



We celebrate the Talanoa approach. Our Quaker faith tradition has taught us to respect each voice, encourage deep listening, expect that each individual speaks from their heart, and give time for creative solutions to emerge.

In facing climate change, Quakers prioritize three messages: transformation to sustainable lifestyles, inclusion of human rights, and upholding environmental justice. Quakers recognize the need to urgently transform our activities to protect present and future generations, yet time to act is limited.

The first set of NDCs will push temperature rises to 3°C above industrial levels. This would result in profound human suffering. Countries led by the wealthiest economies must increase their mitigation targets for humanity to avoid catastrophic consequences. To do this fairly requires a commitment to human rights and eco-system protection to maintain biodiversity, while conducting an open and transparent dialogue and decision-making process.

Specific steps to limit global temperature rise to 2°C include committing to renewable energy, changing our diet and food systems, and providing education for girls and family planning (see the QUNO Negotiator's Toolkit). We question profoundly the continued investment in, and subsidizing of, fossil fuel extraction. Building a new economy should use renewable, affordable energy, and deliver jobs, services and economic opportunity. It needs to meet the needs of the many.

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