as hub for ideas and initiatives from different origins.

The EU has always insisted on integrity, transparency, monitoring and accountability of initiatives, in order to identify good practices and provide recognition, and we acknowledge efforts to improve the Global Climate Action Portal in this regard. It remains important to include accountability from the start in any possible new initiatives. We remain interested and support work towards appropriate ways to track the initiatives, partnerships and sectorial commitments. The EU would suggest the MPCGA annual report to include data on the initiatives reflected on the Action Portal, including data regarding the number of Parties associated with each of the initiatives as well as how each initiative could further contribute to the advancement of the various work programmes. This in turn would facilitate COP/CMA outcomes to guide Parties in their interaction with the initiatives and how they contribute to climate action domestically.

In line with the recommendations from the independent Co-chairs of the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation¹, the Champions can play

¹ [Link to the letter](#) from the Co-chairs to Simon Stiell



a role in mapping the gaps in the ecosystem of non-state entity accountability and reporting, including in the Yearbook of Climate Action, in close collaboration with the data community, civil society, subnational governments and the private sector.

2. How can the HLCs enhance collaboration between Parties and NPS to advance the outcomes of the first GST?

The Champions have played an important role in involving NPS in the GST process, including the Technical Dialogues. We encourage you to continue to play that role in ensuring an inclusive approach also in discussions on the follow-up of the GST, and preparations for the next round of NDCs. We agree that the 2030 Climate Solutions roadmap can focus and guide NPS action to support overarching implementation of the GST decision. The 2024 Work Programme identifies appropriate first steps and priorities in putting it in motion, noting, however, that all areas will be acted upon.

We encourage the Champions to ensure that any new international initiatives should focus on advancing the global efforts from the GST decision as much as possible, such as the transitioning away from fossil fuels while tripling renewable energy capacity and doubling annual energy efficiency, as well as preparation of ambitious NDCs and these efforts should encourage partnerships, empowerment and investments, including in human capital, in this respect.

It is very encouraging to see international organisations like the IEA and IRENA pick up on the Global Efforts that came out of the Global Stocktake (GST) and play an active role in the implementation and the actionable solutions listed in the 2030 Climate Solutions roadmap document by the High-Level Champions and the MPGCA refer to their work in many occasions. The Champions could further strengthen cooperation with relevant international organisations and stakeholders in advancing the UAE Consensus and particularly the GST outcome.

We once again would like to underline our support for the work done under the Action Agenda and the Global Climate Action Portal (GCAP). In the past decade, the commitments have grown from 2500 to 25.000. There has been progress in tracking these initiatives, thank you for leading this important work and we encourage you to advance this work in the future. The beforementioned letter from the Co-chairs of the Recognition and Accountability Framework Consultation also contains some useful recommendation regarding the GCAP. For instance the GCAP should describe the voluntary cooperative initiatives in a standardized way that improves transparency and enables comparability.