

Pre- COP Statements by the Non - Party Stakeholder

Introduction

Thank you chair,
Excellencies, dear colleagues,

We are Daisy Ndunge from Kenya and Bert De Wel from Belgium. We speak on behalf of the Non-Party Stakeholders. We speak here for farmers, women and gender NGOs, environmental NGOs, cities and regions, workers and their unions, as well as children and youth.

First, allow us to express our appreciation to the incoming president, Mr. Kurtyka, for engaging with us at the Non-Party Stakeholders Day.

Participation and engagement of Non-Party Stakeholders has been indispensable for the UNFCCC process and the Paris Agreement. It has continuously been formally acknowledged as being vital to the process and the need to enhance such engagement has been expressed. However, at this pre-COP, we have been limited to just giving a statement as nine respective constituencies. These official observer groups that represent different fields of expertise, have therefore made contributions on their behalf in separate statements - which we will present jointly. We strongly encourage to retain the UNFCCC-practice that has been followed in past years and recommend that it is continued in the future.

Individual Statement of each Constituency

YOUNGO

YOUNGO is preparing for COP24 - and on that note we express our gratitude to the Government of Norway and Government of Switzerland for supporting the organisational project Global South Scholarships - to support the participation of youth from SIDS and developing countries to COP24. We are grateful. IPCC report has already outlined ways to limit the global increase in temperature to under 1.5 degree celsius: the solutions stare at us; As Michal Kurtyka earlier said - "the problems do not lie in the values, but in the hierarchy of values"...

YOUNGO appreciates the work that has been done by the co-chairs after Bangkok session and the new textual suggestions developed. We are also concerned that we might go to Katowice with what can be perceived as two versions of text on several agenda items - and we request the Parties to have political discussions and iron this out ... here ... at the pre-COP.

Regarding the APA 3, we are cognizant of the progress made in Bangkok and the accommodative nature demonstrated by Parties. We ask for more political guidance on this, and linking this with SBI Item 6 and 7 - the scope of NDCs need to reach political consensus or a compromise. Furthermore, we believe that the discussions around the procedural mandate for Article 9.5 need a way forward and we call for an urgent political resolution to it.

YOUNGO has been doing its share - organising over 30 national and regional Conferences Of Youth that serve as on ground consultation to feed into our policy positions for COP, and would be developing the (Children and Youth Declaration on Just Transition at the Global Conference of Youth - called COY14 - just prior to COP in Katowice. We are committed to contribute to a successful implementation of the Paris Agreement, together with the Parties.

ENGO

- Climate Action Network (CAN)

CAN expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the Polish Presidency for being invited to the Business Day and the Non-Party-Stakeholder Day. CAN believes that at Pre-COP Parties must significantly advance discussions about how to use the political momentum created by the 1.5°C Report and the Talanoa Dialogue to ramp up ambition on action and support, and on how to maintain the spirit of Paris by agreeing on a comprehensive, robust and effective set of guidelines that will enable full and ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement.

CAN believes it will be particularly important that the guidelines facilitate transparency of action and support. Without predictable, accessible, adequate and sustained financial, capacity building and technological support from rich countries the climate plans put forward by poorer countries cannot be achieved. Transparency is essential to maintain trust and good faith in the system.

In Krakow you have the opportunity to provide guidance for the final negotiations by unlocking the current impasse on finance, addressing outstanding items on transparency and by finding suitable solutions on how to communicate national mitigation and adaptation efforts. Informed by the Talanoa Dialogue, you have the opportunity to discuss elements of a COP24 decision that responds to paragraph 23 and 24 of Decision 1/CP.21 for countries to submit new or updated NDCs by 2020 to give people hope that leaders are serious about climate action now.

- CJN

FARMERS:

We, like others, want to see ambitious climate action agreed at COP24. Farmers are capable of much, given the opportunity. We offer you our support so we can meet this challenge together.

Effectively responding to climate change and achieving sustainable development go hand in hand with transformation of our agriculture sectors and food systems. We urge for higher political commitment and predictable finance for real success. We have witnessed the start of a transformation, with Parties in the “agriculture family” reaching agreement on future work on our “special sector”. True transformation will require greater ambition. Climate change will challenge even our capabilities, so we need you to show greater ambition; to foster innovation and scale up technology transfer; to invest in research and extension; to put in place an ambitious financing framework particularly for farmers in developing countries to enable to transformation of farm productivity and resilience with no farmer being left behind. We strongly believe that rural economies have a significant untapped potential to boost climate action and sustainable development. We call for your commitment towards their urgent prioritization and for incentives to revitalise the farming sector.

IPO

LGMA

The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency underscores the need for collaboration among all levels of government and the importance of positioning integrated, sustainable urban and territorial development as an important tool to accelerate the implementation of NDCs. We look forward to having our engagement strengthened through the Paris Agreement Work Programme. In 2018, cities and regions invited national governments to fix and list NDCs under the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues Initiative, also through the formal recognition of the Locally Determined Contribution. The outcomes of more than 50 Dialogues present a wide array of forward-looking policies for raising ambition. We call upon the COP24 Presidency to build upon this momentum to advance multilevel climate action for the second NDCs and continue the Talanoa Dialogue beyond COP24, turning it into a global stocktake mid-term exercise where a fourth question "by when?" could be added to the Dialogue framework.

RINGO

TUNGO

Statement from the International Trade Union Confederation:

- Unions want decent jobs on a living planet. Building trust through the guarantees of Just Transition measures will make it possible for governments to raise ambition. The human rights principles of the Paris Agreement, including just transition, should be fully reflected in the Paris Rulebook. Taking good care of the impact on workers' lives, livelihoods, communities and families will make it possible for ambitious measures to be taken. Workers all around the world, in all jobs, in North and South, are impacted by climate change and climate policies.
- The trade unions ask governments to commit to the Polish government initiative – the “*Solidarity and Just Transition Silesia Declaration*” – to drive agreement on a Just Transition for workers and the creation of decent work and quality jobs.
- Finally we ask governments to commit to finance for low-carbon development and support for the most vulnerable. Adequate climate finance is the cornerstone of effective climate policy. It is needed to realise the low-carbon transition in the global north and to put the global south on a low-carbon development path. Governments must live up to their promise to mobilise USD 100 billion annually by 2020.

WOMEN AND GENDER

Many questions are in your hands for the next two days. One of them is to ensure that the Talanoa Dialogue will lead to raising ambition.

The IPCC has clearly concluded that climate change will have devastating impacts - even if we achieve the 1.5°C. Every tenth in global temperature rise counts and we need deep emission cuts as well as the enhancement of natural carbon stocks through ecosystem restoration. The current path will cause enormous loss of life, livelihoods, culture and ecosystems and will lead to growing in-justice. By 2020 we need to see NDCs that keep global warming below 1.5°C. Around the globe, with little and no resources, women are already moving work on agriculture, waste management, oceans - and many more - towards zero emissions. Approaches that do not support systemic change are no longer acceptable. We strongly oppose proposals that offset the emissions of, for example, aviation or coal.

You have to make sure that Pre-COP resolves our concerns that at COP24 skeleton-like guidelines will be adopted. We need quantitative, qualitative and just climate action. Let's ensure the human rights principles including gender equality of the Preamble of the Paris Agreement get fully integrated into the Paris Rulebook.

Excellencies and colleagues, These were the statements from the different constituencies - thank you very much for your attention. We wish you a fruitful Pre-COP!