



Template for non-Party stakeholders' inputs for the Talanoa Dialogue

Question 2 - Where do we want to go?

This template is meant to guide non-Party stakeholders (organization(s), coalition(s), initiative(s) and/or sector(s) etc.) in providing inputs that are relevant and impactful to the Talanoa Dialogue process. Using such the template is not mandatory, however, the High-level Champions encourage non-Party stakeholders to use such a structure to facilitate capturing and highlighting the key messages across the three questions.

Where do we want to go?

Vision of the future for your organization and/or sector in terms of its possible role in achieving the 1.5/2 degrees' goal and a net-zero emission world by this mid-century [Maximum 300 words]

Today, more than \$80 trillion is managed by institutions that have committed to considering Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors in investment decisions. While it is increasingly recognised that the responsibility to steer financial investments toward social and environmental sustainability rests also in the hands of private actors, the many initiatives promoting sustainable finance approaches have been largely focusing on high-level representatives such as CEOs, senior managers and board members. In the meantime, junior members of staff, who carry out the initial investment analysis, are not familiar with the full range of potential social and environmental sustainability exposures affecting the investments they are assessing.

At Finance for a Sustainable Future, we aim to change the way capital flows help shape our societies by addressing the knowledge gap of junior investment analysts on sustainability. With more comprehensive and long-term focus, the finance industry can provide the key contribution to: (1) limiting pressures on natural habitats, communities and people that pose a threat to global prosperity; (2) mobilising capital for businesses with economic, social and environmental benefits; and (3) limiting risks and supporting businesses that will stand the test of time.

Without the support of the finance industry, we cannot complete our journey towards a more sustainable economy and halt climate change. Finance for a Sustainable Future engages leading finance firms in this crucial debate now, and lays the foundations for a more sustainability conscious generation of finance executives in the future.

Possible and potential new commitments and pledges of to achieve the 1.5/2 degrees' goal and a net-zero emission world by this mid-century [Maximum 300 words]

- Integrate assessment of environmental and social risks in the core training provided by finance firms for their junior investment analysts.
- Integrate assessment of environmental and social risks in university finance and economics curricula.



Foreseen positive impact of these commitments once they are realized, including contributions to the sustainable development agenda [Maximum 300 words]

Finance for a Sustainable Future contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs: Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), Responsible Production and Consumption (SDG 12), Climate Action (SDG 13), Life below Water (SDG 14), Life on Land (SDG 15), Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17).

Participants can have a significant impact already in the early stages of their careers – the average analyst in a top-tier European investment banking department contributes to more than €5bn of transactions per year. They also have the potential to share the ideas further within their companies or professional networks.