



MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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What does ambition to reach the Paris Agreement temperature goals look like?

Key Messages

1. It is not irrelevant *how* we reach the Paris temperature targets. To succeed in the long-term we need to choose a path that will slow the rate of global warming in the near term. Slowing the rate of warming, also in the near term, is crucial to reach the long-term targets of the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
2. We must reduce *both* short lived climate pollutants such as methane, black carbon and HFCs and long-lived gases like CO₂.
3. The forthcoming IPCC report is crucial. Science must be the basis for our action and we have to target both short and long term climate pollutants. Urgently.
4. “Governments have a responsibility to lead — political leadership is needed to drive collaborations between countries and between countries and other actors, sub-national governments, business, civil society. Grand coalitions like the CCAC can drive that leadership.
5. “The world has an enormous challenge, and we need to get serious. We are far off track. We need to show the world that the Paris Agreement can work. And we need to get people, citizens to care. Focusing on health-related aspects can do that.”
6. “Clean air and climate related concerns are increasingly linked in the population, especially at the city level. Linking these subjects makes sense and can spur action.”
7. “We must not be shy about demanding raised ambition. We need the collective will to act — from the greatest contributors to the least.”
8. “Need to engage citizens to drive action. The CCAC with practical results focus can do that. People need to breathe.”
9. “Action is needed on both SLCPs and other greenhouse gases. Setting strong long-term directions to net-zero with broad political support is key for sustaining enhanced ambition.”
10. “Focusing on improving air quality in cities is proving itself to be very effective in advancing support for climate change actions.”
11. “Talanoa needs to be the start of a process, including with broad stakeholder engagement, that can lead to greater ambition.”
12. “Clean air is a hot issue around the world.” “There is a powerful link between clean air and climate. There is great mobilizing power from tackling them together.”
13. “What is the appropriate level of funding to cut the rate of global warming in half — that’s what SLCP actions can do.” Its speed that matters-(SLCPs will cut the speed of warming.)
14. “The year ahead is the year to increase ambition. Urgency is required, and the world is ripe for action, especially where the benefits are so clear for both climate and health.”
15. “The next 2 years is shaping the future of the planet. We need to act now.”

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1. **Canada**, Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
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