

C40's Talanoa story: Cities leading the way to 1.5 °C

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Question 2: Where do we want to go?

Imagine we are in 2050. Our economy is fully decarbonized and prompted by renewable energy. Remaining GHG emissions are compensated. Resilience has increased, and the impacts of climate change are less alarming now that global warming will not exceed 1.5°C.

Cities led this transformation thanks to the leadership of their Mayors and with the support of networks like C40. Just before 2020, they committed to becoming emissions-neutral, climate-resilient, compact, connected, and inclusive. Now cities have multi-purpose green infrastructure, net-zero energy buildings, green and healthy streets and less waste. Urban dwellers everywhere breathe cleaner air and have fair access to opportunities, including the jobs created by the green economy.

This vision of our future is necessary, desirable, and achievable. The Talanoa Dialogue is an invitation to achieve it together. Moving forward, we expect Parties to enhance their NDCs by 2020, and to design long-term strategies. Cities did it, so can you!