having COP26 in 2023 will be a great opportunity to focus minds and create the political momentum needed to make progress.

Governments will want to use the global platform to amplify views on the specific challenges their countries face. This is especially critical for developing countries as well as commodity exporters. At the same time, it is also important for governments in the MENA region. At COP27, Governments in the MENA region have demonstrated significant political will to address climate change since 2020, including through Concrete Action and New Commitments under the NDC process. This is one reason why COP28 is so important for the MENA region.

Morocco and Yemen are testing ways to integrate agri-food systems into adaptation and resilience plans. These countries are examples of how the MENA region can achieve the 2030 Agenda’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and in the case of Yemen, also meet urgent humanitarian needs. Their success will build momentum for MENA to adhere to the Glasgow Climate Pact’s 1.5°C target.