

Initial feedback by Fiji and Morocco on the approach to the Facilitative Dialogue 2018
based on their consultations with Parties

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Talanoa Concept

- Talanoa is a traditional word used in Fiji and 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, which are for the collective good. The process of Talanoa involves the sharing of ideas, skills and experience through storytelling. During the process, parties build trust and advance knowledge through empathy and understanding. Blaming others and making critical observations are inconsistent with the building of mutual trust and respect, and therefore inconsistent with the concept of Talanoa. Talanoa fosters stability and inclusiveness in relation to dialogue, by creating a safe space which embraces mutual respect for a platform for decision making for a greater good.
- The same principles will be applied to the Facilitative Dialogue.

Progress of the organization of the dialogue

- The dialogue should be constructive, facilitative and solutions oriented. It should not single out individual Parties.
- The dialogue will be structured across the following central questions:
 - Where are we?
 - Where do we want to go?
 - How do we get there?
- The dialogue will consist of a preparatory and a political phase:
 - The Preparatory phase will start at the sessional period in May 2018 and will end at the beginning of COP 24;
 - However, it is expected that Parties will start work earlier through national and regional discussions;
 - The May session will be used to explore the three central questions informed by inputs by various actors;
 - The aim of the preparatory phase is to build a strong foundation for the political phase;
 - It will also be essential to help Parties absorb the findings of the IPCC report through a dialogue with the authors. Modalities for this are being considered;
 - Summaries from all discussions will be prepared by the moderators;

- A report on the preparatory phase will be prepared by the Presidencies. It will summarize the key information considered during the preparatory phase.
- The Political phase will take place at the COP:
 - This phase should attract the attention of Ministers and should build on the preparatory phase and focus on the objectives of the dialogue, in particular how to achieve more in the next NDCs;
 - Round tables will be organized to allow effective exchange;
 - The outputs of the dialogue will include all reports and summaries;
 - It will also be important to send clear forward looking signals. One possible channel would be a declaration.
- As regards inputs to the dialogue:
 - An online platform will be created to gather all inputs to the dialogue;
 - It will classify information according to the topic and meeting to which it is submitted;
 - The Presidency will solicit some key inputs but will not limit inputs to the dialogue.
 - Sources of inputs will include:
 - Identified by the Presidency and to be requested to the secretariat
 - Input by Parties
 - Input by observers
 - Inputs will include written material like blogs, reports and others, videos or any other format;
 - The secretariat will prepare an overview of this information for the consideration of Parties.