



**CLIMATE
CHANGE**

WORLD CLIMATE SUMMIT FOR NON-STATE ACTORS

Agadir, Morocco - 11-13 September 2017

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION : 15 APRIL 2017

NON-STATE ACTORS

KEY PARTNERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

The adoption of the Paris Agreement on 12 December 2015 marked an extraordinary turning point in the fight against climate change. This inclusive and ambitious agreement sets out the principles upon which international co-operation in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change must now be based.

On that occasion, for the first time in the history of climate negotiations, non-State actors were acknowledged as key partners in the work to be undertaken in combating climate change, especially in respect of the Climate Action Agenda.

The Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action, adopted a year later at COP22, lays the foundations on which collaboration between the States party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and non-State actors must now build.

Co-ordinated by the High-Level Climate Champions, the Marrakesh Partnership aims to strengthen that collaboration in order to catalyse, support, implement and roll out global climate action on a wider scale



CLIMATE CHANCE ASSOCIATION

Set up just after COP21 in the belief that multi-stakeholder dialogue and enhanced action by non-State actors, especially in a territorial approach, have a pivotal role to play in supporting States, the Climate Chance association aims to have an input into international discussions on the various development and climate agendas and especially the establishment of the Paris Agreement.

CLIMATE CHANCE 2017

A SUMMIT TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF CLIMATE ACTION BY NON-STATE ACTORS

In partnership with Souss-Massa Region in Morocco, the Climate Chance Association is organizing the second Climate Chance Summit in Morocco from 11 to 13 September 2017.

This event will bring into sharper focus the issues facing the African continent and the countries of the South more generally.



Resolutely geared towards action, the objectives of this Summit are to:

Stimulate the operational mobilization of non-State actors in order to expedite practical implementation of the commitments made by States at COP21;

Consolidate the dynamics of co-operation between non-State actors;

Strengthen dialogue non-State actors with an international reputation and actors more focused on their local issues to ensure better linkage between local and global challenges.

Almost one year after COP22, the summit will offer the chance to take stock of the action agenda and especially the Marrakesh partnership. It will also provide an opportunity to prepare joint messages to be delivered to the States at COP23, following on from the Nantes declaration which, to date, remains the text that has attracted the largest number of non-State actor signatories since the Rio Convention on Climate Change was adopted in 1992.

Moreover, the summit will above all be a unique opportunity for the entire community of non-State actors to review the status of the thematic coalitions promoted by Climate Chance and launched at the Climate and Territories Summit in Lyon (2015) and in Nantes on the occasion of the First Climate Chance Summit (2016), assess the progress of their activities around the world, deepen the analysis of successes and difficulties, encourage pooling of experience and innovations, pinpoint solutions for scaling up to a more significant global level and stress the opportunities for new initiatives arising from climate action with a view to preparing recommendations for the facilitation dialogue in 2018.

SOUS-MASSA REGION

Souss-Massa region is known for its commitment to sustainable development, particularly in the field of renewable energy and sustainable tourism. For instance, the region aims to save almost 4 million tonnes of CO₂ by 2020. In addition, Souss-Massa region boasts a particularly dynamic economic and social fabric and is involved in the preparation and organization of the next Climate Chance Summit in the town of Agadir.

3 DAYS OF EXCHANGES AND DEBATES

SEVERAL FORMATS

PLENARY SESSIONS

In-depth analysis of the major international climate action topics with key personalities.

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUES

Debates around issues of vital importance in enhancing action, held in the presence of representatives of the community of non-State actors attending negotiation forums.

FOCUS

Updates on major initiatives to combat climate change in different sectors. Some of these are Global Climate Action Agenda (GCAA) initiatives.

THEMATIC FORUMS

Updates on coalitions of actors and their flagship initiatives to shape their actions and strategies for 2016-2018. These forums aim to keep up the level of mobilization, speed up action, de-compartmentalize and co-build implementation of the Paris Agreement.

WORKSHOPS

Collective thinking, sharing of initiatives, debating and testing, showcasing local and international innovations and presenting action reports to highlight the best aspects of non-State actors' local and international work.

AGORA

Freer presentation of the activities of non-State actors.



Unique in its international dimension and ability to draw together a wide majority of non-State actors upstream of UN climate conferences, the annual Climate Chance Summit provides an opportunity to review the progress of the thematic coalitions and exchange views on good practice and the specific action taken by these actors to combat climate change.

THE WORKSHOPS

A CORE PART OF THE CLIMATE CHANCE SUMMIT

The **WORKSHOPS** serve each year to showcase the progress of climate action, by presenting several hundred innovative and replicable initiatives and actions.

Gathered into themes so that similar responses or different approaches to a single issue can be compared and contrasted, these workshops cover all fields of climate action: transport, energy, agriculture, education, etc.

The scientific committee set up by the Climate Chance association checks that the selected presentations provide a representative overview of the status and progress of climate action, while ensuring balance between different types of actors, geographical origins and so on.

Examining the progress and taking the measure of climate action in this way will enable the workshops to add value, helping to optimize the monitoring and evaluation of the work of non-State actors contributing to global climate action.

« The success of the Climate Chance Summit 2017 depends, above all, on the direct involvement of all non-State actors. »



THE CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

A GUIDE TO SUBMITTING YOUR WORKSHOP PROPOSAL

In Nantes in 2016, no fewer than 300 presentations, split over 75 workshops, were accepted, but more than double that number of proposals were received from around the world.

14 selected themes: adaptation and resilience; forests and biodiversity; mobility and transport; oceans and coasts; culture and climate; territorial planning; education; mobilization and awareness-raising; agriculture; energy: production, access and consumption; sustainable housing; climate finance; water and climate; decentralized co-operation and partnerships; energy transition and employment.

These themes also cut across those of the coalitions brought together as part of the Climate Chance dynamics. The actors responsible for the selected presentations are of course invited to take part in the work of these coalitions which bring their priorities, proposals and roadmaps for the coming year to the table at the annual Climate Chance Summit.

Who can respond to this call for contributions?

All non-State actors: local authorities, businesses, associations, trades unions, professional federations, non-governmental organizations, scientific bodies, donors and citizens committed to climate action.

Which workshop proposals are you looking for?

Your contributions are vital right from the Summit preparation phase, because the organizers will use them to put together the workshop programme. This is why we are closing the call in the spring. You are therefore invited to submit the most varied and innovative proposals to feed into the workshops at the Climate Chance Summit 2017.

The contributions awaited for the workshops may take two forms:

Individual (less than 90 minutes) or multi-stakeholder (90 minutes and 5 speakers maximum) presentations on lessons learned, a scientific paper, public policy action, a controversy, brainstorming on a common issue ...

How should a contribution for a proposed workshop be submitted?

We invite you to visit our website **www.climate-chance.org** to access the submission platform for contributions and enter your application **before 15 April 2017**. After examination of your application, we shall let you know if your contribution has been accepted. Selected contributors authorize the Climate Chance association to reuse and publicize their work following the Summit, respecting copyright.





TIMETABLE

- **28 February 2017**

Launch of the call for contributions

- **15 April 2017 at noon**

Close of the call for contributions

- **15 May 2017**

Announcement of the selected contributions and preliminary programme

- **21 June 2017**

Final programme

- **11 - 13 September 2017**

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FAQ

Who is in charge of reviewing and selecting contributions?

Contributions are reviewed and selected by the Climate Chance Scientific Committee. The selection will ensure a balance between thematic and geographical genres. The committee, made up of members of the Climate Chance association, is also responsible for putting together the programme on the basis of the selected contributions.

Can the Climate Chance association fund attendance at the workshops?

No, unfortunately the Climate Chance association cannot fund attendance at the workshops. Contributors are responsible for registration for the Climate Chance Summit, as well as covering the cost of their travel and accommodation.

Which documents do I have to supply with my application?

On the submission platform for contributions, you will be asked for a summary presentation (maximum 400 words), including the title of your contribution, the author(s), the proposed format, the speaker(s), the objectives you hope to achieve with your contribution at the workshop, the expected results at the end of the workshop, etc. This presentation may be accompanied by attachments (presentation, video, diagram, technical references, maps, etc.). You may be asked for additional information later if necessary. You must also specify the priority theme of your contribution.



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