

Talanoa Dialogue





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Talanoa Dialogue: Background

- In 2023 the first mandated global stocktake will occur. This will be carried out in order to prepare for a new round of climate commitments submitted by Parties through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), by 2025.
- However, Parties felt it was important to initiate this cycle prior to the Paris Agreements entry into force in 2020 (Ref: 1.CP/21), and so a process called the Talanoa Dialogue (initially called a facilitative dialogue) was established for 2018 to serve as an initial stocktaking exercise.
- The Dialogue is a mandated process (Ref: Informal note by the Presidencies of COP 22 and COP 23 - Annex II to 1/CP.23) requested by Parties to take stock of collective efforts to reduce emissions in line with the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement and to prepare updated or new NDCs by 2020.
- Ultimately, the goal for the Talanoa Dialogue is to help Parties achieve maximum ambition in implementing and improving their NDCs.
- The Talanoa Dialogue was launched at COP23 in Bonn.

Talanoa Dialogue: Structure

- The Talanoa Dialogue will consist of a:
 - 1. preparatory (January-December) ,and a
 - 2. political phase (COP24).

1. Preparatory Phase

- The preparatory phase will involve several mandated events and interactive processes.
- It will commence with the launching of an online platform which will share information about the Dialogue, its process and any other resources to facilitate Party and non-Party stakeholders full and effective participation in the process
- During the preparatory phase, Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions are invited to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs that respond to at least one of the three central questions:
 - I. Where are we?
 - II. Where do we want to go?
 - III. How do we get there?

Talanoa Dialogue: Preparatory Phase

The preparatory phase will seek to build a strong evidence-based foundation for the political phase:

- Begin after the dialogue is launched at COP 23 and will end at COP 24;
- Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to cooperate in convening local, national, regional or global events in support of the dialogue and to prepare and make available relevant inputs;
- The May discussions will be used to explore the three central topics informed by inputs by various actors and institutions, including from the Technical Examination Process and Global Climate Action, with the support of the high-level champions;
- Summaries from all discussions will be prepared under the authority of the Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24;
- The information and insights gained during the preparatory phase will be synthesised by the Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24 to provide a foundation for the political phase;

Preparatory Phase

California Launch of the Talanoa Dialogue climate summit HoS Where do we Climate Report want to go? summit in Paris Where are we? Report Final Opening Wrap-up preparatory How do we get Report meeting meeting there? IPCC report **TEMs** Global Climate on 1.5C Action 2018 May sessions Sep Dec 2018 Dec COP 24 (1st week) 2018 2017

Figure 1 - Preparatory phase

Inter-sessional Talanoa Dialogue

- The inter-sessional Talanoa Dialogue will allow Parties and non-Party stakeholders to interact in a non-judgemental and constructive manner to engage in story telling with a purpose.
- It will include: an opening plenary; a day of working groups (organised into three consecutive sessions) to address the three overarching questions of the Dialogue; back to plenary reporting; and a closing plenary.
- Well in advance of the inter-sessional Talanoa Dialogue, the COP23 and incoming COP24 Presidencies will have an instructional note published on the Talanoa Dialogue online platform detailing the methodology, agenda and any supporting material for May.
- The online platform will also have videos on how a Talanoa Dialogue is conducted.

Talanoa Dialogue: Political Phase

The political phase will bring high-level representatives of Parties together to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions.

- The political phase will take place at COP 24 with the participation of Ministers;
- This phase will build on the preparatory phase and focus on the objectives of the dialogue;
- Political discussions will include roundtables to ensure focused and interactive discussions among Ministers;
- At the closing meeting of the dialogue, the Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24 will provide a summary of key messages from the roundtables;

Political Phase

Introductory Opening discussion meeting Where are Closing Parallel Reports from we? meeting roundtables: Report preparatory How do we phase Where do we get there? want to go? Reports and Political Key note summary introductory statements report presentations with main inputs

Talanoa Dialogue: Main Features

The main features of the Dialogue are as follows:

- Online submissions will be collated twice after April 2nd 2018, and October 29th 2018.
- The first set of submissions will be collated and summarised into a report that will inform the Dialogue during the April/May sessions in Bonn (May intersessional)
- The May discussions will be used to explore the three central topics informed by inputs by various actors and institutions, including from what we call the Global Climate Action Agenda, Summaries from all discussions will be prepared under the authority of the Presidencies of COP23 and COP24.
- The proceedings of the May intersessional Talanoa Dialogue will be summarized, under the authority of the Presidencies of COP23 and COP24, along with the totality of submissions and inputs received throughout the year.
- The synthesis report will inform the political phase of the Talanoa Dialogue, which will take place at COP24 in Poland. This phase will build on the momentum of conversations and stories exchanged throughout the year and the dynamic networks of interactions.

Talanoa Dialogue: Main Features (cont..)

- The Dialogue should be constructive, facilitative and solutions oriented;
- The Dialogue should not lead to discussions of a confrontational nature in which individual Parties or groups of Parties are singled out;
- The Dialogue will be conducted in the spirit of the Pacific tradition of Talanoa:
- The Dialogue should be conducted in a manner that promotes cooperation;
- The Special Report by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Global Warming of 1.5°C will inform the Talanoa Dialogue.
- The Dialogue will fulfill its mandate, in a comprehensive and non-restrictive manner.
- The Dialogue will be conducted in a manner that promotes enhanced ambition. The dialogue will consider, as one of its elements, the efforts of Parties on action and support, as appropriate, in the pre-2020 period

Talanoa Dialogue: Online Platform

- The UNFCCC has launched an online platform where Parties and non-Party stakeholders can submit inputs in response to one or all of the three central questions listed above (preparatory phase), as well as access the inputs submitted by others.
- The deadlines for the submission of inputs are
 - 1. 2 April 2018 for discussions in conjunction with the April/May session (30 April 10 May) and then
 - **2. 29 October 2018** for discussions in conjunction with COP24 (3 14 December).
- Online Platform link: https://talanoadialogue.com/

Outcome of the Talanoa Dialogue

- The Talanoa Dialogue is designed to take stock of collective efforts to reduce emissions in line with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and to inform the preparation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- Ultimately, the goal is to help countries increase the ambition of their new nationally determined contribution (NDC) which is to be communicated by 2020 (Ref: Para 23,1/CP.21).
- However, the specific outcome will be determined by Parties during the political phase at COP24.
- Visit the COP23 website for further information regarding the Talanoa Dialogue: https://cop23.com.fj/talanoa-dialogue/

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