

Report of the CARICOM Workshop on IPCC Special Report on 1.5 and the Talanoa Dialogue

Saint Lucia, 31 January to 2 February 2018

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) organized a regional workshop on the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C and the Talanoa Dialogue in Saint Lucia from 31 January to 2 February 2018. Participants included scientists working on climate change issues in the Caribbean and experts nominated by CARICOM IPCC and UNFCCC Focal Points.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

1. Review the Second Order Draft of the “IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C”, to support CARICOM Member State Focal Points to the IPCC in preparing informed inputs in response to the draft,
2. Develop recommendations for the engagement of CARICOM Member States in the Talanoa Dialogue process, in view of the importance of scientific input to the Dialogue, and recommendations on ways to address the need for regional reflections in the “IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C”, which will inform the Talanoa Dialogue,
3. Initiate greater interaction between regional scientists working on climate change issues in the Caribbean, and CARICOM UNFCCC Focal Points, negotiators and policymakers.

Participants:

- recalled the **background to the Talanoa Dialogue and the IPCC Special Report processes**
- discussed the **role of these two processes in the context of the long-term temperature goal** of the Paris Agreement and successive cycles of nationally determined contributions (NDCs).
- noted that the goal of the Talanoa Dialogue is to provide Parties with the **scientific and technical evidence-base needed to inform their consideration of greater mitigation ambition consistent with the long-term temperature goal of the Paris Agreement**, in view of the existing shortfall in mitigation ambition.
- emphasized that the results of the Talanoa Dialogue are expected to create **political momentum for new and updated NDCs to be communicated by 2020 by all Parties**.
- noted that **regional inputs** to the Talanoa Dialogue process could be valuable in highlighting, among other things, **impacts to be faced by the region in the absence of greater mitigation ambition**, through for example submission of inputs containing the latest science on the Caribbean region.
- discussed the value of providing **inputs that fit with the story-telling, inclusive and participatory approach** of the Talanoa Dialogue.

The workshop concluded that for the story-telling approach of the Talanoa Dialogue to be useful, stories should reflect:

- the experiences of the affected communities,
- the vision inherent in the Paris Agreement and
- practical approaches to achieving that vision.

These stories should all be grounded in scientific inputs from the regions’ scientists.

Participants emphasized that the “IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C” will be a critical component of the technical aspect of the Dialogue and that appropriate effort and time should be afforded for its consideration.

Finally, Parties should be urged to present their views on the structure of the final outcome of the Dialogue.