

From Talanoa to Action

Speakers at the briefing in the Federal Foreign Office on 8 November 2018 in the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference COP24



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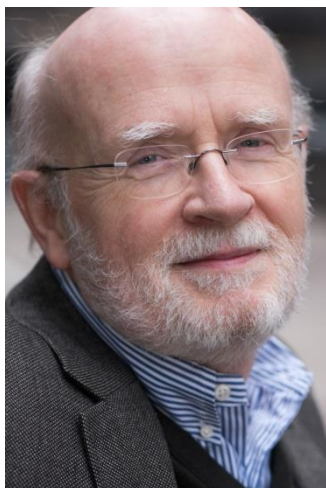
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