

Non-Party Stakeholder Submission to the Talanoa Dialogue
Submitted by the State of California
as the host of the Global Climate Action Summit
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The State of California, as host of the Global Climate Action Summit, is committed to galvanizing enhanced action from non-Party stakeholders that will contribute to the goals of the Paris Agreement. As co-Chair¹ of the Global Climate Action Summit, this submission reflects our broad engagement with subnational governments, businesses, universities, investors and civil society around the world.

Non-Party actors around the world have a critical role in getting us to where we need to go. Subnational governments (cities, states, provinces, and regional entities) have significant responsibility for key sectors like transportation, buildings and land use, which must be transformed both to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to strengthen their resilience to the impacts of climate change. The private sector also controls significant emissions sources and a growing number of businesses are aligning their emissions reductions with science. Businesses can also strengthen the resilience of their supply chains, drive innovation, and help ensure a just transition for workers whose livelihoods depend on fossil fuel industries. Investors can align their portfolios with the Paris Agreement temperature goals, increasing investments in low-carbon technologies and reducing investments in fossil fuels. Investors also play a critical role in engaging companies and promoting climate risk disclosure.

A significant mobilization of subnational action is already under way. Globally, the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action showcases more than 11,000 commitments by non-Party stakeholders. These and similar commitments and initiatives are estimated to contribute several additional gigatons of GHG reductions in 2030 beyond the contributions of countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs).² In the United States alone, cities, states, and businesses constituting more than half of the U.S. economy have mobilized around the Paris Agreement commitments. If these entities were a country, they would be the third largest economy in the world. They are taking concrete action to promote GHG mitigation through renewable energy, building efficiency, clean transport, and other approaches.³ Ongoing efforts to quantify and aggregate subnational action continue to underscore the magnitude of this global mobilization.

The Global Climate Action Summit will showcase existing action and galvanize significant new commitments on climate action from a wide range of non-Party actors around the world. The Summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, investors, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change, showcase climate action, and inspire deeper commitments from each other and from national governments. The Global Climate Action Summit will help demonstrate how much progress has been made on climate action since 2015 and how much more is needed.

¹ The co-Chairs are: Jerry Brown, Governor of the State of California; Michael Bloomberg, UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for Climate Action; Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and Anand Mahindra, Chair of the Mahindra Group.

² UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2016

³ America's Pledge Phase 1 Report 2017

The Global Climate Action Summit aims to galvanize new commitments around five key themes:

- **Healthy Energy Systems:** A quantum leap toward clean and equitable energy and mobility systems will spur climate progress and healthy economies and communities
- **Inclusive Economic Growth:** The clean technology and energy transition will generate high-quality employment and inclusive, resilient economic growth
- **Sustainable Communities:** Sustainable cities and communities will lead the way to green building and infrastructure that improves quality of life
- **Land Stewardship:** Stewardship of lands will enable climate resilience and mitigation while ensuring sufficient food supplies for a growing population
- **Transformative Climate Investments:** Investments on the scale needed to achieve the Paris Agreement will spur innovation and accelerate a clean and resilient economy

Over the coming months, the co-Chairs will work to identify and capitalize on targeted outcomes from the five key themes listed above. The Global Climate Action Summit will be a platform for these new commitments, and is open to any actor or coalition interested in stepping up their ambition to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. These outcomes will then be communicated and integrated into ongoing non-Party and Party processes, such as the United Nations General Assembly, the upcoming UNFCCC Conference of the Parties in Poland, and the United Nations Secretary General's climate summit in 2019.

Bold new commitments by non-Party stakeholders at the Global Climate Action Summit will demonstrate to countries that stronger NDCs by 2020 are necessary, desirable, and achievable. This Summit will be a key gathering of the non-Party stakeholders and subnational governments who are central to doing the work of meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement. But non-Party actors cannot achieve the Paris goals alone. We need all levels of government and all segments of society to act together to enhance ambition. The Global Climate Action Summit will enable and support progress by national governments as they work towards their NDCs and look to strengthen those contributions by 2020. Join us in San Francisco this September – it's time to step up our commitment to ambitious climate action.