



## HM King Mohammed VI Sends Message to COP24 Convened in Poland (Full Text)

HM King Mohammed VI sent a message to the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) which opened on Monday in Katowice, Poland.

Here follows the full text of the royal message read out by HRH Prince Moulay Rachid:
Mr. President,
Your Royal Highness,
Your Excellencies the Heads of State and Government,
Mr. Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my hope that this 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will reinforce the commitment already made by the international community regarding this issue.

Today, the goal is no longer simply to reiterate our commitments.

It seems to me it is crucial to take concrete, proactive measures through constant mobilization for the benefit of developing countries in terms of the transfer of technology and the honoring of financial commitments made to them.

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Environmental issues and climate-related challenges are priorities in the national policies of the Kingdom of Morocco.

My country's ambition, in this regard, is reflected by its "intended nationally determined Contribution" to reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well as by its National Renewable Energy Program.

As Chair of the 22nd Conference of the Parties, the Kingdom of Morocco has worked untiringly to consolidate the momentum created by the signing of the Paris Agreement.

My country has thus sought to ensure the implementation of the Marrakech Action Proclamation for our Climate and Sustainable Development, and of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action.

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The African continent is severely affected by the negative impacts of climate change even though Africa bears no responsibility for this unjust situation.

Africa is not getting support from international partners and donors.

Guided by its commitment to African causes, the Kingdom of Morocco is assisting with the actual setting up of the three climate commissions created by the Summit of African Heads of State and Government held on the sidelines of the 22nd Conference of the Parties on climate change. They concern the Congo Basin, the Sahel region and Island States.

Because of the magnitude of the challenges faced, I think a collective awakening is necessary. It should help us reinforce solidarity between countries and make sure the transition towards an appropriate economic model becomes a reality.

Although the international community's enthusiasm has somewhat waned recently, my most cherished hope is that it will still enable us to achieve that goal.

The Kingdom of Morocco pledges to remain as mobilized and
determined as ever, be it at the domestic, continental or international
level.

Thank you.

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