



High-Level Champions' letter to non-Party stakeholders

Invitation to provide input to the Talanoa Dialogue

We, the High-Level Champions, warmly invite non-Party stakeholders to provide inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue. The Talanoa Dialogue¹ is a mandated process requested by Parties to take stock of the collective efforts in relation to progress towards the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs). It was launched at the UN Climate Change Conference, COP 23, in Bonn, Germany in November 2017 and will be running throughout 2018.

The Talanoa Dialogue centers around three questions:

- Where are we?
- Where do we want to go?
- How do we get there?

The “Talanoa” tradition was introduced by Fiji, which held the Presidency of the COP 23. It aims at an inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. Therefore, both Parties and non-Party stakeholders are encouraged to cooperate in convening local, national, regional or global events in support of the Dialogue and to prepare and make available relevant analytical and policy inputs to inform the dialogue and submit them by 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the May session, and by 29 October 2018 for discussions in conjunction with COP 24.

As High-Level Champions, we have been invited to support this process by facilitating input from non-Party stakeholders. We are pleased to invite all non-Party stakeholders to actively participate in the Talanoa Dialogue. To this end, we believe, that such a participation should be guided as follows:

- We recognize that input from non-Party stakeholders is essential to enable a full understanding of the potential to further enhance climate action;
- We encourage all non-Party stakeholders to submit their input through the Talanoa Dialogue Platform: <https://talanoadialogue.com/submit-inputs>, noting the deadlines of 2nd April and 29th October 2018;
- We also encourage all non-Party stakeholders that while focusing their submissions on the question “How do we get there?”, they should contribute with regards to the progress made so far, innovative solutions, their best practices as well as possible recommendations to enable

¹ A full description of the Talanoa Dialogue process is available on the UN Climate Change website: <https://talanoadialogue.com/presidencies-corner>.



further action and sustainable economic transition to eventually achieve economy wide climate neutrality in all countries.

- We also encourage non-Party stakeholders to develop input together with their peers. While all inputs are to be reflected in the Talanoa Dialogue, the more organizations and entities convey the collected and consensus messages across stakeholder groups and/or sectors, the more impactful the messages will be;
- Considering that the Talanoa Dialogue is expected to receive a large number of submissions, we strongly recommend that inputs are provided in a form that is clear, concise, and actionable. Research data and/or reports may be valuable and can be referred to in the submissions, however it should be avoided submitting them in their entirety;
- As Champions, we will be happy to participate in local, national, regional or global events whenever possible. We also intend to create opportunities for discussion among non-Party stakeholders under the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action, in particular through regional events and events related to the Technical Expert Meetings, with the outcomes aligned with the guidance above.

We are looking forward to an active contribution from the non-Party stakeholder community to the Talanoa Dialogue process. We hope that your involvement will help to collectively implement the Paris Agreement further, faster, and most important - together.

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