

Talanoa Dialogue Submission - Overview

ICC is the UNFCCC Focal Point for business and industry and in 2016 was granted Observer Status at the United Nations General Assembly, the first time a private sector organisation has been admitted formally into the United Nations system. ICC is also the UN Environment Focal Point for business.

ICC is committed to championing the UN Climate and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year, ICC hosted a number of events and roundtables – together with its regional offices in over 90 countries, produced reports, and published statements to encourage the ambitions of and actions by the private sector towards these goals. Some examples are included below.

TALANOA DIALOGUE

We greatly appreciate the opportunity for global business to engage in an open, inclusive and transparent way with the UNFCCC process and specifically the opportunity to contribute to the **Talanoa Dialogue**.



ICC has been fully involved in the Talanoa Dialogue since its launch in January 2018 and we hosted our first Talanoa Dialogue event on 2 February 2018 – [ICC workshop on the Talanoa Dialogue](#) – which brought together a number of high-level government representatives leading the United Nations climate process, members of ICC’s Commission on Environment and Energy and other private sector stakeholders. Ahead of the Talanoa Dialogue, ICC released a [Talanoa Dialogue Primer](#) to serve as a reference guide for business that explains the Talanoa Dialogue and illustrates how business can contribute.

To build on the success of the February workshop, ICC also organised an [ICC Talanoa Dialogue roundtable discussion](#) on 4 May 2018, during the Bonn Climate Change Conference. During the session, participants shared examples of the concrete actions they are taking to address the climate challenge – sending a clear message that business is an essential part of the solution. ICC and its members also participated in the Talanoa Group Sessions on 6 May 2018 and hosted another Talanoa Dialogue event in Brazil this October.

Finally, ICC drafted [a submission to the Talanoa Dialogue](#) which illustrates where business has made progress on tackling climate change, what more needs to be done and what is necessary to get there. The submission has been updated to give new examples of what steps ICC members are taking to help solve the climate challenge.

ICC is dedicated to working with government and all stakeholders towards the Paris Agreement goals.

HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2018



During the High Level Political Forum (HLPF2018) which took place from 9-18 July 2018 in New York, ICC launched a report at the SDG Business Forum – that ICC convenes annually with its partner organisation, entitled '[Business for Sustainable and Resilient Societies](#)'. The report highlights case studies from businesses taking action on the SDGs, and policy recommendations on how governments can help more companies [implement the SDGs](#) into their core business strategies.

[ICC encourages the private sector to increase the pace and ambition](#) of innovative actions for the SDGs, but also calls on governments to take action by implementing long-term policies, providing an adequate policy framework and incentives that business can rely upon to tackle the sustainable development

challenges while also increasing competitiveness, creating jobs and promoting inclusive sustainable economic growth.

During HLPF2018, ICC also hosted the "[SDG Shark Tank](#)", a series of roundtables where businesses pitch innovative ideas to governments with the aim to enhance public-private partnerships.

We were also delighted that ICC Secretary General John W.H. Denton AO shared the stage with UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa and CEO of Natura & Co, Roberto Oliveira de Lima to discuss what more the private sector could do to increase ambition to reach our collective climate and sustainability goals.

MARRAKESH PARTNERSHIP

As a supporting partner of the Marrakech Partnership/Global Climate Action Agenda, ICC had the opportunity to contribute to several events during the UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks.

Africa Climate Week | 9-13 April 2018 | Nairobi

Africa Climate Week 2018 was designed to advance regional climate action. The ultimate aim of ACW2018, the first of what was planned to be an annual gathering, was to support implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement and climate action to deliver on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Asia Pacific Climate Week | 11-13 July 2018 | Singapore

ICC was delighted to have Cherie Nursalim, Vice Chair, Giti Group and ICC Executive Board member, Eric Nietsch, Associate Director, Corporate & Infrastructure Ratings, S&P Global Ratings Singapore and Pamela Mar, Director, Supply Chain Futures, Fung Academy and Director, Sustainability, Fung Group, Hong Kong, as guest speakers at the Asia Pacific Climate Week.

Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week | 20-23 August | Montevideo

Cecilia Fullone, Director and Lead Analyst for Latin America for S&P Global and María Laura Sluga, Coordination Manager of ICC Argentina's National Committee spoke on the just transition of workforce, water and agri-food systems, sustainable production and consumption and enabling circular economy solution. We were also delighted to have Regina Magalhães, Sustainability and Innovation Director for South America at Schneider Electric, attend the Regional Technical Expert Meeting on Mitigation during LACCW and present on waste-to-energy solutions and the determining role companies can play in mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- In advance of the launch of the United Nations’ ‘Decade of Action for Water’, ICC released a [statement](#) on business and good water stewardship.
- ICC has implemented a working group on the Global Pact for the Environment to follow the discussions on the Global Pact for the Environment and support the negotiations by providing the business perspective. ICC will also be hosting a roundtable discussion on the Global Pact for the Environment in January 2019 with keynote speaker, Laurent Fabius, President of the French Constitutional Court, former President of COP21 and Chair of the “Group of Experts for the Global Pact for the Environment.”
- ICC, in its capacity as UNFCCC Focal Point for business, was present at the Bonn Climate Chance Conference and Bangkok Climate Change Conference where we hosted daily business briefings on the negotiations, held side events and participated in bilateral meetings with country delegations, all with the aim of supporting the advancement of the Paris Agreement Work Programme.
- ICC has been engaging in various events with high-emitting sectors to encourage increased ambition on climate action. For example, at an event organised by the World Cement Association in Paris on 27-28 June, [ICC encouraged both industry and government-led initiatives to reduce emissions in the global cement sector](#).
- ICC contributed to the Sustainable Investment Forum and [participated in the UN Financing for Development Forum](#) where the UN, based on its engagement with ICC during the forum, committed to carry out an official review of the trade financing gap and its underlying causes.
- ICC has created the Task Force on Climate Change Related Disputes and will be publishing a report before the end of the year.
- ICC has established a working group on Trade and Climate Change to focus on how to align the trade and climate change policy regimes.
- ICC organized a high-level event on “New Technologies and Mobile Solutions for Development: Business driving innovation for social good” that took place during the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday, 24 September 2018.