

Next steps for Global Climate Action

Discussion document

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Global Climate Action is entering a critical period in 2017-2018 to deliver and increase climate action as we move toward a 2018 inflection point, and in light of political uncertainty. The Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action marks an important advance; the entire Global Climate Action community must now work together to operationalize it.

Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Action (www.climategroundswell.org) has compiled this discussion document as a way to advance the conversation. It captures our collective reflections from COP22. We offer some specific thoughts on who can do what in an effort to make the discussion very concrete, but these are of course intended just as suggestions and invitations for discussion.

Strategic priorities for Global Climate Action 2017-2018

Build CREDIBILITY and MOMENTUM to create IMPACT

1. **Credibility:** deliver and report progress on actions that have been pledged
2. **Momentum:** increase scale and scope of climate actions to show “tipping point” by 2018
3. **Impact:** Show how climate action is helping countries implement current NDCs and creating opportunities for ambitious increases in national contributions 2018-2020

Next steps to advance Global Climate Action

| Action | Party responsible | Time |
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| Implementing and scaling up climate action | | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implement current pledges and initiatives 2. Develop new initiatives in identified gaps 3. Bring new actors (cities, businesses, etc.) into existing initiatives, coalitions, and networks | All initiatives, networks, and coalitions, along with governmental and intergovernmental partners | Ongoing |
| Coordination | | |
| Coalitions/Initiatives/etc share work plans for 2017/2018 (or beyond), including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify key thematic areas to focus on 2. Identify at a granular level key target actors | UNFCCC collect and share them | January 2017 |

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| (specific cities, businesses, ministries, individuals etc.) for each area to create a joint 'target list' 3. Identify key events | | |
| Continue to convene Friends of Climate Action (WEF) calls as information exchange channel across the climate action community, broaden to include all coalitions/initiatives | WEF | Ongoing |
| Central public calendar of events for climate action community | WEF | Ongoing |
| Strategy | | |
| Step 1: Coalitions/Initiatives/etc share priorities and key needs | UNFCCC collect them | January 2017 |
| Step 2: Champions work with coalitions/initiatives/etc to identify key priorities for their own work and their needs from Champions/governments | Champions supported by UNFCCC | January 2017 |
| Step 3: Articulate and communicate strategy/priorities for Global Climate Action | Champions, as well as broader community | February 2017 and ongoing |
| Reach out to "local" champions in key geographic regions and other gap areas, task them with delivering specific climate actions | Champions | February 2017 and ongoing |
| Convene discussions on critical topics in Global Climate Action as they arise | Galvanizing the Groundswell | Ongoing |
| Events | | |
| Designate organizers responsible for TEMs, thematic days, and HLE in 2017. Creating working group, chaired by UNFCCC, and comprising representative of initiatives/coalitions/etc, to begin planning 2017 events. | UNFCCC, Champions, representatives of initiatives/coalitions | February 2017 |
| Choose specific TEMs topics and facilitators (for May intersessional) | UNFCCC, Champions, parties, representatives of initiatives/coalitions | January 2017 |
| Choose specific topics for Global Climate Action dialogues (for November COP) | UNFCCC, Champions, representatives of initiatives/coalitions | June 2017 |

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| Create coordination group for 2018 Global Climate Action Summit | UNFCCC, Champions, representatives of initiatives/coalitions, California, UNSG | May 2017 |
| Communicate with the 'Climate Chance Summit' (Marrakesh 2017, and Montreal 2018), to ensure they fit 'events flow'. | Galvanizing the Groundswell/California ? | Jan/Feb 2017? |
| Tracking | | |
| Designate team to deliver 2017 Yearbook of Climate Action. Yearbook comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Examination Paper 2. UNEP Gap Report 3. Individual reports from initiatives / coalition 4. Summary for Policymakers (chapeau that fits it together to communicate 'state of knowledge' of Global Climate Action) | UNFCCC chair working group comprising different coalitions/initiatives engaged in tracking/Galvanizing the Groundswell | February 2017 |
| NAZCA updating and data-sharing. Craft agreement on data-sharing with data-providers to make NAZCA a functional tracking platform and create common database of climate actions for use by analysts | UNFCCC lead, Galvanizing the Groundswell organize discussions as needed | Begin January 2017, aim to deliver by May 2017 |
| Method harmonization. Agree standards for measuring/aggregating bottom up climate action, produce guidance document | Galvanizing the Groundswell organize discussions with analysts | Begin January 2017, aim to deliver by May 2017 |
| Resources | | |
| Create coordinated pitch to funders to support tracking work | Galvanizing the Groundswell help coordinate and develop the case for tracking and broader support for GCA | January 2017 |
| Other | | |
| Survey of what worked / didn't work at COP22 | Galvanizing the Groundswell | December 2016 |