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MESSAGE FROM THE CLIMATE HIGH-LEVEL CHAMPIONS

Launch of 2025 Work Programme, reflections on progress and call for inputs

I am pleased to convey to Parties and observers States of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement and United Nations system and specialized agencies and other relevant organizations, and intergovernmental organizations admitted as observers and other non-Party stakeholders, a message from Ms. Nigar Arpadarai, Climate High-Level Champion of the COP 29 Presidency of Azerbaijan and Mr. Dan Ioschpe, Climate High-Level Champion of the COP 30 Presidency of Brazil, and a call for inputs to reflect on the progress made by the Climate High-Level Champions and the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action and look forward to the next five years of the new mandate, as per decision 17/CP.29.

The message is contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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Annex

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

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

As we are halfway through the year of 2025 – a pivotal year marking a decade since the adoption of the Paris Agreement and of the creation of the Climate High-Level Champion role, we write to you to reflect on the progress made since Parties entrusted us at COP 21 in 2015, with a mandate to promote and support the engagement of non-Party stakeholders (NPS) in the global climate action agenda, and extended through until the end of 2030 in decision 17/CP.29 in Baku. We deeply appreciate the opportunity to engage with you at the 62nd session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB 62) and are grateful for the constructive feedback received, which is invaluable in informing and strengthening our efforts as we chart the course ahead.

Over the past ten years, together with former Climate High-Level Champions, we have worked tirelessly to deepen collaboration between governments and key NPS, elevate the visibility and importance of NPS in the climate ecosystem, and accelerate climate action among Parties and NPS. Under our leadership, the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action¹, launched at COP 22, has played a central role in this mission, fostering cooperation between Parties and NPS and supporting us to deliver a number of tools and activities.

We remain fully committed and will continue anchoring our efforts in supporting the UNFCCC process, in particular on the UAE Consensus agreed at COP 28, where Parties encouraged the Climate High-Level Champions, the Marrakech Partnership, and NPS to consider the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake (GST) in their work.

As we look forward to the next five years of work of the Climate High-Level Champions, we are focused to ensure that it is fit for purpose — grounded in science and equipped to drive transformative climate action. Our aim is to position the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake as an overall frame for the Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) and the work of the Marrakech Partnership to help provide voluntary initiatives and NPS a clear direction on where their efforts can align most effectively with Parties-agreed priorities, ensuring coherence and complementarity rather than fragmentation in the way forward, while collectively accelerating implementation of the Paris Agreement.

For this year, we have launched the [2025 Climate High-Level Champions and Marrakech Partnership Work Programme](#). Together with the Marrakech Partnership, we will act in all areas of action identified in the five-year plan of 2021², the 2030 Climate Solutions³, and the Climate Action Pathways⁴, with a view to support the implementation of the first GST outcome, Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), and will follow the objectives identified by the incoming Presidency under each of the thematic and cross-cutting areas of the Marrakech

¹ <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/engagement/marrakech-partnership>.

² <https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Improved%20Marrakech%20Partnership%202021-2025.pdf>.

³ <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/engagement/marrakech-partnership-for-global-climate-action/pathways/2030-climate-solutions-an-implementation-roadmap>.

⁴ https://unfccc.int/climate-action/marrakech-partnership/reporting-and-tracking/climate_action_pathways.



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Partnership to deliver one unified climate action agenda at COP 30. Looking forward, as delegated by the incoming Presidency⁵, building on the very helpful [feedback](#) we received last year, we are reaching out to you to kickstart a consultative process for further and deeper reflections as we are developing a vision and a plan for the next five years of the GCAA. We would like to seek your inputs on the following issues:

- What should success look like for the GCAA in the next five years, and how can it be measured effectively?
- 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?
- How can the CGAA promote an inclusive and equitable engagement, in particular from underrepresented groups and regions?
- 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 call will be open until **18 August 2025**. Any Party and observer organization (United Nations System and its 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 sincerely value your attention and collaboration in this matter. Your feedback is essential to helping us deliver the mandate entrusted to us by Parties, as we work collectively to enhance global climate action and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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⁵ https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Fourth_CPD_Letter.pdf.