



**UNFCCC COP 27**  
**Sharm El -Sheikh, Egypt**

**Climate Action Event**  
**Concept Note**

**“Sharm el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda: The Opportunity to  
Accelerate System Transformation for Resilience”**

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

**DATE:** 10 November 2022

**TIME:** 10AM-NOON

**LOCATION:** Ibis Room, Climate Action Zone, Blue Zone (and virtual)

Organised by co-leads for Adaptation and Resilience: Global Resilience  
Partnership and UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)/A2R

## “Sharm el Sheikh Adaptation Agenda: The Opportunity to Accelerate System Transformation for Resilience”

<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>COP27 will be an opportunity to catapult an agenda of action that accelerates adaptation implementation and helps materialise the momentum renewed at COP26 to increase finance flows for adaptation and to align more finance with efforts to reach the local level. Shifts in narrative must now be backed up with material change.</p> <p>In this event, we will connect the dots across the many actors and sectors in the space of adaptation and resilience and showcase the impact such combined action across and within sectors can achieve. While no single ‘silver bullet’ exists around one type of action, meaningful actions on adaptation and resilience as a suite of climate risk and impact management actions can in fact deliver the system transformation needed to accelerate adaptation towards a resilient planet. This arsenal of actions can enable us to stop playing catch-up to the impacts of climate change and to ensure we can drive toward the ambition of making 4 billion people resilient to climate shocks and stresses by 2030. Those who are most affected by climate change today—women, girls, indigenous people, frontline, vulnerable and marginalised communities—must be involved in the design and implementation of climate response actions to ensure the equal sharing of benefits. Join us in this event to explore together what such adaptation action opportunity can mean for your work or sector, in alignment with the goals of the Race to Resilience and the Paris Agreement.</p>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Launch and set the scene for 2030 Adaptation Outcome Targets</li> <li>● Sistil ‘the noise’ into actionable suite of common resilience interventions across and within sectors - and how the Adaptation Outcome Targets feed into;</li> <li>● Showcase concrete examples of adaptation implementation on the ground from R2R partners and MP stakeholders, with focus on local inclusion, climate justice and equity;</li> <li>● Raise ambition on the quality and direction of financial flows, as one of the key bottlenecks to implementation (using the previous day’s Finance MP event as spring off board); and</li> <li>● Give voice to regional and local lived experience via Regional Resilience Hubs-R2R-MP connection and make reference to MPGCA priority themes;</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key messages</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Adapting to our rapidly changing climate requires a new level of ambition to anticipate the growing impacts of the climate crisis.</b> The world is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, triggered by the climate crisis and other compounding risks. Actions DO exist on the ground and we must drive financial flows to the last mile to ensure those actions are sustained, just and can be appropriately scaled up or scaled out.</li> <li>2. <b>We need to plug the climate finance gap for those on the frontline of climate change.</b> While there is increasing recognition of the importance of enabling financing to reach the most vulnerable countries and communities - the principles of Locally Led Adaptation launched in early 2021 now have over 80 organisations and countries endorsing them and more than \$1.5 bn has been pledged to institutions which support them - challenges remain and the urgency of the task at hand requires continued and ramped up action to enable finance to flow to those who need it the most.</li> <li>3. <b>Investment into adaptation and resilience is not just an initial ‘cost’, it is also an opportunity to drive forward risk and gender-sensitive and climate-justice focused investment funds and to fuel regenerative economies that benefit all</b></li> </ol>

## Agenda

Timing	Session Description	Speaker suggestions (Name, Title, Organisation)
3 mins	<i>Welcome and overview of event</i>	<i>Facilitator:</i> <b>Marcia Toledo</b> , Resilience Lead, UN Climate Change High-Level Champions
7 min	<i>Inspiration for Action: Opening remarks</i>	<i>High Level Opening</i> <b>Katherine Hayhoe</b> , climate resilience scientist (confirmed)
7 min	<i>Vision of the 2030 Adaptation Outcomes as COP27 Legacy:</i> <i>-Announcement of the Race to Resilience delivery on people targets.</i> <i>- Announcement new cities joining R2R</i> <i>-Announcement of the insurance-based financing campaign</i> <i>Announcements on Africa Initiatives and Africa Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Solutions (SIS)</i>	<i>Vision of the 2030 Adaptation Outcomes as COP27 Legacy:</i> <b>Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin</b> , UN Climate Change High Level Champion, COP 27 Presidency
30 min	<i>5 TED Talk style pitches (3 min) on Adaptation System Transformation that answer these 2 questions:</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Why is critical to accelerate adaptation for the specific system, and</i></li> <li>2. <i>How the Adaptation Outcomes target can help accelerate radical collaboration by 2030?</i></li> </ol>	<i>Showcasing System Transformation for Adaptation in 5 systems (Oceans, Food, Human Settlements, Energy, Water)</i>  <i>Panel (25 min) High Level Speakers (2-3 min each) on:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Karen Sack</b>, Executive Director, Ocean Risk and Resilience Alliance (ORRAA)</li> <li>2. <b>Maria Helena Semedo</b>, Deputy Director-General, FAO</li> <li>3. <b>Sheela Patel</b>, founder Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC)</li> <li>4. <b>Ashvin Dayal</b>, Senior Vice President, Power &amp; Climate, The Rockefeller Foundation</li> <li>5. <b>Ana Asti</b>, <b>Undersecretary of Rio de Janeiro</b> on water, natural resources and investments</li> </ol> Moderated Q&A (5 min)
<i>5 min performance of spoken word: <b>Emtithal (Emi) Mahmoud</b>, Poet, Activist, Founder and UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador</i>		
5 min	<i>Facilitator thanks the Artist, Exchanging a few words with the artist to bring the voice of youth /indigenous and Introduces the second segment of the event, framing the adaptation finance in broad terms</i>	<i>Segment Facilitator: <b>Stacy A. Swann</b>, CEO &amp; Founding Partner, Climate Finance Advisors BLLC with <b>Emtithal (Emi) Mahmoud</b></i>



<p>20min</p>	<p>Fireside chat on accelerating Africa resilience</p> <p>Session Moderator: <b>Bogolo Kenewendo</b>, UN Climate Change High-Level Champions' Special Advisor, Africa Director</p>	<p>15 min chat with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Minister Lee White</b>, Minister of Water, Forests, Sea, the Environment charged with Climate Change and Land-use planning, Gabon</li> <li>2. <b>Lindelwe Lesley Ndlovu</b>, CEO, Africa Risk Capacity on Africa Insurance Facility launch</li> </ol> <p>5 min Q&amp;A with the public</p>
<p>25 mins</p>	<p>Fireside chat on Mobilising Private Finance for Resilience</p> <p>Session Moderator: <b>Kathy Baughman McLeod</b>, Senior Vice President &amp; Director, Adrienne Arsht–Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center at the Atlantic Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of private sector</li> <li>• Role of Insurance sector</li> <li>• Role of sub-national government role to accelerate finance for resilience</li> </ul>	<p>20 min chat with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Julian Enoizi</b>, President of Public Sector Risk Solutions, Guy Carpenter</li> <li>2. <b>HE Bakoa Kaltongga</b>, Vanuatu's Special Envoy on Climate Change</li> <li>3. <b>Meggan Spires</b>, Director, Energy and Resilience, ICLEI Africa</li> </ol> <p>5 min Q&amp;A with the public</p>
<p>8 mins</p>	<p>Closing Remarks and Call to Action</p>	<p><b>Emma Howard Boyd</b>, Ambassador Race to Resilience</p>