



A high-level Talanoa on A Rapid Transition to a Net-Zero Emissions Society - How Do We Get There?

*12 September 2018
Fairmont Hotel - Gold Room, San Francisco, USA*

CONTEXT & AGENDA

1. WHAT IS TALANOA?

- 1.1. Talanoa is a traditional word used in Fiji and across the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. The purpose of Talanoa is to share stories, build empathy and to make wise decisions for the collective good. The process of Talanoa involves the sharing of ideas, skills and experience through storytelling.
- 1.2. More information is in the brief: “Tips for Telling a Talanoa Story”

2. THE TALANOA DIALOGUE

- 2.1. The Talanoa Dialogue (TD) is a mandated process requested by Parties to the UNFCCC to take stock of collective efforts to reduce emissions and build greater resilience, in line with the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement and to support the preparation of updated or new Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).
- 2.2. Ultimately, the goal is to help Parties achieve maximum ambition in implementing and improving their NDCs. Parties also mandated that the TD will consider, as an element of the dialogue, the efforts of Parties in relation to action and support, as appropriate, in the pre-2020 period.
- 2.3. The TD was devised as a vehicle to help catalyse ambition in a constructive and non-judgmental forum, whilst engaging in story telling with the aforementioned purpose. The process adopts the talanoa approach of openness, non-confrontation and respect.
- 2.4. The TD will also help send out political signals within the UNFCCC process to wrap-up pre 2020 action, and motivate requirements for more ambitious NDCs and long term strategies in 2020.
- 2.5. The TD was launched at COP23 in Bonn, and the preparatory phase started in January 2018. During the preparatory phase, stakeholders are invited to



prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs that respond to at least one of the three central questions: 1) Where are we? 2) Where do we want to go? 3) How do we get there?

- 2.6. The preparatory phase has to date included Parties and Non-Party Stakeholders uploading submissions to the TD web portal (www.talanoadialogue.com) and many regions and organisations have held and will hold their own TDs. Submissions including reports from the regional, national and local talanoa sessions around the world are to be made to the TD web portal before 29 October 2018.
- 2.7. The Fijian and Polish Presidencies will synthesize the information and insights gained during the preparatory phase of the TD to provide a strong evidence-based foundation for the political phase of the TD in Katowice Poland in December. The political phase will include a Ministerial-level roundtable to discuss the key messages emerging from the submissions during the preparatory phase.

3. THE GCAS HIGH-LEVEL TALANOA

- 3.1. The Fiji COP23 President and Prime Minister, Hon. Frank Bainimarama and the Governor of the State of California, Governor Jerry Brown, have invited twenty-five dignitaries and heads of organisations from around the world to a Talanoa on “A Rapid transition to a Net-Zero Emissions Society”.
- 3.2. The Talanoa event will take place at the Fairmont Hotel’s Gold Room, 950 Mason Street, San Francisco, on 12 September 2018 from 2.00pm to 4.10pm.
- 3.3. This exciting Talanoa will be an opening event to the Global Climate Action Summit where heads of government, mayors, governors, CEOs of companies, and heads of inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations will come together to share their inspirational and thought-provoking stories on what is needed to fast-track us to a net-zero emissions and resilient world.
- 3.4. Speakers will share a story for 3 to 5 minutes and focusing on the “How do we get there?” question.
- 3.5. The talanoa will be facilitated by the Fijian COP23 Presidency High-level Champion, Honourable Inia Seruiratu.
- 3.6. A select audience will be invited to observe the talanoa.
- 3.7. The key messages from the talanoa will be submitted to the TD Platform.



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1.30 - 2.00pm - REGISTRATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration of invited audience
2.00 - 2.10pm OPENING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks • Overview of how the session will be conducted (facilitator)
2.10 - 3.40pm STORY-TELLING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspiring and impelling stories on how we can embark on/ensure a rapid transition to a net-zero emissions and resilient society
3.40 - 4.00pm DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion among story-tellers
4.00-4.10pm WRAP UP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key take-away messages relating to the topic • Acknowledgements (facilitator) • Conclusion of Talanoa