

## Reflection on COP 22, Marrakech 2016

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At The Fletcher School I am concentrating in international energy and environmental policy with a special focus on climate policy.

During the past summer, I worked as an intern for the United Nations Global Compact's Climate Team in New York. The UN Global Compact climate team closely works with businesses all over the world helping them to take climate action. Today I keep collaborating with them through my Capstone Project at Fletcher. I am producing for them a research paper on the role of the private sector in the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) submitted by the countries in the context of the Paris Agreement.



In this regard, attending COP 22 has constituted a great opportunity for advancing my research. More than closely following the actual negotiations, I was more interested in attending different side events addressing the link between non-state actors' climate actions and the NDCs and the Paris Agreement. The presentations by different experts in the field at these side events provided me with insightful and valuable information and direction for my research. Of particular interest was the side event *Linking (I)NDCs and the Global Climate Action Agenda: realizing synergies*, which examined ambitions and priorities of NDCs and how the Global Climate Action Agenda and non-state climate actions can address NDC content, and whether this Agenda and NDC processes can be aligned.

Furthermore, by attending the conference granted me the opportunity to personally interview some experts in non-state actors and climate action field. I arrange via email to meet with these experts prior to traveling to Marrakech. Interestingly, nonetheless, one of the persons that I ended up interviewing and whose contribution was most valuable for my research was not among my initially targeted experts. I met her by total chance at one of the events I was attending. She was in the public, like me, and I noticed her when she asked a question during the Q&A directly related with my research, a question that I was going to ask! After the event I approach her and she turned out to be the leading person in the Peruvian government in charge of engaging with non-state actors for the definition of Peru's NDC. I asked her for an interview for my research and she kindly accepted it.

Additionally, being tasked with manning the Tufts Delegation booth at the Exhibits Pavilion allowed me to meet and network with many professionals in the climate field from organizations all around the world.



*Sunset last day of COP 22 in Marrakech*