Distinguished delegates, without ambitious action now, millions of people will continue to bear worsening climate change impacts. We are far from what is required to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5°C.

Pre-2020 action and delivery on existing commitments is crucial to build the trust necessary to implement the Paris Agreement together and send a strong signal to the world that we, here in Bonn, are taking significant steps to respond to the urgency of climate change. We urge all countries to step-up to deliver greater ambition pre-2020 and post-2020.

At the same time, we urge Parties to safeguard the integrity and promise of the Paris Agreement and make significant progress on the implementation guidelines. We must leave COP 23 with draft texts and a clear understanding that these will be adopted by 2018. We also call on Parties to support the Talanoa Dialogue as an important tool to increase ambition in the first round of NDCs.

We recognise the commitment of the co-facilitators to structure work and bring discussions together. We call on the APA Co-Chairs and the Parties to ensure that this work is accelerated to match the urgency by which the world relies on us.