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Mr. Secretary General
International Network of Basin Organizations
Permanent Technical Secretariat
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Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to organize with us an event on climate action to be convened at the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Marrakech, Morocco (COP 22) from 7 to 18 November 2016.

Since our appointment as high-level climate champions we have been committed to facilitating and accelerating global climate action by ensuring a robust and constructive connection between action on the ground and the UNFCCC negotiation process, and between non-Party stakeholders and Parties. We are also dedicating our time to enable the tracking of the implementation of existing initiatives to demonstrate credibility, promote best practices and enhance delivery; and to support new initiatives, focusing on initiatives from developing countries and non-Party stakeholders, in particular on adaptation.

It is our view that COP 22 must be the COP of action. Therefore, we are organizing a series of action events and dialogues to highlight the challenges of ensuring a sustained and effective global response to climate change, to celebrate the achievements, and to evidence the progress made by non-Party stakeholders on realizing the aims of the Paris Agreement since COP 20, in Lima, and through the work of the Lima Paris Action Agenda (LPAA).

The Paris Pact on Water and Adaptation, led by the International Network of Basins Organizations, is a crucial initiative with regard to water and climate change. We could not think of a better facilitator to organize the water related action events at COP 22. Therefore, we are pleased to invite you to organize with us the action event and the dialogue on water that will be held at COP 22 on 9 November 2016. The outcomes from these events will feed into a high-level event that will be held on 17 November 2016, to which we also kindly invite you to participate in.

If you were to accept our invitation, we would encourage you to work in close collaboration with the Government of France, the Government of Morocco through its Ministère délégué en charge de l'Eau, the Conseil Mondial de l'Eau, the Business Alliance, and the Megacities Alliance, as partners, in order to ensure that all the pertinent water issues are presented.

Attached you will find guidelines for facilitators which entail our vision for the action events at COP 22. Our teams are at your disposal for any further clarification needed. You may find their names and contact details in the annex.

The action events at COP 22 will provide a unique opportunity to highlight the decisive role being played by non-Party stakeholders in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. We very much hope to count on your support and look forward to your positive answer by 19 September 2016 and to work with you to make the action events at COP 22 a resounding success.

Yours sincerely,



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