



# Climate Action Network

## APA Closing Statement

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Climate Action Network (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](http://www.climatenetwork.org)

The end of APA 1-4 marks the start of a defining moment for the climate negotiations and our ongoing battle against climate change. We celebrated the Paris Agreement for its ambitious and collaborative commitments, in particular the objective to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5°C. Now, the world looks on us to fulfill its promise and translate the Paris Agreement Work Program into a vehicle to raise ambition .

Without a robust, ambitious and clear set of guidelines by 2018 and a successful Talanoa Dialogue, we risk undermining the promises made in Paris and betraying the most vulnerable. We note the progress made as reflected in the Informal Notes and we urge Parties to accelerate progress and engage in technical and textual negotiations in the coming months.

The work before us is substantial, more so if we insist on sticking to polarizing positions rather than seeking convergence and understanding in the spirit of Talanoa. How we move this forward depends on you.