



Climate Action Network

High Level Segment Statement

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Climate Action Network (CAN) is the world's largest network of civil society organizations working together to promote government action to address the climate crisis, with more than 1100 members in over 120 countries. www.climatenetwork.org

In past years we have experienced an increasing number of record-breaking extreme weather events inflicting devastation and suffering on millions of people. These were unprecedented, but not unexpected. This IS our new reality. In the spirit of Talanoa, we have heard many stories here of real people facing real danger. It is up to you to translate our stories into action.

We urge Parties to fully utilize the Talanoa Dialogue for comprehensive assessment of progress and commit to increase ambition in 2020. We urge Parties to accelerate technical negotiations so as to adopt a robust Paris Agreement rulebook in 2018. We encourage Parties to take full advantage of the Loss and Damage Forum and ensure that this process leads to significant steps in providing finance for the most vulnerable.

On the other hand, we welcome the progress made here on agriculture, in operationalising indigenous peoples' platform and adopting the Gender Action Plan. We have stalled on these issues for too long and we urge Parties to start turning these decisions into genuine action. We welcome the "Past Coal" manifesto, launched today, and call on all governments to commit to divest from fossil fuels to stay on a 1.5 C pathway.

The world is relying on you and everyone else to Step Up to this challenge in 2018.