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Concept Note Action Event: Water

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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11:30 - 14:15

Global Climate Action arena, room n°1

Organised by: High Level Climate Champions, AGWA, CDP, IUCN and SIWI

Co-organisers: UNESCO, INBO, FWP, SIAAP and Water Content Group members

MP “Thematic”: Water

<p>Description</p>	<p>The event will highlight the demands of state and non-state actors for more ambitious water action and showcase how they are accelerating climate change mitigation and adaptation through concrete water action.</p> <p>The event will showcase how climate pledges in the water sector translate into concrete steps by the private sector, civil society, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, contributing to Race to Zero, Race to Resilience and country-led action under the Paris Agreement.</p>
<p>Headline</p>	<p>Thirsty for change: the goals of the Paris Agreement are within reach by tapping the potential of water.</p>
<p>Outcomes aligned to narrative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Country and regional representatives hear the calls for more ambitious water action from non-state actors and respond with tangible commitments to “water proofing” the NDCs, NAPs, and LTSs. ● Non-state actors are taking on bolder water leadership. Now it’s your turn to act - Identify the most pressing changes and innovations needed to protect and restore nature and build resilient ecosystems, economies, and societies in the face of climate change risks. ● Showcase that water security is climate resilience and that existing powerful climate initiatives on finance and food are beginning to consider how they can accelerate action on water for climate.
<p>Objectives</p>	<p><i>This event will secure support for the sector transformation pathway of decarbonisation and resilience and be a place to accelerate collective action to execute the pathways by celebrating the ambitious net zero leadership emerging across the water sector and its central role in delivering resilience for 1 billion people.</i></p> <p><i>The event will be a platform for new commitments that demonstrate the growing ambition and progress of non-Party stakeholders and a willingness to support more ambitious NDCs and NAPs to deliver the Paris Agreement objectives as soon as possible by launching the Fair Water Footprint Declaration, a coalition of State and Non-State actors at the heart of the trade of embedded water. This Declaration will commit all signatories to achieve equitable, resilient and sustainable water use across globalised food, fashion and metals supply chains by 2030.</i></p> <p><i>The event will achieve the HLC narrative and 4 overarching goals of COP, ie: increasing ambition, building resilience, mobilizing finance and driving systems change, by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>amplifying the Science of climate impacts on the water cycle and the need for urgent action.</i> - <i>showcasing the calls for more ambitious water action from 1,000 Youth Water and Wetland Ambassadors.</i> - <i>highlighting the financing gap and launching initiatives aiming to close it,</i>



	<p>including the Water and Climate Finance Initiative, and the Africa Urban Water Resilience initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showcasing the role of water for peace and the varied civil society and indigenous groups endeavouring to use and protect the resource for cooperation in a changing climate.e.g. Ecopeace for Middle East, Sacred Headwaters, and Global Alliance of Territorial Communities. - Demonstrating the game changing water solutions that are underway in the Production of Food and Energy. - Catalyzing the largest private finance initiatives, including The Investor Agenda, GFANZ and the NGFS, to explore how they will drive change on water. - Spotlighting those States and Cities that are taking leading action on water for climate.
<p>*Participants</p>	<p>We cannot be effective without the robust participation of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local actors, including women, girls, representatives from Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and farmer organizations. ● Private sector companies, including water and wastewater utilities that are responsible for impacting or managing large volumes of water. ● Public and private financial institutions and donors (countries/organizations). ● Country and region representatives who are leading the integration of water in their national and subnational climate change policies. ● Civil society who is advocating for climate action in the finance, food, built environment and energy sectors ● Research institutions working on water, food and energy system transformations to achieve a sustainable and resilient 1.5°C world. ● Intergovernmental organizations and frameworks with a direct impact on water and water-related ecosystems. <p>Given that many of our stakeholders will not be in Glasgow, we will work to ensure that they are able to participate virtually.</p>
<p>Key messages</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-state actors call for greater ambition on water for climate. 2. Water security is essential for building climate resilience and achieving net zero. 3. It can be done - Ambitious water-related climate solutions are available now, delivering significant GHG reductions and protecting the lives of billions. 4. The time is now - scale up the adoption of and finance for zero carbon water and wastewater solutions.

Draft Programme

Date: 05 November 2021 Time: 11:15am Length: 2:45 hours / 165 mins		Title <i>Thirsty for change: harnessing water's potential for a resilient, net zero and nature-positive future</i>
23 mins		Opening - Ambition statement
2 mins	11:30-11:32	★ Martha Rojas Urrego, Secretary General of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
5 mins	11:32-11:37	An appeal to our common humanity
8 mins	11:37- 11:45	★ SOS From The Planet: Save the planet The state of the world's water resources and why we need to act on water for climate now: A Digital World Tour of Water and Climate Science ★ Video ★ Professor Alun Hubbard, The Arctic University of Norway
8 mins	11:45-11:53	<u>Non-State Actor opening statements: We are thirsty for change, it's time to tap the potential of water</u> ★ Mark Engel, CSO, Unilever ★ John Foley, CEO, M&G ★ Dolf van den Brink, CEO, Heineken
7 mins	11:53-11:58	Statements from the Future: Thirsty for change ★ Indigenous Young Wetland Ambassadors, Master Video - 720p - Updated CTA.mp4 - Google Drive
62 minutes		The art of the possible - Water-related solutions that are delivering climate outcomes at scale, now
2	11:58-12:00	Opening with a future vision of what a water secure, resilient, equitable, net zero future looks like, based on the vision statement from Water Action Pathway . ★ Cate Lamb, Host
10	1200 1220	Climate leadership in action - the water and wastewater sector, miles ahead of the rest (Video, celebratory discussion and look ahead) ★ Heidi Mottram, CEO, Northumbrian Water ★ Christine McGourty, CEO, Water UK ★ Roch Cheroux, CEO, Sydney Water

25	1220 1230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Patrick Decker, CEO, Xylem <p>Water for peace and resilience in a changing climate This session will showcase how water is being used as a source of cooperation in times of scarcity and why we need to accelerate the adoption of transboundary water agreements and the role of NSA's to achieve this race to resilience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary UNECE ★ Yana Abu Taleb, Jordan Director, Ecopeace Middle East ★ An Pich Hatda, CEO, Mekong River Commission
20	1230 1255	<p>Waterside chat: Scaling access to climate finance for water and climate solutions The objective for the segment will be to present the tools and methods that can be mobilized to accelerate the preparation of well-designed, bankable climate resilient water projects that will attract funding from the wide range of private and public donors of climate finance.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Marie-Laure Vercambre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Mr. Stéphane Pailler, Deputy Director in charge of Environment and Climate, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs ★ Mr. Nabil Ben Khadra, Executive Secretary, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
2	1255 1258	<p>Summary and inspirational take away messages Despite challenges, transformation is achievable and tools are available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun
5 mins	1258 1303	<p>Statement for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ <i>Equator Prize Winners, Video</i>
70 mins	1305 1307	<p>Segment 3 - Seizing our future - Launch of initiatives to accelerate water-related solutions for climate and nature</p> <p>Opening statement illustrating the need for transformational change and highlighting key interventions of the Water Action Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Jennifer Jun, Host <p>Announce: Catalytic Fund for Urban Water Resilience for Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Wanjira Mathai, WRI ★ Mayor Pudence Rubingisa, Kigali ★ Tim Wainright, Wateraid <p>Launch: 50 to 1 billion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Samuela Guida, IWA ★ Marta Colet Gonzalo, CEO, Aguas Andinas ★ Mayor Belinda Constant of Gretna, LA

