

# Approach to organizing the Talanoa Dialogue at COP 24

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The COP 23 Presidency and the incoming COP 24 Presidency would like to express their gratitude to representatives from Parties and non-Party stakeholders for their active participation and determination to make the Talanoa Dialogue a success.

This note provides a general overview of the organization of the Talanoa Dialogue at COP 24. Arrangements have been set bearing in mind the benefits of an adequate sequencing of mandated high level events, as well as the need to provide enough time for ongoing negotiations under the Paris Agreement Work Programme.

Additional detail on all activities of the Talanoa Dialogue at COP 24 will be provided in due course.

## Wrap-up of the preparatory phase

The wrap-up of the preparatory phase will take place during the first week of COP 24. It will consist of a single meeting in a plenary setting, which will include a space for considering the implications of the Special Report by the IPCC on global warming of 1.5°C, and for sharing any reflections on the preparatory phase.

## Political phase

The objective of the political phase is to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal under Article 4.1 of the Paris Agreement and inform the preparation of NDCs. The political phase will consist of an opening meeting, a set of high-level round tables and a closing meeting.

### 1. Opening meeting

The opening meeting of the political phase will take place on Tuesday, 11 December, starting at 9:00 am. It will consist of a single plenary meeting with the following elements:

- Opening and welcoming remarks
- Key notes, including by the IPCC on its Special Report on global warming of 1.5°C
- An illustration of the tradition of Talanoa at the high-level

## 2. High-level round tables

The high-level round tables will take place immediately after the opening meeting and are expected to run for about half a day. Final arrangements for these round tables, including registration and logistical details, will be announced in due course. Participants are invited to note the following:

- Ministerial representation from all Parties is encouraged;<sup>1</sup>
- Ministers may be accompanied by one advisor;
- At this stage, translation is not guaranteed. Ministers may be assisted by their own interpreters;
- A limited number of representatives from non-Party stakeholders will be invited to join the round tables; the Presidencies will ensure balanced representation at an adequate level;
- Round tables are expected to run for approximately 1 hour;
- Keeping groups small to enable more engaging discussion will be a priority;
- Due to logistical constraints, 2–3 successive sets of parallel round tables will thus likely be organized;
- All round tables will address the question of “how do we get there?”<sup>2</sup>;
- Participants will be invited to share a short story (about 3 min.) on the subject being discussed;
- The meeting will close with a discussion and a wrap-up by the facilitator.

## 3. Closing meeting

The closing meeting of the political phase will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, 12 December. A report with the main messages of the high-level round tables will be provided and will be followed by interventions from representatives of the Parties and observer constituencies.

## Outcomes and outputs

In accordance with the approach to the Talanoa Dialogue:

- The outputs of the dialogue will include reports and summaries of the discussions.
- The outcome of the dialogue is greater confidence, courage and enhanced ambition; this outcome is expected to capture political momentum, and help Parties to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions.

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<sup>1</sup> Delegations who cannot be represented at the ministerial level will be invited to send the highest-ranking official who can attend the meeting.

<sup>2</sup> The Presidencies will issue additional guidance on how the question could be addressed.