



Climate Action Network

Talanoa Dialogue Opening Intervention

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Climate Action Network International (CAN) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis, with more than 1100 members in over 120 countries. www.climatenetwork.org

The Talanoa Dialogue is a vital opportunity to align ambition with the Paris long-term goals, especially 1.5 degrees. Science clearly shows current NDCs are insufficient. The Talanoa Dialogue must turn this around.

CAN endorses the open, collaborative, non-finger-pointing nature of the Dialogue in line with the approach decided at COP 23. However, that doesn't mean we can avoid difficult questions on equity, differentiated responsibility and capacity, lack of adequate finance and a track record of low mitigation ambition. We must find ways to tackle questions like "How did we get here?" without falling into finger-pointing exercises.

The Dialogue must deal with the issue of finance and other means of implementation needed to unlock greater mitigation potential.

Transformational solutions exist across many sectors, providing opportunities that raise climate ambition and lead to development and economic gains while leaving no one behind, through a just transition.

We encourage governments to convene inclusive and participatory national, regional, and topical Talanoa Dialogues to raise national ambition throughout 2018 and 2019.

Delegates, we encourage you to seize the opportunity of this Dialogue – and take the first step towards shaping its political phase and through the COP presidencies deliver summaries that enable COP24 to trigger increased ambition of the current NDCs by 2020 at the latest.