

This informal note has been prepared by the Presidencies of COP 22 and COP 23 to inform Parties on their inclusive and transparent consultations this year on the organization of the 2018 facilitative dialogue, hereinafter referred to as the Talanoa Dialogue. The two Presidencies will report orally on the results of these consultations at a plenary meeting of the COP on Tuesday, 7 November.

Mandate

The COP by its decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 20, decided to “convene a facilitative dialogue among Parties in 2018 to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Agreement”.

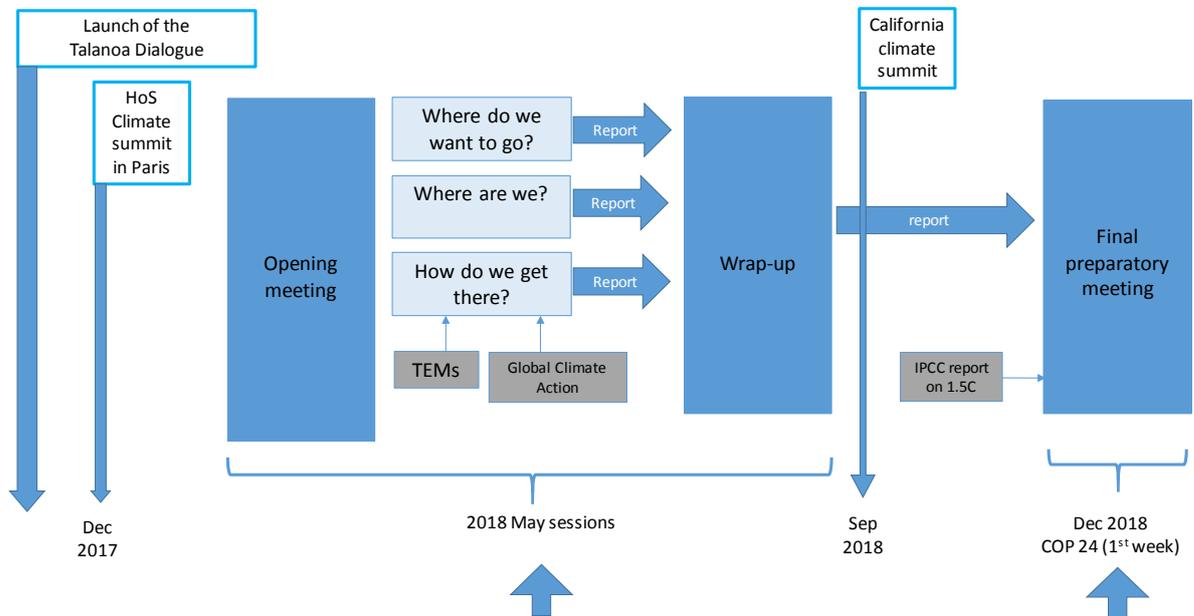
Features of the Talanoa Dialogue

Based on input received by Parties, the main features of the Talanoa Dialogue are as follows:

- The dialogue should be constructive, facilitative and solutions oriented.
- The dialogue should not lead to discussions of a confrontational nature in which individual Parties or groups of Parties are singled out.
- The dialogue will be conducted in the spirit of the Pacific tradition of Talanoa:
 - Talanoa is a traditional approach used in Fiji and the Pacific to engage in an inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue;
 - The purpose of Talanoa is to share stories, build empathy and trust;
 - During the process, participants advance their knowledge through common understanding;
 - It creates a platform for dialogue, which results in better decision making for the collective good;
 - By focusing on the benefits of collective action, this process will inform better decision-making and move the global climate agenda forward.
- The dialogue will be structured around three general topics:
 - 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 Presidencies of COP 23 and COP 24 will jointly lead both phases of the dialogue and co-chair the final Ministerial meeting at COP 24.
- The preparatory phase will comprise technical discussions with the objective of building a strong foundation for the political phase:
 - The preparatory phase will start when the dialogue is launched at COP 23 and will end at the beginning of COP 24;
 - Parties and non-Party stakeholders are invited to cooperate in convening national, regional or global events in support of the Talanoa Dialogue and to prepare and make available relevant inputs;
 - The May session will be used to explore the three central topics informed by inputs by various actors, including from the Technical Examination Process and Global Climate Action;

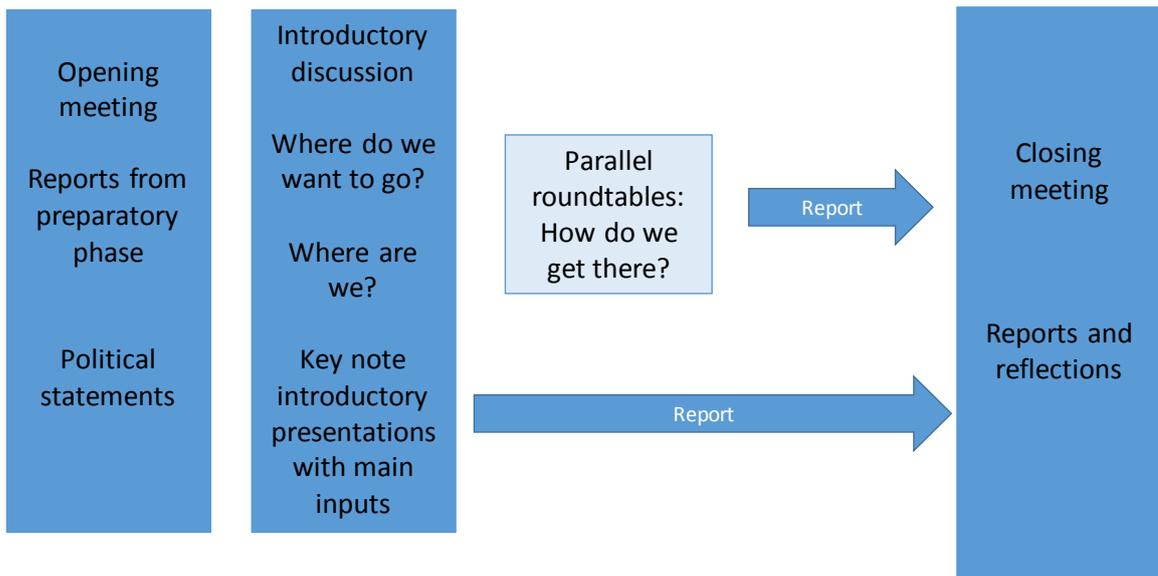
- Summaries from all discussions will be prepared under the authority of the Presidencies;
- The information and insights gained during the preparatory phase will be synthesised by the Presidencies to provide a foundation for the political phase.

Figure 1 - Preparatory phase



- The Political phase will bring high-level representatives of Parties together to take stock of the collective efforts of Parties in relation to progress towards the long-term goal referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Agreement and to inform the preparation of nationally determined contributions pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 8, of the Agreement:
 - The political phase will take place at COP 24 with participation of Ministers;
 - This phase will build on the preparatory phase and focus on the objectives of the dialogue;
 - Political discussions will include round tables. The Presidencies will identify one moderator per table to facilitate the discussions among Ministers;
 - The moderators will provide to the Presidencies a summary of the discussion at their respective round tables;
 - At the closing meeting of the Talanoa Dialogue, the Presidencies will provide a summary of key messages from the roundtables;
 - It will be important to send clear forward looking signals to ensure that the outcome of the dialogue is greater confidence, courage and enhanced ambition.

Figure 2 - Political phase



- The outputs of the Talanoa Dialogue will include all reports and summaries.
- As regards inputs to the Talanoa Dialogue:
 - o The Special Report by the IPCC on warming of 1.5°C requested by the COP will inform the Talanoa Dialogue;
 - o The COP will encourage Parties, stakeholders and expert institutions to prepare analytical and policy relevant inputs to inform the dialogue;
 - o An online platform will facilitate access to all inputs to the dialogue;
 - o The secretariat will be requested to prepare relevant inputs under the guidance of the Presidencies.