

**UN Climate Change COP 28  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

**“Shaping a Climate Resilient Future for People and Nature  
through the Sharm El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda”  
Concept Note**

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

DATE December 3rd  
**TIME 10:00 to 11:00**  
ROOM Al Wakra, Blue Zone

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## MP “Thematic”: Adaptation and Resilience

<p><i>Description</i></p>	<p><i>COP28 presents a pivotal opportunity to accelerate global, regional, national and local work focused on climate adaptation and resilience across systems. Building on the renewed momentum generated at COP27, which also saw the launch of the Sharm El-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda (SAA), further recognition of the critical need to significantly enhance financial commitments and build capacities for adaptation strategies and solutions has been highlighted. The objective is not only to increase overall funding but also to better target these financial flows toward local communities that are disproportionately at risk and impacted by extreme weather events and forced relocations and also compounded by slow onset events. Furthermore, it has been recognized that such financial support requires enabling environments with strong capacities and governance structures to allow adaptation and resilience action to flourish. Thus, it is crucial that the shared narrative on climate resilience and adaptation by all and for all, is accompanied by accessible and tangible risk-informed investments and the requisite preventative, anticipative, absorptive and adaptive capacity-building to enact meaningful transformational change.</i></p> <p><i>In this event, we will bring together actors and sectors in the space of adaptation and resilience and showcase the success and progress of adaptation and resilience action across and within sectors. While it is understood that adaptation and resilience planning and implementation is necessary at all levels, it requires highly localized action, meaningful planning and investing on mainstreaming adaptation and resilience is required for transformative action. This is done through a suite of climate risk and impact management actions that can deliver the system metamorphosis for accelerating adaptation and building a climate resilient world. Such action can enable us to reduce the negative impacts from the climate crisis and to ensure we can drive towards the ambition of making 4 billion people resilient to climate shocks and stresses by 2030.</i></p> <p><i>Our focus is to ensure that climate adaptation and resilience action work specifically for those on the frontlines who are most at risk and impacted or affected by climate change today—women, girls, indigenous people,, vulnerable and marginalized communities. They must be involved in the design and implementation of climate actions to ensure their leadership, co-creation and the equal sharing of benefits.</i></p> <p><i>Join us in this event to explore together what such adaptation and resilience action mean for your work across systems and related sectors, in alignment with the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement’s Global Goal on Adaptation, the Sham Adaptation Agenda, and the Race to Resilience.</i></p>
<p><b>Headline</b></p>	<p><i>Climate Adaptation and Resilience actions and solutions are being advanced by multiple Non-Party Stakeholders across all levels and systems or sectors in its diverse MPGCA pathways, the Sharm Adaptation Agenda report and the Race to Resilience report. All are showcasing progress and evidence. But radical collaboration is needed to for the scale and pace of implementation to be urgently accelerated, as well as mobilization and access to adaptation finance for those on the frontlines of the climate crisis.</i></p>

<b>Suggested outcomes aligned to narrative</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elevated momentum for increasing accessible finance for adaptation and resilience actions across and within systems</li> <li>2. Increasing involvement of private sector in adaptation and resilience financing</li> <li>3. Spotlight the interconnectedness between nature and water systems as foundational for resilience and adaptation.</li> <li>4. Stronger positioning of Sharm Adaptation Agenda and Race to Resilience as shared narrative for scaling urgent climate action by all private, public and community actors across priority systems</li> </ol>
<b>Please let us know how your event will address the following:</b>	<p>What has been the <u>collective progress</u> to date in the thematic areas of</p> <p>a) Mitigation ( specify 2030 Breakthrough outcome): No focus on mitigation on this day.</p> <p>b) Adaptation &amp; resilience ( specify Sharm el Sheik adaptation agenda outcome):.</p> <p>The event will focus on all outcome targets of the Sharm Adaptation Agenda across 6 key systems, with focus on governance issues in the systems, and will make reference to progress made to date and opportunities for urgently accelerating pace and scale of implementation across and within these systems.</p> <p>c) Means of implementation (Finance, Capacity Building, Technology Transfer)</p> <p>The event will especially make emphasis on what are the key barriers and what are the key enablers that need to be deployed to accelerate adaptation and resilience action, with strong emphasis on finance and capacity building, including those related to methods and metrics to track and report adaptation progress and benefits for people.</p> <p>How does this contribute to the Global Stocktake outcomes?</p> <p>The event will be based on the SAA and RtR reports that will be launched at COP28 and will contribute with a narrative to feed the Global Stocktake (GST) by shedding light on progress in adaptation and resilience action and obstacles for its implementation. We expect the GST Process will be enable the elevation of the urgency to accelerate pace and scale of adaptation and resilience action especially for people on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Furthermore, we expect these discussions to provide insights on way forward through the consideration of shared narratives and outcomes within the SAA to guide action on adaptation and resilience by non-state actors. By showcasing progress in systemic transformations and radical collaborations for achieving climate resilience across priority systems, we will contribute to the suite of climate risk and impact management solutions based on a strong forward looking content rallying many public, private and community actors.</p>
<b>Key messages</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adapting to our rapidly changing and warmer climate requires a focus on system transformation that fosters Integrated adaptation action based on multiple climate risk and impact management solutions and for key systems such as food, water, and nature, human settlements, oceans, infrastructure, and health and a new level of ambition regarding planning and finance.</li> <li>2. The world is facing an unprecedented humanitarian, biodiversity and climate crisis, triggered by other compounding risks. Actions are happening but not in proportion to the level of impacts and we need to urgently accelerate pace and scale.</li> <li>3. Investment into adaptation and resilience is not just an initial ‘cost’, but a cost-effective way to avoid expensive emergency responses. It is also an opportunity to drive forward climate justice including that which is risk and gender-sensitive. Current proven examples of adaptation investments and leadership from public and private sectors, especially from insurance industry, investors, philanthropists help to widen the pathway that need to be further accelerated to adequately fund the adaptation solutions needed and especially for those on the frontline of climate change.</li> </ol>

<b>Participants</b>	<p><i>Ensuring active and meaningful participation of diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, businesses, cities and regions, and civil society, including youth women, and Indigenous Peoples, is an important aspect of Marrakech Partnership programming at COPs.</i></p> <p><i>Which stakeholder groups do you need to take part in the event to achieve the outcomes?</i></p> <p><i>High level government decision makers, local government, financial institutions, indigenous leaders, local community representatives, practitioners and researchers, private sector and innovators</i></p> <p><i>We will ensure balance of gender and geography, inclusion of youth representatives, and equitable representation and inclusion in terms of speaking time for all speakers as well.</i></p>
<b>Logistics</b>	<p><i>Room layout: GCA Zone Amphitheatre 1 or 2</i></p> <p><i>Capacity: 175 pax</i></p> <p><i>Davos style seating</i></p>

#### Considerations for planning your event:

- **Diversity & Inclusion**

- *Curating diverse and inclusive events is paramount for the High-Level Champions. Please ensure balance in gender, geography, and spectrum of stakeholders across all levels of government and sectors.*
- *Please see the diversity and inclusion guidelines [here](#).*
- *For COP 28 we will be introducing a measurement framework for diversity and inclusion, which event organisers will need to track against. We encourage you to track your speaker information in a [Speaker Tracker Template](#).*

- **Speakers**

- *The High-Level Champions will be recommending a few speakers/participants for the thematic action events based on their outreach and mobilization efforts for the COP. We will be reaching out to explore recommendations directly with event organisers.*
- *We recommend **no more than 3 speakers** in a panel, besides the moderator.*
- *Badges will be available for all speakers and developers of the events in accordance with the rules that would be established and shared with all.*

- **Content**

- *A requirement for all Marrakech Partnership events is to have a balanced content, showcasing **50% mitigation** content and **50% adaptation and resilience***

- **Outcomes Reporting**

- *Event organisers will be required to report on content balance and diversity and inclusion in an Outcomes report post event*

## Prospective Agenda

The table below includes examples of information that should be included as part of the agenda. Please ensure the event is as interactive as possible with a mix of different discussion formats, including fire-side chats/case study presentations/one-on-one interviews/dynamic videos. Please be mindful of overcrowded panels during the session.

Panel Diversity:

<b>Youth</b> <i>Number of Speakers under 35</i>	<b>Geography</b> <i>Number of Speakers from developing countries</i>	<b>Gender</b> <i>Number of female speakers</i>	<b>Indigenous Peoples</b> <i>Number of speakers from Indigenous groups</i>
2 / 8 total speakers	6/8 total speakers	4/ 8 total speakers	2/8 total speakers
25%	75%	50%	25%

Timing	Session Description	Speaker suggestions <i>Stakeholder group/voice, Name, title, organisation, gender, geography</i>	Notes / Format tips
<b>First segment: Welcome &amp; Opening (10 min)</b>			
3 min	Welcome	MC: Marcia Toledo, Adaptation & Resilience Director, Climate Champions	Place SAA in context
15 min	Opening Remarks: High Level Announcements on Advancing Adaptation Action	COP 27 Presidency (3min)  COP 28 Presidency (3 min)  Razan Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High Level Champion , COP 28 Presidency (3 min)  Mahmoud Mohieldin UN Climate Change High Level Champion, COP 28 Presidency (3 min)	Live graphic illustrations   HLCs confirmed
<b>Second segment: Keynote Motivational (10 min)</b>			

5 min	Local Perspective- Keynote Motivational Speech	Fany Kuiru first woman in charge of COICA - Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon River Basin	Story of success and why we need to accelerate action  Invite sent Coordinacion_general@coicamazonia.org
<b>Third segment: Fireside chat on adaptation action, obstacles and needs. (35 min)</b>			
30 mins total (15 min)	<b>Fireside chat ROUND 1:</b>  We have urgency, action is being advanced and there is need to accelerate pace and scale  <u>One Question:</u>  What is the progress on adaptation on action, planning and finance?	<b>Round 1 of 3 speakers to pitch (15 min in total):</b>  1. Health, Adaptation and Crosscutting Ms Maira Naira, WHO Climate 2. Locally led . Governance and Adaptation Ms Debra Roberts, IPCC 3. People and food Rein Paulsen, Director, FAO Office for Emergency and Resilience Moderator: Nathaniel Matthews, CEO, Global Resilience Partnership  <b>Round 2 of 3 speakers to pitch (15 min in total):</b>  1. System Transformation for Adaptation Mr Selwin Hart, UN Climate Envoy 2. Urgency of pace and scale of adaptation finance Jay Koh, The LightSmith group  Moderator: Mariam Allam, Sharm Adaptation Agenda Lead	Live graphic illustrations
(15min)	<b>Fireside chat ROUND 2:</b>  We have urgency, action is being advanced and there is need to accelerate pace and scale  <u>One Question:</u>  How to accelerate pace and scale? What actions do we need to take to achieve transformation?		
<b>Fourth segment: Closing remarks (5 min)</b>			
5 min	Closing Remarks	Mikko Ollikainen Head of Adaptation Fund	