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What are the outcomes of Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues?

Throughout 2018, over 50 Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue events will take place around the world. As focal point of the LGMA – the Local and Regional Governments and Municipal Authorities – ICLEI will communicate the results of these dialogues to the UNFCCC, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Each Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue event will contribute to the broader Talanoa process and will feed into the climate negotiations at COP24 in Katowice, Poland in December 2018.



Each individual event lays the foundation for stronger relationships, active collaboration and more robust policy frameworks. The aim of each dialogue - or series of dialogues - is that:

- › Participants gain a solid understanding of current national climate policy and the state of climate action across the country.
- › Participants see a path towards strengthening climate action at the local, regional and national levels.
- › Linkages between climate and urban policy become clear and actionable.
- › Participants see new opportunities for collaboration across all levels of government and recognize the value of multilevel governance.
- › National policymakers are better able to recognize and reflect the realities and priorities of local and regional governments into national policy.
- › Participants agree on next steps in the process, by setting up or agreeing to subsequent meetings and actions to be taken in preparation.

Why report on your Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue?

The Talanoa Dialogue launched at COP23, the 23rd United Nations Climate Change Conference in 2017, serves as an initial stocktaking exercise in 2018 to inform future NDC submissions. It is designed as an inclusive, multistakeholder dialogue to take stock of and strengthen climate action globally.

The Cities and Regions Dialogues are specifically designed to convene local, regional and national governments to drive multilevel climate action in a rapidly

urbanizing world. They aim to engage more nations in multilevel dialogues, set up frameworks and structures that enable multilevel collaboration and link climate and urban policy.

Sharing concrete outcomes from the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues contributes to the broader Talanoa process and climate negotiations through the LGMA constituency. It also shows the impact multilevel governance can have on climate action and policy at all levels.

How to report on your Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues

The global Talanoa Dialogue is guided by three simple questions. Throughout the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues, these questions are tailored to look at the urban and subnational dimensions of climate action.

1. Where are we?

What plans or actions are underway or have been identified to implement the current Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)?

How can local and regional governments help nations seize the potential of sustainable and integrated urban and territorial development in the implementation of NDCs?

2. Where do we want to go?

What plans or actions are underway or have been identified to raise the ambition of the NDC now or in the future?

What mechanisms are there to help raise national ambition through enhanced multilevel governance?

3. How do we get there?

What measures are needed to develop immediate, mid-term and long-term transformation?

How can national governments collaborate with local and regional governments to develop resources and policy frameworks that raise ambition and deliver action in 2018 and beyond?

Communications on the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues

Your reporting feeds into our strategic global communications. We will share your actions and outcomes on our global channels, throughout the year and in the lead-up to COP24, to build momentum around **#Cities4Talanoa**.

Through these channels we aim to show:

- › How multilevel governance strengthens subnational and national climate action.
- › Tangible examples of how multilevel governance works in practice.
- › Concrete evidence of how Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues advance collaboration across levels of government.
- › Demonstrable political support from local, regional and national governments involved in the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues.

Share the outcomes from your Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogue by sending the following information to talanoa@iclei.org.

- › Simple statements on promising outcomes and next steps from your event.
- › Quotes from national, regional and local government participants, highlighting the value of multilevel collaboration.
- › High quality photos of participants interacting.
- › Concrete aims you hope will be achieved at the national level.

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