

**COP25 High Level Segment**  
**RINGO Statement**

**The tentative schedule for Observers to deliver the statements at the High Level Segment on Tuesday, 10 December is from 20:00-22:00.**

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Thank you, Chair, for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the global research community. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

The message we all see when entering this building is that it is “Time for Action”. Governments are here to act on the best available evidence of climate change. Over the past two years, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has released three special reports - one on global warming of 1.5 degrees, one on climate change and land, and one on the ocean & cryosphere. The best available evidence is increasingly becoming our best available warning. Avoiding the worst impacts of climate change requires drastic action.

As the world’s research community, one of our core mandates is to inform. Back home, many of us work to strengthen the policy dialogue with our decision makers. It is in the absolute interest of our communities that decisions are made in accordance with scientific evidence, include the interests of, and address the climate impacts of the most vulnerable and least capable. The principles of robust evidence-based policymaking apply to all decisions everywhere, whether they be in Madrid or in Melipilla.

In addition to informing our current decisionmakers, researchers educate the leaders of our next generations. For many of us, at heart we are teachers. Our universities teach the science of climate change, the nuance of policy, politics and society, and cutting edge technological developments. Modern education is increasingly interdisciplinary and international. Our students are concordantly becoming increasingly capable. The actions we take here and now can set the foundation for our next generations to flourish, or they can put us on a path of wasted potential and stagnation.

To conclude, we express our concern over the observed impacts and forecasted catastrophic risks of climate inaction highlighted in recent IPCC reports. We urge the governments in this UNFCCC process, where research and systematic observation are vital to robust evidence-based policy, to take the results of IPCC reports and the research underpinning them as seriously as we do.

Thank you for listening.