

**BCSE Submission on Climate High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership on the  
five-year vision and plan for the Global Climate Action Agenda**  
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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) appreciates the opportunity to share its views with the Climate High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership on the five-year vision and plan for the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA).

Since its founding in 1992, BCSE has been an accredited business observer organization to the United Nations. Our coalition has led business delegations to each of the three Earth Summits and nearly all the UNFCCC's annual COPs and intersessional meetings.

The mission of the BCSE business coalition is to advocate for and implement policies and regulations that reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, develop and deploy a portfolio of existing sustainable energy technologies, and accelerate the progress of the energy transition.

To achieve this, BCSE supports the enactment of market-based measures and complementary energy policies that reduce carbon pollution and provide a clean, diverse, secure, resilient, and affordable mix of energy resources. Demonstration of this policy advocacy work includes our commitment to the implementation of the [Paris Agreement](#) and its goals and institutions, including the work of the Climate Technology Center & Network and the Green Climate Fund.

BCSE members, through daily business operations both in the United States and in global markets, are helping customers and countries work towards achieving the [Global Stock Take \(GST\)'s energy transition goals](#) – including the tripling of renewable energy capacity and doubling the global rate of energy efficiency improvements.

**What should success look like for the GCAA in the next five years, and how can it be measured effectively?**

The contributions of the business community are essential to the GCAA and the implementation of the Paris Agreement and should be recognized as constructive partners. Business voices provide real-time insight on what is working at the front lines of the energy transition – policies, investment strategies, community engagement and workforce development plans – that can help policymakers create and refine the domestic enabling environments needed for progress.

BCSE commends the incoming COP 30 Presidency's focus to deliver on existing pledges and initiatives as part of the COP 30 Action Agenda and commends the Climate High-Level champions to extend the time horizon for this implementation.

BCSE supports the alignment of the GCAA's five-year workplan with the structure of the Global Stock Take outcomes. The work to achieve the GST energy transition goals provides a clear signal of global intent and pathway to deploy solutions and develop new markets.



A measurement of continued success would be increased profile of the GCAA beyond the confines of the annual COP or in the host country, through engagement at non-climate related convenings, such as business and investment conferences, or energy trade shows that happen in countries around the world.

The GCAA and the Climate High-Level Champions have the ability to keep political attention on pragmatic and positive success stories of climate action. The ability to cultivate and disseminate these examples, to build the global narrative of what is achievable and what is already happening, to create a positive feedback loop that cultivates even greater ambition and action.

**How can the GCAA facilitate direct and impactful engagement between Parties and NPS to support implementation efforts at both national and sectoral levels, in order to advance the full delivery of the GST, NDCs, and NAPs?**

The GCAA can utilize its programmatic platform to elevate and share the work of international partners that are reviewing NDCs, national GHG emissions reports, or progress towards global goals such as the tripling of renewable energy or doubling the rate of energy efficiency improvements.

The GCAA can then create opportunities for business and industry to work together with willing Parties and international actors that are focused on identifying technology and systems solutions that will help achieve a country's goals. This could take the form of a digital mapping key contacts in countries and corresponding non-party stakeholders, or an in-person match-making activities.

**How can the GCAA promote an inclusive and equitable engagement, in particular from underrepresented groups and regions?**

To promote inclusive and equitable engagement — identify venues for central gatherings and regional events that are accessible and affordable for a broad range of participants.

Encourage partnerships and/or matchmaking between global south and north organizations that participate as observers, virtual meetings throughout the year and in-person meetings at Bonn or annual COP. Such an approach could help build cooperation that extends beyond the confines of the UNFCCC meetings.

**What improvements can be made to ensure better transparency, reporting and follow up of the GCAA, including in existing tools such as the Global Climate Action Portal (a.k.a NAZCA) and the Yearbook of Global Climate Action?**

The transparency of reporting on climate actions, verified by third parties, is an essential element to tracking and tabulating progress and for building trust among stakeholders.



There is also a complexity of reporting frameworks already in existence, and the work of the GCAA should not create new frameworks but can use its convening power – whether digital or in-person – to cultivate momentum, enhance capacity and identify areas of synergy.

Businesses in our coalition are reporting on their voluntary commitments to CDP, Global Reporting Index, Science Based Targets Initiative, Sustainable Accounting Standards Board, Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures, UN Global Compact, UN Race to Zero, among others.

BCSE recommends that measures to improve transparency, reporting and follow up of climate actions include opportunities for continued consultation with the private sector, in order to capture technology or industry developments, and to make sure that frameworks are fit-for-purpose. In fact, the business practices and technologies in the realm of monitoring, verification, and reporting (MRV) and data management and digitalization are also rapidly evolving, and these private sector voices should be invited to contribute as well.

The Global Climate Action Portal (GCAP) is a valuable resource for the global community to understand the many different ways that climate actions are being taken by various stakeholders. The upkeep and maintenance of this tool can be assisted by regular and automated notifications for participating stakeholders to provide status updates. The GCAP has the potential to be an important tool in the toolbox of the intergovernmental climate process, as well as the work of the GCAA and the High-level Climate Champions to keep momentum and attention on forward progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement.

BCSE appreciates the opportunity to share its views on this matter. Please contact [Laura Tierney](#), Vice President, International Programs for additional information or questions.