

Side Events:

Besides the “Blue Zone” - placed under the authority of the United Nations - where all official activities of the COP22/ CMP12/ CMA1 took place during the two-week conference, the “Green Zone”- placed under the authority of Morocco - has witnessed the organization of more than 600 events dedicated to Innovation & Solution and Civil Society.

As far as Innovation & Solution area is concerned, 197 exhibitors from private sector, public entities and financial institutions showcased innovative technologies and initiatives that can successfully address climate change. A special attention was given to the role of the private sector and its ability to find solutions in favor of the climate. The activities organized provided a good opportunity not only to share knowledge, experience and best practices but also to raise awareness on environmental challenges.

With regard to civil society area, various meetings were held by civil society organizations dedicated to climate change-related themes. These meetings include the organization of the Conference of Youth (COY12) that welcomed more than 2,000 participants, the 2nd Regional and Local Leaders Summit that brought together more than 1,000 participants from 114 countries, a conference on “the role of national human rights institutions in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals” that was marked by the participation of 37 National Human Rights Institutions and a meeting of labor unions and the International Trade Union Confederation. Besides, Women’s Leadership Summit was organized focusing on the key role played by women in combating global warming and its adverse impacts.

Noting that the two week Conference witnessed the organization of a series of thematic days that include Energy, Transport, Oceans, Cities, Forests, Industry & Business and Agriculture, in the Green Zone, each day was dedicated to a special theme.

The City of Marrakech welcomed numerous climate related and cultural activities including the Marrakech Climate Show and the concert “Light to Live”.