



## Template for non-Party stakeholders' inputs for the Talanoa Dialogue Question 1 – Where are we?

*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 are we?

*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 [Maximum 300 words]*

The Under2 Coalition is a global community of ambitious sub-national governments publicly committed to long-term deep decarbonization. The Coalition brings together signatories of the Under2 MOU, a commitment by governments to pursue emission reductions consistent with a trajectory of 80 to 95% below 1990 levels by 2050 and/or achieving a per capita annual emission goal of less than 2 metric tons by 2050.

The Under2 Coalition is an initiative primarily driven by **state, regional and provincial governments**. This submission aims at bringing their contribution as a group on ambitious climate action into the Talanoa process and at helping to identify successful decarbonization stories at the state and regional level that can inspire others to act.

Since its establishment in 2015, the Under2 Coalition brings together over [200 signatories and endorsers](#), spanning six continents and 43 countries, including 19 national government endorsers. Together they represent over 1.3 billion people and a collective GDP of US\$30 trillion, representing almost 40% of the global economy.

As a group, the Coalition illustrates the critical role of state and regional governments in delivering the Paris Agreement. Even compared with national governments, state and regional governments represent some of the largest economies and population centers in the world and therefore a significant opportunity for climate action and coordinated emissions reductions. States, provinces and regions play a crucial role in critical areas such as energy regulation and distribution, urban and regional planning, and finance, where they are often responsible for both implementing national policy and enabling city policy. States and regions are already directly affected by the consequences of climate change, such as rising sea levels, depleted natural resources and increased temperatures. For these governments, action on climate change is not simply academic but grounded in the need to protect communities, support businesses, create jobs and diversify economies. Their action drives real change.

*Progress made so far against the above commitments, including success stories, case studies and gaps [Maximum 300 words]*

The Under2 Coalition has grown from 11 founding signatories in 2015 to 205 governments today – all collectively committed to bold action on climate and deep emissions cuts in the long-term. The Climate Group acts as Secretariat for the Under2 Coalition and supports governments to move from commitment to action.



Under2 Coalition's goals are delivered through three, inter-connected work streams, which seek to accelerate and scale climate action by state, regional and other sub-national governments:

- **2050 Planning:** supporting sub-national governments to develop robust medium and long-term (2050) emission reduction plans in line with the Paris Climate Agreement goal of keeping the rise in global temperature well below 2°C of warming, and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- **High-impact policy solutions:** replicating and spreading today's best policies to accelerate climate action, and developing new policies to ensure full decarbonization over the longer-term by sub-national governments.
- **Transparency:** supporting sub-national governments to have the expertise and systems in place to assess their region-wide emissions accurately, track progress and ensure policies remain fit for delivering against decarbonization targets.

The work streams are design to be mutually supportive: the first sets the long-term trajectory for action; the second ensures the foundations for ambitious long-term action are put in place; and the third provides the means for managing a smooth and predictable decarbonization process over both the immediate and long-term. Such commitment to real climate action by Under2 Coalition members aims to **support national governments in the delivery of their national climate goals and their commitment** to the Paris Agreement and fuel their ambition, and confidence, to go further, faster.

**Developing robust GHG inventories** and establishing **2050 pathways** are two integral components to achieve the Under2 Coalition's ambitions. These are two areas where state and regional governments require further resources and support. The Climate Group is working with the Under2 Coalition's signatories and other partners to secure resources to build capacity in these areas.

*Quantitative impact so far with respect to mitigation, adaptation, resilience and/or finance [Maximum 300 words]*

As part of the Transparency work, the Under2 Coalition encourages all state and regional governments to report against their emissions targets and climate actions. As the 2017 [Annual Disclosure](#) Report shows, the number of state and regional governments committed to transparency continues to grow year-on-year, with 110 governments disclosing their climate data and actions in 2017 – a 60% increase since 2016. Together these governments represent US\$13.4 trillion in GDP, which is equivalent to 18% of the global economy and 658 million citizens.

Each year the Annual Disclosure provides an assessment of the commitments and progress toward those commitments by state and regional governments around the world to support international climate governance processes. The report publishes updated projections of disclosed GHG emissions targets compared to illustrative emissions scenarios to keep track of the Paris's Agreement long-term goal.

Since the release of the first Annual Disclosure Report in 2015, states and regions have (i) on average achieved an 8.5% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to the state and regional governments' base years, (ii) disclosed climate targets backed by over 2,300 climate actions, spanning ten different sectors (agriculture, buildings and lighting, energy, finance and economy, governance, industry, land use, transport, waste and water), an 80% increase on 2016, and (iii) committed to 290 targets for emissions reductions, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

In short, climate action by state, provincial and regional governments globally is increasing in terms of both ambition and breadth, and **they represent willing partners to their national and city-level counterparts to play their role** in ensuring that global climate action is commensurate with a well-below 2 degree future.



# Marrakech Partnership



**This submission was prepared by The Climate Group in their role as Secretariat to the Under2 Coalition. Further submissions in response to the questions of “where we need to go” and “how do we get there” will be prepared in time for the October submission deadline, and will address crucial issues such as finance, capacity building, 2050 pathways development and support to sub-national governments.**