



COP23 PRESIDENCY CONSULTATION WITH NON-STATE ACTORS NEW YORK - 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 (CLIMATE WEEK) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

COP23 Fiji Presidency welcomes the constructive inputs from civil society to engage in the Facilitative Dialogue, enhance ambition and accelerate global climate action.

At the heart of a full week of climate meetings in New York meeting and shortly after the UN General Assembly, Fiji COP23 incoming Presidency conducted a consultation with a broad range of stakeholders to prepare for COP23, the upcoming climate summit, which will be a key milestone to ensure the full implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Representatives of environmental and development NGOs, humanitarian organizations, businesses, youth groups, women, indigenous people and many other organizations joined this meeting to express their views on the expected outcomes for COP23, which will take place in Bonn from the 7th to the 18th of November 2017.

The goal was to discuss the Presidency priorities and civil society expectations for COP23 with the aim of keeping us all on a safe pathway by limiting the rise of global temperature to 1.5°C above pre- industrial levels. With a record number of 166 Parties having ratified the Paris Agreement, the next challenge will be to operationalize the Agreement and make sure it works in practice to address climate change, one of the most pressing global concerns for humanity.

Fiji Prime Minister Bainimarama expressed his solidarity with the victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean. The most vulnerable people are already suffering greatly from the impacts of climate change. It took years for Fiji to recover from Hurricane Winston. As the first Island nation to be presiding over the international climate negotiations, Fiji is bringing a sense of urgency to the climate talks.

Ambassador Khan, COP23 incoming Presidency Chief Negotiator told the participants that it was important to reaffirm our global commitment to climate action at this very important time in the history of international climate negotiations.

Christine Fung, Advisor to the High-Level Champion also explained how the global climate action agenda can further catalyze the transformative power of partnerships between governments and non-state actors to accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Fiji's goal is to make COP23 a visionary COP and infuse it with the Pacific 'Talanoa Process' that will build trust, good will and ensure result for the collective good of all nations. Talanoa is a



key feature of the Fijian culture. It is a traditional word used in Fiji and the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. The purpose of Talanoa is to share stories, build empathy and to make wise decisions, which are for the collective good. The same principles will apply to the Facilitative Dialogue.

The Facilitative Dialogue is an important process of consultation, which will start with COP23 and end at COP24 to review the level of ambition of current commitments made by countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in the light of the best available science. It will also guide future efforts and inform policy-making on mitigation, adaptation, finance and all the elements of the Paris Agreement package.

Non-State Actor participation is crucial to the Facilitative Dialogue. The COP23 Presidency would like to facilitate this involvement in an organized way to ensure that the inputs from Non-State Actors are being analysed and summarised in an inclusive way.

The various civil society groups embraced the Fijian Presidency vision for COP23 and expressed support for the Presidency.

In confirming their support to the Facilitative Dialogue, Non State Actors said that they were aligned with the Presidency vision of an outcome to enhance ambition and revise the current Nationally Determined Commitments (NDCs) by 2020. Non State Actors also asked for a commitment to involve them until the end of the process.

The various organizations also provided constitutive inputs on areas that the Fijian Presidency aims to advance at COP23, including on gender, indigenous people's rights, oceans, health, and education. For each of these thematic areas, the COP23 Presidency and the various thematic experts will work together on specific proposals and action plans to make further progress at COP23 and beyond that with the start of the Facilitative Dialogue in 2018.

The Facilitative Dialogue and the Nationally Determined Commitments are some of the key elements in helping implement the historical Paris agreement that is now ratified by majority of the countries in the world.

In addition, the COP23 Presidency will conduct an open dialogue between Parties and UNFCCC Observers during the first week of COP23. It will be the first time that a Presidency is organizing such a dialogue as part of an official UNFCCC mandate.

The Presidency is looking forward to welcoming civil society at the COP23 climate summit in the "Bula" spirit of trust, transparency and inclusiveness.