



## Guide for Ministers and other participants to the high-level round tables

15/11/28

*The round tables will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2018, from 10.45–15.00. Ministers and other participants will be distributed across 21 round tables over three different time slots.*

*The discussions will be webcast. Additional information on logistics and table distribution will be available [here](#).*

### OPENING (5 min)

- Brief welcome remarks;
- Overview of how the round tables will be conducted.

### STORY-TELLING AND DISCUSSION (1 hr, 15 min)

- The facilitator will open the floor for the sharing of stories;
- Participants are invited to share their stories with the group in no particular order;
- As they tell their stories, participants are also invited to react to what others have said.

**Time is limited and everyone has an interesting story to share, so please keep stories to a maximum of 4 minutes.**

Below are points to consider when shaping your story on the question of *How do we get there?*

*Note: this is a guide designed to help you shape your story; however, ultimately, it is your story and you can choose how you want to tell it.*

When reviewing the guiding questions below, please keep in mind that *Talanoa* is a narrative-driven process – it is about telling stories. As you consider these guiding questions, think about a story, or stories, that illustrate your response, rather than providing a list of isolated answers.

#### *Generalities*

- Pick a specific subject matter relating to the topic and to your situation and make this the theme of your story;
- The round tables will focus on the third question of the Talanoa Dialogue – “How do we get there?”; because of time limitations, it would be highly appreciated if your story stays focused on this question;
- Consider what messages you would like presented at the closing plenary and to be included in the outcome of the process.

### *Guiding questions*

- Based on the findings of the Talanoa Dialogue and your experience, what opportunities offer the greatest potential for informing the preparation of NDCs and enhancing global ambition in the short and longer term? What actions or processes do you envisage within your own jurisdiction and how would you incorporate the ambition of non-governmental stakeholders? How do you see the scientific conclusions of the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C impacting NDCs?
- Which practices (or changes to them) and/or technologies will enable you to achieve a transformation towards low emissions and climate-resilient development consistent with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement? What steps must be taken in the near term to ensure that related barriers and challenges are eliminated? What actions would promote innovation and change within your jurisdiction?
- What legislative, policy or institutional arrangements and processes are required for you to facilitate the development of long-term, low-emissions strategies and climate-resilient development that are consistent with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, raising standards of living and ensuring a just transition of the workforce?
- How would you characterize, encourage and facilitate the evolution that financial, technical and technological cooperation must undergo in the context of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda? What are the immediate steps in this evolution? After Talanoa Dialogue is completed at COP24, what expectations do you have about continued discussions on different levels, producing information that is useful and actionable by stakeholders on the ground, particularly focusing on opportunities and events in 2019, on the way to preparing NDCs to be communicated by 2020?

### *How to tell your story*

- Avoid reading off a script: tell a story naturally in your own words;
- Adhere to the principles of Talanoa:
  - Respect each other and each other’s stories;
  - No shaming or blaming other countries, organisations or individuals;
  - Give feedback that is constructive and that builds on each other’s stories.
- Share concrete and credible experiences, lessons, and best practices that you think will or can make a difference;
  - Be as focussed and specific as possible in terms of the issues you want to highlight;
  - Share your own story and not that of another country or organisation;
  - Avoid rhetorical, vague and rambling stories.
- Make your story inspirational and impelling;
- And lastly, enjoy the Talanoa!

### **WRAP UP (5 min)**

- At the end of the storytelling process, the facilitator will provide an overview of key points made during the Talanoa;
- If time allows, the facilitator may ask for any reactions from participants.

*Note: The key messages, both from those explicitly expressed by you and those emerging from the Talanoa stories, will be compiled in a summary to be presented at the closing plenary. This summary will be used for producing the outcome of the Talanoa process.*

For any questions or queries, please contact [talanoadialogue@unfccc.int](mailto:talanoadialogue@unfccc.int).