From Talanoa to Action
Briefing at the Federal Foreign Office on 8 November 2018
on UN Climate Change Conference COP 24

Chair
Volker Angres, Head of ZDF Environment Desk

9.00 a.m. Welcome
Walter J. Lindner, State Secretary, Federal Foreign Office
Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

9.20 a.m. Message from the COP Presidency
Prof. Andrzej Przyłębski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

9.30 a.m. Keynote speech: The IPCC’s Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C: impacts and pathways
Prof. Hoesung Lee, Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
Prof. Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group II “Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability”, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

10.10 a.m. Stakeholder round: What does the IPCC special report mean for Germany?
• Dr Christiane Averbeck, Executive Director, Climate Alliance Germany
• Prof. Karsten Neuhoff, Head of Department for Climate Policy, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
• Philip Nuyken, Senior Manager in the Department for Energy and Climate Policy, Federation of German Industries

11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.45 a.m. Video: From small island states to the polar regions – the impacts of climate change affect all of us
Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research

11.50 a.m. Input: “Just Transition” in concrete terms – A just environment policy and structural change

12.00 p.m. Final government round inspired by the Talanoa Dialogue
Where do we stand? What do we want to achieve? How do we intend to do it?
• Michaela Spaeth, Federal Foreign Office
• Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
• Volker Rieke, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
• Dr Karsten Sach, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

1.15 p.m. Lunch