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## **EDF Feedback to the High-Level Champions on how to enhance their work and the Marrakech Partnership**

### **Background**

As we mark a decade since the launch of the Global Climate Action platform, it is essential to recognize the substantial increase in registered commitments, growing from 2,500 in 2015 to over 25,000 by the end of 2019. This momentum underscores the importance of our collective efforts and the need to continue enhancing ambition and implementation of climate action.

In this context:

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

### **EDF response**

- While the MPGCA and HLCs have done an excellent job facilitating the engagement of key sectoral stakeholders and the private sector in climate action and the wider UNFCCC process, there is more to be done to ensure an enhanced interface between MPGCA thematic groups and Parties. This can greatly improve the MPGCA and ensure the accelerated implementation of the Paris Agreement.
- As the next round of NDCs are being prepared, and work is being done by the Troika to support national planning and the realization of the outcomes of the GST, the HLCs and MPGCA should take the opportunity to create space for NPS and Parties to come together in meaningful ways. Examples include:
  - **Structured dialogues** between MPGCA sectoral leads and Parties
  - **Workshops focused on NDC planning**, with MPGCA sectors taking the lead in providing capacity building and training
  - **Virtual thematic trainings for Parties around NDC preparation**, with MPGCA sectors in the lead to provide substance and knowledge

- While there are no Regional Climate Weeks planned for 2024 (which are opportune moments for mandated events focused on capacity building and training), the Troika has outlined milestone moments for supporting Parties in their NDC preparation. The MPGCA and HLCs should work with the Troika to guarantee sectoral stakeholders are part of this process, ensuring ambition, while also reflecting the practical realities faced by each sector.
- Building on the potential for capacity building and knowledge enhancement provided by the MPGCA sectoral stakeholders, other ideas/tools for supporting Parties in their climate efforts include:
  - **Promoting regional and national-level MPGCA-like platforms**, in which the international stakeholders of the MPGCA mobilize regional and national actors around NDC-focused engagement with governments
  - **Establishing a repository of tools and knowledge products for Parties**, in which MPGCA stakeholders can upload useful guides and reports
- Finally, when it comes to direct private sector engagement, Race to Zero and Race to Resilience need to be better embedded in the Marrakech Partnership and there should be meaningful opportunities for MPGCA-Race to Zero/Resilience interface. At the moment, there appears to be a wide disconnect between the platforms that can easily be bridged.