

## **Additional information for the Talanoa Dialogue during the May sessions**

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The Talanoa Dialogue is an opportunity for Parties to take stock of progress towards the long-term global goals and provide information to Parties as they prepare their NDCs. The active participation of Parties and non-Party stakeholders in the Talanoa Dialogue is strongly encouraged by the Presidencies since this kind of multilateral exercise, engaged in a positive spirit and from a common platform, will enhance our collective efforts to combat climate change.

This note complements a previous one issued on 27 March 2018. The Presidencies are providing this additional guidance note in response to requests for clarification by Parties and to assist Parties and non-Party stakeholders prepare for the Talanoa Dialogue to be held during the May sessions in Bonn, Germany. It specifically addresses the organization arrangements planned for the Talanoa Dialogue during the May session.

### **1. Opening meeting**

The opening meeting of the Talanoa Dialogue will take place on May 2, 2018. The Presidencies intend to provide an overview of inputs submitted to the Talanoa Dialogue Platform and inform participants of the framework and guidelines for participation in the dialogue. Parties and non-Party stakeholders will be invited to interact in a forum that is constructive and non-judgmental and to engage in story telling with a purpose. Participants will also be encouraged to reflect, from their own standpoint, on where they are, where they want to go and how will they get there.

Following the introduction by the Presidencies, groups of Parties and observer constituencies will be invited to share their views on what they expect from the Talanoa Dialogue. In view of time, these views or stories should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.

After interventions from Parties and non-Party Stakeholders, four panellists will be invited by the Presidencies to share stories relevant to the key questions of the Talanoa Dialogue. These stories will illustrate the Talanoa story telling and will also provide some initial key messages of where we are, where do we want to go and how we get there.

Parties and non-Party stakeholders may ask any questions of clarification or share further reflections on the process. This session will be conducted in accordance with established UNFCCC procedures and practice for plenary meetings.

## **2. Talanoa groups (6 May 2018)**

As described in an earlier note, an in-depth consideration of the central questions of the Talanoa Dialogue will take place on Sunday, 6 May 2018. These discussions will be conducted throughout the day and will proceed in the tradition of Talanoa. As such, they will be inclusive, participatory and transparent. The purpose of these discussions will be to share stories, build empathy and trust and share best practices.

Six Talanoa groups (“Talanoas”) will be set up and will work in parallel to address each of the three questions of the Talanoa Dialogue (see schedule below). Each Talanoa will consist of about 35 participants, comprising of 30 Party representatives and 5 non-Party stakeholder representatives. Parties and non-Party stakeholders will nominate representatives to these Talanoas following the information described in the Talanoa Platform.<sup>1</sup> The composition of each Talanoa will be announced on the Talanoa Platform once the registration process has been completed.

The Talanoas will take place at the UN Campus, located at Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, in Bonn. Only registered participants will be allowed in the UN premises. An information desk will be located within the conference centre from the beginning of the May sessions to assist Parties and non-Party stakeholders with their participation and to address any other issues relating to the Talanoa Dialogue.

### **Schedule for the Talanoa groups on Sunday, 6 May**

9.30-12.00: Where are we? (Talanoas 1-6)

12.00-13.00: Lunch break

13.00-15.30: Where do we want to go? (Talanoas 1-6)

15.30-16.00: coffee break

16.00-18.30: How do we get there? (Talanoas 1-6)

Each Talanoa group will be moderated by a Fijian national with experience and knowledge of the Talanoa tradition. Each of the Fijian moderators will be assisted by a Rapporteur and a staff from the Secretariat to capture the discussions.

Participants are encouraged to consider the guidance questions prepared by the Presidencies and posted on the Talanoa Dialogue Platform.<sup>2</sup> Good stories and inputs will be essential for a successful dialogue as they will provide the basis for the discussions at the political phase. A detailed summary of each Talanoa,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://talanoadialogue.com/may-sessions>

<sup>2</sup> [https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9fc76f74-a749-4eec-9a06-5907e013dbc9/downloads/1c9jf7clu\\_770890.pdf](https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9fc76f74-a749-4eec-9a06-5907e013dbc9/downloads/1c9jf7clu_770890.pdf)

including of individual stories, will form part of the summary report, to be made available after the May sessions.

#### **Share a story**

The in-depth consideration of the questions of the Talanoa Dialogue will proceed through story telling. Together with the inputs submitted into the Talanoa Platform, these stories should identify the key messages to be brought forward into the political phase. At this phase, Parties are expected to take stock of collective efforts in relation to progress towards the long-term goal and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions.

Participants are encouraged to prepare and share stories that:

- Are in line with the tradition of Talanoa and, as such, are respectful and avoid naming and shaming
- Address the relevant question of the Talanoa Dialogue from the perspective of the story teller
- Are concrete and real
- Avoid rhetorical and/or theoretical statements
- Identify messages that have the potential to trigger a useful and positive consideration at the political phase
- Are conducive to an outcome that promotes ambition
- For the question of “where we are”, describe current efforts, challenges and obstacles, and solutions that have the potential to be replicated
- For the question of “where do we want to go”, describe a concrete and achievable vision or goal for the future
- For the question of “how we get there”, specify enabling factors and actions by different actors, including the UNFCCC, necessary to achieve a desired vision or goal

### **3. Reporting Meeting**

On May 8, a reporting meeting will be organized during the lunch break. The objective of this meeting will be to share with Parties and non-Party stakeholders the key messages identified during the in-depth Talanoa discussions. The moderators, with the assistance of the rapporteurs, will prepare one consolidated report for each of the three questions of the Talanoa Dialogue.

After the three reports are presented, Parties and non-Party stakeholders will be invited to share any further reflections or reactions to the reports until the allocated time for this meeting lapses.

The reporting meeting will last for about one and a half hours and will be conducted in accordance with established UNFCCC procedures and practice for plenary meetings.

#### 4. Closing meeting

The closing meeting of the Talanoa Dialogue at the May sessions will take place on May 9, 2018.

The Fijian and Polish Presidencies will share general reflections about the process and refer to next steps in the run up to COP 24. After the introduction, Parties and non-Party stakeholders will be invited to share their views on the way forward.

The closing meeting will last for about one and a half hours and will be conducted in accordance with established UNFCCC procedures and practice for plenary meetings.

#### 5. Next steps

The preparatory phase of the Talanoa Dialogue will continue throughout the year until COP 24. As stated above, the inputs and stories shared during the entire preparatory phase will provide the foundation for the discussions at the political phase.

The Presidencies, with the assistance of the secretariat, will issue a summary report on the organization of the Talanoa Dialogue during the May sessions. This report will contain procedural and substantive information relevant to the dialogue, including detailed information of the discussions and stories shared during meetings held on May 6, 2018. The report will be made available after the May sessions.

The Presidencies would like to encourage Parties and non-Party stakeholders to continue to cooperate in convening local, national, regional or global events in support of the Talanoa Dialogue. It is suggested that they organize discussions around the three questions of the Talanoa Dialogue building on the information and stories shared during the May sessions. The Fijian Presidency has created a logo to be used by those actors who wish to associate their event with the Talanoa Dialogue and include it in the Calendar of events of the Talanoa Platform. Additional information on how to use this logo is available under: <https://talanoadialogue.com/join-the-dialogue>.

A second deadline for inputs has been set for October 29, 2018. The Presidencies would like to encourage Parties and non-Party stakeholders to prepare and submit further inputs taking into consideration the discussions from the May sessions as well as guidance issued by the Presidency on how to approach the questions of the Talanoa Dialogue. Further inputs will be a valuable source of information for the preparation of the synthesis of the preparatory phase. The Presidencies will explore the need for targeted inputs and prepare, with the assistance of the secretariat, any that they consider useful.

In accordance with decision 1/CP.23, the Presidencies will prepare a synthesis of the preparatory phase. This synthesis will be one of the foundations for the discussions at the political phase. The synthesis will contain the key messages identified during the preparatory phase for each of the three questions of the Talanoa dialogue. In view of the late deadline for the second round of inputs, this report will be issued shortly before COP 24.