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Citizens Climate Dialogue

“Achieving climate action and the SDGs: the role of citizens”

Thursday, 13 December 2018, 09:00 – 13:00

Vienna House Easy (Sokolska 24, 40-086, Katowice, Poland)

#BonnFiji – a Citizen-driven Action Network focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – is convening the first ever **Citizens Climate Dialogue** in the margins of the 24th United Nations Conference (COP 24). The event will take place on December 13th, 2018 from 9:00 to 13:00, at the Vienna House Easy in Katowice, Poland. Under the theme *“Achieving climate action and the SDGs: the role of citizens”*, the Dialogue aims to explore and discuss the meaningful role that citizens can play in implementing the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, including climate action which is SDG 13.

As a universal call to action to end poverty, the SDGs are expected to ensure that people enjoy peace and equity, and protect the climate from global warming and the planet from pollution. Furthermore, cities worldwide should become sustainable and inclusive, health and education systems have to be strengthened. These are just a few of many goals!

More than ever before, the SDGs need to move from high-level political commitments to effective implementation at the local level. This is only possible if citizens are educated, empowered, supported and accompanied to play a meaningful role in this regard.

The Dialogue will bring together about fifty (50) participants that are interested about climate action. They will discuss how their collective journey with all relevant stakeholders can help implementing urgent climate action from a citizen’s perspective.

Through a Citizens Talanoa Stories session, participants will explore the question *where are we* in tackling climate change. A panel in a fishbowl format will discuss *where do we want to go*, and will be followed by some participants pitching their solutions by answering the question *how do we get there?* The Dialogue will end by discussing the question *what is next*, as a way to explore citizens’ commitment and leadership for real climate solutions.

The Dialogue is convened by **#BonnFiji** and is co-organized with **PROJECTSbonn** (Germany); **Actions Vitales pour le Développement Durable** (Cameroon) and **Millennials Energy** (China).

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Programme

Time	Session
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Networking</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to meet, greet and get to know each other during an informal networking time in the hall of the event venue. Please make the best out of this time!</p>
9:30 – 10:20	<p>Citizens Talanoa Stories [Where are we?]</p> <p>Talanoa is a tradition used in Fiji and across the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue in which participants share stories to build empathy and to make wise decisions for the collective good. Building on three main questions: where are we? where do we want to go? and how do we get there?, the Talanoa spirit fosters stability and inclusiveness in dialogue, by creating a safe space that embraces mutual respect for a platform for decision making for a greater good. In this session, participants will share their personal stories in a Talanoa format by answering one key question: “How can citizens contribute to achieve the SDGs and especially SDG 13 which is about climate action?”</p>
10:20 – 11:10	<p>Fishbowl Panel Discussion [Where do we want to go?]</p> <p>In order to understand the current situation about climate change, a panel of experts will discuss in a fishbowl format the question “where do we want to go?” This is a crucial one when looking at the causes of climate change, and why many citizens don’t take action, and why policy makers make slow steps. The fishbowl format allows participants to contribute to the discussion by joining the panel in a free seat on the stage. When a participant is done with their contribution, another one can join the panel.</p>
11:10 – 11:30	<p>Coffee and Tea Break</p>
11:30 – 12:20	<p>Solutions Pitches [How do we get there?]</p> <p>After discussing which climate action steps are urgently needed, the question is “how do we get there?”. Citizens can stand as solution makers in front of the climate crisis and can truly contribute to implementing the SDGs, the Paris Agreement, and they join forces for climate justice and successful climate action. That is why this session will give the floor to a number of participants who will pitch in 3 minutes each their solution ideas by answering the question “how do we get there?”</p> <p>(Note: You can request a pitch slot for 3 minutes maximum at: avd.organisation@yahoo.fr)</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>There is No Future for Citizens Without Citizens’ Voices [What is next?]</p> <p>Using a “Little steps – Big changes” approach, the Dialogue will conclude on the question “what is next?”, allowing citizens to discuss solid ways forward and to explore their commitment and leadership for climate solutions and the SDGs.</p>

