

The 2024 High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Work Programme

Her Excellency Razan Al Mubarak, High-Level Champion of the COP 28 Presidency, and Ms Nigar Arpadarai, High-Level Champion of the incoming COP 29 Presidency calling for inputs to reflect on the progress made by the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

Submission by the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Co-Focal Points for Finance on behalf of the Finance Working Group

About the Marrakech Partnership:

Under the leadership of the High-Level Champions, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action supports implementation of the Paris Agreement by enabling collaboration between governments and the cities, regions, businesses and investors that must act on climate change.

Our mission is to strengthen collaboration between governments and key stakeholders to immediately lower emissions and increase resilience against climate impacts. These actions are guided by the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and undertaken in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The focus is on environmental, economic, and social system transformation, promoting higher ambition of all stakeholders to collectively strive for the 1.5°C temperature goal and a climate-neutral and resilient world.¹

Feedback on the [2024 High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Work Programme](#) and the [achievements document](#):

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

- Identify synergies between existing initiatives and connect partners across the pathways, 2030 Climate Solutions, and Breakthrough Agenda to foster collaboration (e.g., into flagship campaigns), including common targets towards 2030..
- Further, collective push to campaign sign-on; in particular, the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience for both companies and cities, and showcase the baseline of commitments, target setting and actions and tracking mechanisms underpinning these.
- Build strong, shared narratives that can be used by NPS to advocate for enhanced ambition across transparency, ambitious action, and finance, including across the Rio Conventions (e.g., on NDCs, NAPs and NBSAPs) and the critical role of NPS in their design and implementation, and submissions around the MP (e.g., MP Finance WG TED10 NCQG submission).
- Identify “champions” within partner organizations that can amplify messages and provide platforms to spotlight best practices/ successful solutions.

2. How can the High-Level Champions enhance collaboration between Parties and NPS to advance the outcomes of the first GST?

- Leverage partners' expertise to bring existing and emerging solutions to the attention of Parties.
- Facilitate targeted and regular discussions between Parties and NPS on specific issues, following up with specific actions and maintaining momentum.
- Identify key areas where enhanced collaboration between Parties and NPS would be beneficial and facilitate links between relevant stakeholders.
- Continue to showcase progress of entities and initiatives' climate actions (e.g., those reflected in UNFCCC GCAP), across regions and sectors, and engage them in meaningful dialogue (solutions, barriers, opportunities), towards accelerating the just transition away from fossil fuels.

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

- Consider reviewing the mandate, structure and composition of the Marrakech Partnership to identify areas that can be improved in its responsibilities, operations and geographical coverage.
- Seek feedback from Parties on specific areas where the Marrakech Partnership can support their goal or provide evidence to advance discussions.
- Expand formal routes for partners to provide evidence and input to Parties, beyond UNFCCC portal submissions.