



TALANOA DIALOGUE PRONOUNCEMENT – ICA REPRESENTATIVES DECLARATION FROM ICA – PERÚ

1. INTRODUCTION

Our country, Peru, is part of United Nations Framework Convention Climate Change (UNFCCC), assumed prominence when Peru took on the twentieth Parties Conference (COP 20) from the UNFCCC developed in 2014 in Peru's Capital (Lima), furthermore, the participation of our country was the main piece of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, international treaty which was ratified by Peru in 2016; the recent passed Law Climate Change Framework N° 30754 and its current process of regulation, they are evidence of the fair interest of our citizens in emphasizing and taking actions facing Climate Change. Therefore, youth role is crucial to give continuity and generates effects of positive changes in the society through these dialogue channels, standing out their voice facing this set of problems.

Our region, Ica, it's not exempt to the current climate reality, demonstrating its great interest from the youth when they take the acquired learning, which they are promoted by Talanoa Project Peru, channeling to the population to spread its criterion of the situation and commitment finally.

Consequently, on September 15th was done in Ica city the *Workshop about Climate Change and Climate Actions: "A call the Climate Action – Ica"*, event organized by Environmental University Network: San Luis Gonzaga National University and Alas Peruanas Private University, both; from Ica. In the framework of the event was done **The Dialogue of Talanoa with representatives from Ica City**, that is to say the youth and local actors of the public and private institutions.

The participant actors of the workshop were the young members of the Environmental University Network – Peru of both mentioned networks, university students, representatives of the private company, representatives of the public entity, teachers, and remaining civil society interested in the subject matter of the workshop. Consequently, voices and reflections of everyone of the actors who are in this pronouncement, expecting the understanding and spreading to increase the actions facing the Climate Change from the local, national and worldwide field.

2. WHERE ARE WE?

To be considered our country as the third most vulnerable facing the climate change at the global level; in a similar way, our region from Ica is among the most vulnerable at the national level, about 75% of its territory is composed by desert, equivalent to more than two thirds.¹

We live in society from Ica with a low responsibility and commitment with the environment in spite of being exposed to the natural phenomena, one example is “El Niño Event” as it happened in 1982², with excessive demand of the natural resources which possesses, a poor development and promotion in the exploitation of the potential of its renewable energy, where the involved actors, both the public sector deficit in its management, the private sector with little commitment and a civil society with insufficient environmental culture, they show scarce interest in sustainable development from Ica.

The inadequate land use planning and the lack of its normativity in our city, in the framework of the protection of our biodiversity from Ica, it goes in decline of the woods of native species as Toñuz, Espino, Molle and mainly Huarango wood. This last native tree being the main link of its ecosystem generates microclimates in its habitat which favors the mitigation and adaptation facing the climate change. According to the Association of Birds Groups from Peru and Botanical Garden Kew³, in the last 20 years, almost the half of Huarango woods have disappeared, in spite of laws which prohibit the felling and commercialization.

In another field, horizontal population growth in the region in one of the factors based on the generation of solid waste which its inadequate management is the main problem which afflicts the population, from the collection until the disposition of the same. Being the final disposition, one of the most recurrent activities the burning of waste, which leads to the increase of greenhouse gas.

Nevertheless, facing to the different environmental set of problems which Ica city faces, in the last years have arisen initiatives, example of that is the numerous youth organizations and the support of some private companies to them, generating little to little more environmental conscience.

3. WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

We want to become a society where the basement is the conscience of our actions and the consequences, both positive and negative, which unchains; with an emphasized identity from Ica to value our region in its different aspects; and with the maelstrom of events that arise, redirect our way to the building of an environmentally responsible city, economically sustainable and socially committed, with that being participant in the edification of a resilient country, and in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Furthermore, we aspire to become a region where the public sector leaders assume with greater responsibility the management city, mainly, we direct to a technical – political administrative as it is the land use planning, meanwhile, a conscious population of the necessity to have this legal instrument, considering the growth population which at the same time it will generate a greater preservation to our biodiversity.

We aspire to a society where its energy matrix is compounded in its majority by renewable energy, with an integral solid waste management, an adequate system of transport, involving in detail to the public sector with the private sector, as a result, an environmental policy agreed and consolidated.

Finally, a city where its education is built on the foundations of an environmental culture and sustainable integrally, making citizens committed in making facing to the climate change from its axis of action.

4. HOW DO WE GET THERE?

The way to be a consolidated region is a hard work, which we must work in detail from different levels both local and regional, with strategic alliances and the strengthening of the public entity management to generate opportunities that drive the empowerment of the civil society, throughout, especially in environmental subject matter.

Undertaking the education sector, with a structuring of its curriculum that advances at the same time with reality of our region, consolidating an identity and culture well done in pro of the conservation and preservation of ours. Implementing programs where the initiative and creativity of the children and youngs are the support, programs and projects that contribute to the completion of the National Plan for Environmental Education, in consequence, this protection wish and development translates itself in actions from daily activities until initiatives and/or projects of big impact.

Decentralizing the information spreading to all the sectors with a more understandable language, furthermore, being in a society compounded by urban population, 89,3 % (636 thousand) and only 10,7 % live in the rural area (76 thousand)⁴, who in big percentage, they aren't conscious of the potential and importance that we have as a region, in agricultural production, use mining areas, industrial activities concentration, among others.

Finally, driving the scientific innovation, talent and capacity that is not standing out in our region, guiding it to the formulation of solutions to the diverse environmental set of problems. Furthermore, taking advantage of the different opportunities and contributing, as well, with the mitigation and adaptation of the climate change to our wellness and our orb.

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