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The 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Conference of the Parties  
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## Kick-off of the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Conference of the Parties

### What was in stake in the previous editions?

The 6th of November was marked by the kick-off of the 23rd edition of the Conference of Parties on Climate Change in Bonn, Germany. This 23rd edition has been organized by the Fiji Islands but is taking place in Germany for logistical and practical reasons. This 23rd edition will end on the 17th of November but what were the previous conferences about?

On December 12th 2015, in Paris, the 21st Conference of the Parties was characterized by the first climate agreement unanimously approved by the 196 delegations (195 states + the European Union). As a reminder, the Paris agreement will enter into force in 2020 and will replace the Kyoto Protocol. However, it will be still possible for any country to opt out simply with a notification “at any time” after a period of three years after the entry into force of the agreement.

The 22nd COP took place in Marrakech and was characterized by unity between countries concerning the urgency of implementing the Paris Climate Agreement. At the end of COP 22, 200 countries agreed to finalize the technical modalities and the implementation of the Paris Agreement by November 2018.

### The 23rd edition - Key recommendations for negotiators


The World Business Council on Sustainability Development (WBCSD) released recommendations for climate negotiators.

Those advices are oriented in four axes:

- Marrakech membership: the WBCSD highlighted the need for a more structured approach to dialogue with the different policymakers. In this respect, the Marrakech Agreement (COP22) provides a platform which showcases different successful approaches to reducing greenhouse gases and to enhance climate resilience.
- The Talanoa Dialogue: Talanoa is a traditional word used in Fiji and the Pacific to reflect a process of inclusive, participatory and transparent dialogue. The purpose of Talanoa is to share stories, build empathy and to make wise decisions, which should be made for the collective goods. A draft design of this Talanoa Dialogue will be presented during the COP 23.
- Climate Resilience: the WBCSD highlights the importance of partnerships that will build resilience across the supply chain of businesses and the frontline communities experiencing climate impacts.
- Carbon Pricing: Governments need to find ways to align carbon pricing mechanisms, ensuring that pricing is credible, predictable and high enough in order to drive ambition consistent with the Paris Agreement.

The 23rd Conference of the parties on Climate Changes should be a turning point in the fight against global warming and greenhouse gases. It is really expected that this 23rd edition will be The Conference that finally turns words into action.

More information will be soon available on [www.rsm.global/belgium/](http://www.rsm.global/belgium/). Stay tuned!



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