



## **Marrakech COP – one of action, partnerships and implementation**

**New Delhi, November 21, 2016:** The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) today termed the COP22 as one of action and implementation. TERI said that the discussions at Marrakech by the nations of the world looked to define actions that can be fast-forwarded in the four years before the requirements of the Paris Agreement become operative in 2020.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI said, “The Paris Agreement was a testament to collaboration and perseverance - of nations who debated and negotiated to ultimately reach a consensus. The Marrakech COP, on the other hand, was notable for the actions that took place outside of the negotiations, with politicians, countries and organisations using it as an opportunity to announce new initiatives, strategy and finance. Action from negotiation tables now has moved to factories and policy making rooms of governments, which is a big shift from Paris. There was very clear focus on the need to define climate action, finance, mitigation and adaptation. The parties also adopted work plans for carrying the discussions forward.”

TERI also notes that the Marrakech COP was also one of partnerships. 22 countries joined the India-led International Solar Alliance (as against the requirement of 15 for the Alliance to come into force) that calls for cooperation to boost solar energy infrastructure and receive clean energy financing. Also, at COP, a broad range of governments, international institutions and non-state actors came together to launch the NDC Partnership, which aims to provide countries the tools, best practices and support they need to achieve ambitious climate and sustainable development targets as fast and effectively as possible. The aim is to share how countries are planning to implement NDCs and to support developing countries achieve the same through technological and financial assistance.

The Paris Agreement and an accompanying COP decision assigned responsibility for developing these decisions to multiple bodies, chief among them was the newly established Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA). However, the Paris Agreement did not specify a deadline for competing decisions, saying only that they were to be adopted at CMA 1 – the first meeting of the agreement’s new governing body. In view of the unexpectedly early coming into force of the Paris Agreement, CMA 1, had to be held in Marrakech this year itself, instead of 2018 or 2019. Consequently, the parties have decided to extend CMA 1 beyond Marrakech.

Mr. Amit Kumar, Senior Director Social Transformation, TERI and Mr Sanjay Seth, Senior Director Sustainable Habitats, TERI, who were also present at Marrakech said that the Paris Agreement established a global stock-take every five years starting in 2023 to assess collective progress towards the Agreement’s long term goals. The stock-takes will set the stage for parties’ submission of successive rounds of NDCs. In Marrakech, parties began discussing how to structure stock-take, including its format, inputs, timeline, duration, and output, and its linkage to other elements of Paris architecture.

“At Marrakech, the key theme was debating how best to create a fair “rulebook” that all countries could share and have confidence in when assessing each other’s climate pledges. Some developing countries

argued that in some areas, such as upfront information, requirements should be different for developed and developing countries,” Dr Mathur said.

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