

## Input for the Talanoa Dialogue

### Question 1 – Where are we?

Submitted on behalf of the 'Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders'

*The commitment (planned and/or announced) as well as the actions taken so far that are in line with aims of Paris Agreement, the 1.5/2 degrees' goal and the transition towards a net-zero emission society by this mid-century.*

The **Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders (Alliance)** is a CEO-led group committed to actively engaging in global efforts to implement the Paris Agreement on climate change. The group came together in 2015 with the release of an [open letter to governments](#) stating private sector support for climate action and calling for the adoption of an ambitious agreement in Paris.

Vision of the group:

- Effective climate policies must include explicit or implicit prices on greenhouse gases in all regions achieved via market mechanisms or coherent legislative measures, according to national preferences. The more widespread and synchronized carbon prices are, the more they contribute towards a global level playing field. This can unlock low-carbon investment and support mitigation while addressing significant competitiveness concerns.
- Need for a strategic action agenda, supported by clear and consistent policies and robust monitoring, reporting and verification, to complement business efforts to stimulate innovation and collaboration across value chains.
- Support for increased transparency and disclosure of climate-related financial risks and for new financing tools to stimulate alternative energy and efficiency projects as well as green bonds.

*Progress made so far against the above commitments, including success stories, case studies and gaps.*

The Alliance has been advocating for increased climate action and ambition, driving initiatives within companies and as a group towards delivering concrete climate solutions and innovations in business practices, operations and policies. In particular, companies of the Alliance have been:

- Taking voluntary actions to reduce environmental and carbon footprints, setting targets to reduce their own GHG gas emissions and/or energy consumption while also collaborating in supply chains and at sectoral levels.
- Actively managing climate risks and incorporate them in decision making — not least to realize growth opportunities. They are also taking steps to implement effective strategies to strengthen not only their companies' but also societal resilience.
- Acting as ambassadors - through their senior leadership - for climate action, focusing on solutions and economic opportunities.

Since 2015:

- The group has grown to 80 CEOs representing companies from 18 industry sectors with operations in more than 150 countries and territories;
- The group has:

- (1) mobilized to raise awareness and express support for enablers for climate action such as effective carbon pricing – in partnership with the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition (CPLC) – and climate-related financial disclosures. This included for example engagement in a series of webinars on ‘internal carbon pricing – practical experiences from the private sector’<sup>1</sup> in partnership with the CPLC and Yale University to raise awareness and stimulate peer learning and exchanges on internal carbon pricing implementation, and release of [an open letter to the G20](#) to publicly express private sector support for the implementation of the TCFD Recommendations.
- (2) engaged in public-private dialogues with key stakeholders around financing for the implementation of the Paris Agreement in key regions and markets;
- (3) coordinated with other non-state actors to voice their support for the Paris Agreement and ambitious climate action around critical moments and milestones in the global climate agenda<sup>2</sup>.

In 2018, at Davos, the group released a [joint report](#) featuring examples of ‘transformational change’ led by members of the Alliance that go beyond action at individual company level and have the potential to reduce emissions across the economy.

*Quantitative impact so far with respect to mitigation, adaptation, resilience and/or finance.*

Over the last three years, the group has been focusing on the following areas:

- Advancing the carbon pricing agenda (in collaboration with the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition);
- Supporting implementation of climate-related financial disclosures and implications for climate governance working closely with the FSB Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures; and
- Demonstrating action to play their own role in addressing climate change by signing up to one or more ‘We Mean Business’ climate commitments, including for example setting a science-based target and making a 100% renewable power commitment.

These areas have been selected due to their strategic importance for ensuring peak greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and to support systemic changes in the economy – i.e. ensuring carbon has an explicit or implied cost and creating visibility and clarity of the financial risks and opportunities associated with climate change in a way that best facilitates investment and business decision making.

To date, more than half of the member companies of the group (45 out of 83) have taken action on climate change by signing up to at least one of the [We Mean Business commitments](#) or joining the [Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition \(CPLC\)](#).

<sup>1</sup> <https://cbey.yale.edu/media/internal-carbon-pricing-practical-experiences-from-the-private-sector>

<sup>2</sup> See [http://www.c40.org/press\\_releases/cities-states-and-regions-businesses-and-civil-society-moving-to-implement-paris-agreement-ahead-g20](http://www.c40.org/press_releases/cities-states-and-regions-businesses-and-civil-society-moving-to-implement-paris-agreement-ahead-g20) and <http://wearestillin.com/>

## Annex I – List of companies members of the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders

- ABB Ltd
- Accenture
- Acciona
- Allianz SE
- Arup Group
- A.T. Kearney
- Avaada Group
- AXA
- BASF
- Bloomberg LP
- BT Group
- Capricorn Investment Group
- Carlsberg A/S
- Dana Gas PJSC
- Danfoss A/S
- Deutsche Post DHL Group
- Enel Spa
- Engie Group
- Ericsson
- GranBio Investimentos
- Gree Electric Appliances Inc. of Zuhai
- HEINEKEN NV
- Hewlett Packard Enterprise
- Hindustan Construction Company
- Hindustan Powerprojects
- HSBC Holdings
- Iberdrola
- IKEA Group
- Infosys
- ING Group
- International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- International Flavors & Fragrances
- Jindal Steel & Power
- Jinko Solar
- Johnson Controls
- JSW Steel
- Kokusai Kogyo Co.
- LafargeHolcim
- LeasePlan Corporation N.V.
- Lenzing
- LGT Group
- Lloyd's
- Mahindra Group
- Manpower Group
- Maple Leaf Foods
- Marks and Spencer
- Microsoft
- Munich Re
- Natixis
- Nestlé
- Ørsted
- Pan American Silver
- PensionDanmark
- PepsiCo Inc.
- PwC
- Royal DSM
- Royal Philips
- Schneider Electric
- Siemens
- Signify
- Sinar Mas Agribusiness and Food
- SOHO China
- Suez
- Suntory Holdings
- Suzlon Energy Limited
- Swiss Re
- Syngenta
- Tarkett
- Tata Sons
- Teck Resources
- The Dow Chemical Company
- Toshiba Corporation
- Trina Solar
- Tyson Foods Inc.
- UBS Group
- Unilever
- Vestas Wind Systems
- Visy Industries
- Wilmar International
- Wipro Limited
- Yara International