

**Statement**  
**RINGO Constituency**  
**Closing of the Talanoa Dialogue Preparatory Phase**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the Research and Independent NGOs (RINGO) constituency, we would like to join our colleagues here in thanking the Fijian and Polish Presidencies for initiating the Talanoa Dialogue, and supporting greater engagement between Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders.

Where we are is sobering. As we have been reminded in this session by IPCC Chairman Lee, the IPCC's special report on 1.5 degrees highlights the significant impacts of even a 0.5 degree increase; meanwhile, we see that that global carbon emissions continue to grow. The IPCC report, however, highlights that limiting warming to 1.5 degrees is possible.

The preparatory phase of the Talanoa Dialogue provides us with essential information to inform the political phase. It also provides countries with a sense of urgency in their next round of national action. Parties here today have said it clearly: what we need now is greater guidance and support for these actions.

One thing we have noted is the need for more peer reviewed literature on and by developing countries, women, and indigenous peoples, and relating to national and local solutions. Nevertheless, we should avoid using these gaps and uncertainties as an excuse to delay action. More emphasis on bottom-up approaches, such as the Talanoa Dialogue, is needed to expand and increase the level of climate action on the ground. We must respond now. The stories we heard from Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders during the May Talanoas, as well as in several Talanoa events our constituent organizations held over the past nine months, indicate the good action already being taken and provide a good example of how we can expand engagement amongst researchers and policymakers moving forward.

As researchers, we understand that the bar is high and that as we work to limit warming to 1.5 degrees, there is a need for collective work - from subnational actors to heads of state and civil society. We hear, for example, a need to develop technologies and practices that support economic growth, reduce emissions, and increase resilience. We will continue to support both Parties and society through our research as we collectively seek the solutions needed for a 1.5 degree C world.