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# Translating Ambition into Action – The German Climate Action Plan 2050

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In 2016 the German Federal Government will adopt the national Climate Action Plan 2050. In advance, the Federal Government initiated an innovative and broad participatory process to ensure societal support for this strategy.

At the German Side Event during the 21<sup>st</sup> UNFCCC Conference of the Parties on 9 December 2015, moderated by Christina Becker-Birck, IFOK, Germany informed about its status quo of emissions reduction and the current participatory process. Its focus laid on the importance of the participatory process that involves all stakeholders as well as citizens. Together with a political representative from the South African government, experiences with participation in the area of climate change were shared.

It was illustrated that after having discussed robust strategies and transformative pathways in summer 2015, federal states (*Länder*), municipalities, and non-governmental organizations as well as citizens are currently asked to develop measures that help achieving the 2050 goal of reducing GHG emissions by 80 to 95 percent as compared to 1990. So far stakeholders suggested nearly 400 measures, which the accompanying scientists (Wuppertal Institute, IFEU, Öko-Institute) consolidated into (currently) 62 measures. The delegates' committee will monitor the process so that the outcome will still reflect the intentions of those involved. All groups will vote on the final measures suggested, so that the Federal Government will receive not only suggestions but also an idea of who is supportive of which recommendation.

In return, the government will give feedback to those involved on the final recommendations.

After fruitful discussions it was concluded that a broad participation and dialogue with all stakeholders and citizens is vital for the achievement of ambitious climate goals.

The following panelists contributed to the event:

- Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Franzjosef Schafhausen, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- H.E. Elizabeth Dipuo Peters, Minister for Transport, Republic of South Africa
- Dr. Felix Christian Matthes, Research Coordinator for Energy & Climate policy, Öko-Institute, Germany

Additionally, two of the involved stakeholders from Germany shared their expectations about the dialogue process and described their concrete involvement so far:

- Dr. Hans-Jörn Weddige, Group Coordinator Energy, Environment and Climate Policies (VP) at thyssenkrupp AG
- Christoph Bals, Executive Director Policy, Germanwatch e.V.

The side event was open to all participants of the UN climate conference. The event was held in English language (with simultaneous translation into German).

For more information please refer to <http://www.klimaschutzplan2050.de/en/>