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MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPIONS

Launch of 2024 Work Programme, programme for SB 60, reflections on progress and call for inputs

The secretariat wishes to convey to Parties and observers States to the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, admitted observer organizations and other non-Party stakeholders, a message by 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.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

In addition, the secretariat would like to inform of the series of events planned by the High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action during SB 60 that can be found at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/HLC_SB60-event-program.pdf.

Yours sincerely,

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Distribution: To Parties and observer States through their national focal points and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies, observer organizations admitted by the Conference of the Parties and other non-Party stakeholders.



Annex

Letter to Parties and non-Party stakeholders from the High-Level Champions

Distinguished representatives of Parties, groups of Parties, and non-Party stakeholders,

As we approach the midpoint of this decisive decade, where our collective climate action efforts are crucial, we write to you to reflect on the progress made since Parties established our roles at COP 21 in 2015, with a mandate to promote and support the engagement of non-Party stakeholders (NPS) in the climate action process and extended it at COP 25 in Madrid until the end of 2025.

Over the past nine years, together with former High-Level Champions, we have worked tirelessly to strengthen collaboration between governments and key non-Party stakeholders, raise awareness about the vital role of NPS, and drive climate action among Parties and NPS. Under our leadership, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, launched at COP 22 and improved and welcomed by Parties at COP 26, has been instrumental in this effort, fostering cooperation between Parties and NPS and supporting us to deliver a number of tools and activities. Through the UAE Consensus agreed at COP 28, Parties and non-Party stakeholders are urged to join efforts to accelerate delivery through inclusive, multilevel, gender-responsive and cooperative action. Parties encouraged the High-Level Champions, the Marrakech Partnership, and NPS to consider the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake (GST) in their work on scaling up and introducing new or strengthened voluntary efforts, initiatives and coalitions. We remain fully committed to deliver and take forward these outcomes.

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.

For this year, we have launched the [2024 High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Work Programme](#) and an [achievements document](#) has been released with the activities delivered from January until May 2024.

In this context, we are reaching out to you to call for inputs on the following issues:

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?



The call will be open until **31 July 2024**. Any Party and observer organization (United Nations and related organizations and specialized agencies and admitted intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations) wishing to do so are kindly requested to submit their views via the UNFCCC submission portal at <https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/submissionsstaging/Pages/Home.aspx>; and any other NPS wishing to do so are kindly requested to email their views to globalclimateaction@unfccc.int. The views received will be posted on a dedicated page of the UNFCCC website.

We greatly appreciate your attention and cooperation in this matter. Your feedback is invaluable to fulfill the mandate that Parties have given us and as we work collectively to enhance global climate action and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement. We look forward to your contributions and to continuing our collaborative efforts towards a 1.5, net-zero, nature-positive and resilient world.

Yours sincerely,

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