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Concept Note Water Action Event: *Thirsty for Change: the goals of the Paris Agreement are within reach by tapping the potential of water*

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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<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>Objectives</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - amplifying the Science of climate impacts on the water cycle and the need for urgent action. - showcasing the calls for more ambitious water action from 1,000 Youth Water and Wetland Ambassadors. - highlighting the financing gap and launching initiatives aiming to close it, including the Water and Climate Finance Initiative, and the Africa Urban Water Resilience Initiative. - 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. - catalysing the largest private finance initiatives, including The Investor

	<p>Agenda, GFANZ and the NGFS, to explore how they will drive change on water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> spotlighting those States and Cities that are taking leading action on water for climate.
*Participants	<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>
Key messages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Non-state actors call for greater ambition on water for climate. Water security is essential for building climate resilience and achieving net zero. It can be done - Ambitious water-related climate solutions are available now, delivering significant GHG reductions and protecting the lives of billions. The time is now - scale up the adoption of and finance for zero carbon water and wastewater solutions.