



WWF Submission in Response to the Letter from High Level Champions

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In response to the letter of June 04, 2024, WWF is pleased to submit the points below on feedback to the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership on how to accelerate climate action and implementation. WWF would like to congratulate the High-Level Champions and the Marrakesh for their excellent effort in fulfilling their respective mandates. WWF extends our offer to support as and where possible.

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?

As indicated by multiple sources, including WWF, 'the world is witnessing a disturbing acceleration in the number, speed and scale of broken climate records' (Emissions Gap Report 2022). A significant new record has just been set. In June, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) [announced](#) that the world had 12 consecutive months of global temperatures reaching 1.5°C, the upper limit of global warming to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Scientists are already predicting that 2024 will break the 2023 record of being the hottest year since climate records began in the 1800s.

Consequently, the first Global Stocktake (GST) to the Paris Agreement is proving more critical than could have been imagined when it was first conceived. How Parties respond to the GST recommendations in new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), due in 2025, could make or break the feasibility of achieving the Paris Agreement goals.

WWF valued the efforts thus far from the High Champions in enhancing ambition and strengthen the engagement of Non-Party Stakeholders, highlighting new opportunities for:

- Socializing recommendations from the first Global Stocktake related to sectoral pathways, namely on energy, forests and other ecosystems, transforming food systems and circular economy (arts. 28 to 36) with Non-Party Stakeholders as vital guidance to be actioned upon within the context of nationally determined ambition and implementation at all scales.
- Raising awareness of NPS about the need of enhanced 2030 targets in NDCs, in addition to 2035 targets.
- Engaging actors on the importance of urgently scaling up ambition ensuring feasibility of limiting temperature rise to 1.5°C: this means considering all ambition in this critical decade.

WWF welcomes the progress made across the Marrakesh Partnership including through the 2030 Breakthrough agendas, highlighting further opportunity for

- Providing a guiding star for technology and innovation through bolstering investment in critical technology options to close the 2030 ambition gap: engaging NPS on contributing to upscaling existing cost-effective mitigation technology options (e.g. costing under 100USD per ton of CO₂e) that can close the 2030 mitigation gap.

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

WWF highlights the key role of High-Level Champions in shaping action by Non-Party Stakeholders to deliver on the GST outcomes. We suggest the following activities:

- Holding thematic/sectoral-focused dialogues with NPS on the sectoral recommendations of the GST and what their contribution can be.
- Engaging NPS on their respective roles in contributing to NDC delivery, alongside and in line with their respective climate planning.
- Prioritizing coordination and use of existing initiatives rather than creation of new ones
- Looking for unexploited MP opportunities and unrepresentative groups in specific instances and focus on supporting them and their engagement.
- Promoting concrete solutions and delivery of means of implementation.
- Aligning the Oil and Gas Breakthrough to the outcomes of the GST to transition away from fossil fuels and grow NPS base supporting this breakthrough and track progress and strengthen accountability.
- Supporting the creation of a climate and nature workstream under the UNFCCC to support the nature-related recommendations from the 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?

WWF welcomes and values initiatives by the Champions and the Marrakech Partnership, including but not limited to the Race to Zero, Race to Resilience, and the Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero 2030 Breakthroughs. We suggest the following:

- Strengthening reporting and accountability mechanisms of reporting, including encouraging signatories to update on progress and a synthesis report on progress.
- Publishing guidance on how NPS can align their objectives and efforts to the outcomes of the GST, provide case studies and practical examples.
- Engaging in and aligning the work with recommendations and outcomes of UNFCCC processes such as the Global Goal on Adaptation, Mitigation Work Programme, Just Transition Work Programme.
- Focusing on delivery and ensuring accountability in all efforts and undertakings within the Partnership to maintain its public trust.
- Supporting the work of the Troika and defining a role for the Marrakech Partnership in Mission 1.5.

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