

National statement – Minister Vidar Helgesen, Norway

- Mr. President, Heads of States and Governments, Indigenous Peoples delegations, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen.
- We must make the Paris Agreement operational. Without guidance, the agreement will be much weaker than it must be.
- The UNEP Gap report confirms that we are lagging behind. Without increased ambitions by 2020, the goals of the Paris Agreement may fall out of reach.
- Mr. President, this year has shown what we can expect if we do not ramp up action. Hurricanes, floods and forest fires has left people homeless and states in devastation. In the far North, the ice is melting at an alarming speed. Mitigation and adaptation must go hand in hand, leaving no one behind.
- The Talanoa Dialogue is crucial to close the emission gap - setting the stage for increased individual and collective efforts.
- Future efforts will build upon what we do today. The grand coalition between national and subnational governments, cities, work life and businesses shows us the possibilities.
- The low emission transformation is already taking place. Governments and business companies are stepping up climate action. The electric cars revolution is an example of that.
- The private sector, our work force, researchers, NGOs, indigenous people, women, youth and children are our most

valuable assets. We must enable, respect and protect those who will carry us forward to a low emission future.

- Human rights and just transition must be at the forefront of our actions. We commend you, Mr. President, for putting gender equality and participation of indigenous peoples at the core of this meeting.
- Norway stands by its commitments. We have implemented the Doha amendments to the Kyoto Protocol since day 1, and we are on track to meeting our 2020 target of cutting 30% compared to 1990. By 2030, we will reduce our emissions with 40 percent by 2030, and by 2050 be a low emission society.
- We recognise the importance of sustained support for developing countries.
- Norway stands by the collective goal of mobilizing 100 billion USD by 2020. Norway has committed to significant financial contributions, and will continue to do so in the future.
- Our climate and forest initiative will continue at present high level to 2030.
- Norway affirms its commitments to deliver and work together with you to secure pre-2020 action and the goals of the Paris Agreement.
- Thank you!