



Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues submission* to the UNFCCC

Talanoa Dialogue is an opportunity to make NDCs fit for Paris Agreement. Most of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are based on the initial documents submitted before the adoption of the Paris Agreement. Many INDCs were prepared in a relatively short time frame (i.e. 3-6 months), primarily by ministries of climate change or environment without any guarantee or necessity to engage ministries of urbanization or other levels of governments. Hence, the first round of Nationally Determined Contributions are neither adequate to fulfil mid-century climate neutrality goal nor on track for full delivery.

Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues can help to seize the potential of urbanisation and enhancement of the engagement of local and regional governments in climate action. The Paris Agreement lays a solid foundation for enhancing multilevel climate governance by recognising the importance of the engagements of all levels of government in the light of different national circumstances. Together with previous Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions in 2010 and 2013, the Paris Agreement ushered in a new phase of building vertically and horizontally integrated climate governance approaches for implementing Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues will seek to enhance the engagement of local and regional governments in climate action at the national, supra-national and global levels. The Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues were developed as a bottom-up, pro-active and immediate response of the local and regional governments in response to the COP23 invitation to convene local, national, regional or global events in support of the Talanoa Dialogue. It builds upon the vision presented at the Bonn-Fiji Commitment adopted at the COP23 Climate Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, benefits from the experience of engagement at the Open Dialogue of COP23 Presidency and strengthened with the Call for NDC Vertical Action announced at the One Planet Summit.

Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues foster multilevel policy dialogue, coordination, collaboration and coherence among relevant processes and initiatives for raising the ambition of NDCs. As of end of March 2018, 24 sessions of the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues are confirmed and more to be announced later. Throughout these sessions, participants are expected to address the key question on raising the national ambition through multilevel governance, in specific terms, to explore options to integrate commitments and actions of local and regional governments into current and future NDCs. The discussions may also focus on the changes and measures to deliver the answers to these questions. Participants may be expected to discuss on how national governments can collaborate with local and regional governments to mobilize appropriate technical, financial and policy resources to realize these solutions; in 2018, towards 2020, towards 2050.

*** Full version is available at;**

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/206_TD_question-3_How%20do%20we%20get%20there_CitiesandRegionsTalanoaDialogues.pdf
<http://www.cities-and-regions.org/talanoa/reources>

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