



Submission by The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection

Subject: Submission in response to the letter from the High-Level Champions

Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, August 2024

Title: Strengthening the work of high-level champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Global Climate Action to accelerate climate action and stimulate implementation

Context:

The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection was established in June 2001, at the initiative of **His Majesty King Mohammed VI. Her Royal Highness Princess Lalla Hasnaa** was entrusted with the Chair from the beginning. The Foundation's fundamental mission is to raise awareness and educate for sustainable development. In this mission, the Foundation targets all audiences, including school children, political and economic decision-makers as well as the general public. The Foundation has been engaged in all main UNFCCC meetings and events since becoming an Observer in 2009 through COPs and Regional Climate Weeks, with a particular focus on activities linked with Action for Climate Empowerment, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, and the Paris Committee for Capacity Building.

The role of the High-Level Champions was established at COP 21 in Paris in 2015. Their primary mission is to enhance high-level engagement, ensuring the effective implementation of existing efforts while fostering the expansion and initiation of new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives, and coalitions. COP22 in Marrakech in 2016 played an instrumental role in providing a structured framework to the work of the Champions by establishing the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, based on a roadmap, reflections on a path forward, a proposed approach, a draft work programme and an impact and priority tracker. The partnership plays indeed a pivotal role in the mission of the Champions, underpinning their efforts to accelerate ambitious climate action among non-State actors—such as cities, regions, businesses, investors, and civil society. This acceleration is carried out with the necessary speed, scale, and justice to support Parties and the UNFCCC process. For 2024, the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership have introduced a comprehensive Work Programme. This programme is based on the 2021-2025 five-year plan and is informed by past work. A document detailing the achievements from January to May 2024 has also been released, showcasing the activities delivered within this timeframe.

Recommendations

- 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?*

The High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership action can add significant value by leveraging their convening power to identify and leverage synergies for Climate Ambition and Action. Indeed, there is a clear and urgent need to mobilize and provide additional resources for climate and sustainable development, in particular resources for the most vulnerable in the Global South, with a particular focus on Africa. They can accelerate the implementation of climate projects, complement existing efforts and drive impactful climate actions, contributing to a more sustainable and resilient world and ensuring economic, environmental and social benefits through:

