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His Excellency Sebastián Piñera  
President of the Republic of Chile  
SANTIAGO

The Hague  
25 February 2021

**Climate Adaptation Summit 2021: letter of thanks**

Dear President, *dear Sebastián*

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation of your contribution to the Climate Adaptation Summit 2021 held by the government of the Netherlands on 25 and 26 January. Together, despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we made a success of the first-ever summit of global leaders dedicated to firmly placing the world on a pathway to accelerated adaptation and resilience.

During the High-Level Opening Session we discussed the continuation of our partnership in accelerating adaptation. We are delighted that we will be continuing to mobilise our efforts to create a transformative moment in the global response to climate change resilience.

The Summit demonstrated leadership and commitment to a bolder, integrated global response that will enable us to overcome the immense challenges of responding to and recovering from the pandemic, while accelerating progress towards a more resilient society. Over the course of 24 hours, a range of events streamed entirely online from time zones around the globe provided inspiration for change and leveraged support for tangible solutions to the issues of a warming world, demonstrating how we can achieve a climate-resilient future and build back better.

Together with over 30 world leaders, 50 ministers, 300 speakers and 18,500 online attendees from all around the globe, we underlined the importance of adaptation. Together, we made 27 global events and 160 side events happen over the course of 24 hours. The contribution you made to this first-ever global online conference solely dedicated to adaptation was invaluable to our joint efforts to accelerate adaptation action.

We are honoured to have joined you in entering the decade of transformation and action for a climate-resilient future. Our teams will reach out to you to continue our close collaboration on this crucial subject.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Rutte  
Prime Minister of the Netherlands

Cora van Nieuwenhuizen  
Minister of Infrastructure and Water  
Management of the Netherlands



**Uitnodigingsbrief aan President Sebastian Pinera van Chili voor Climate Adaptation Summit 25-01-2021 online**

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His Excellency Sebastián Piñera  
President of the Republic of Chile  
SANTIAGO

No.: 3744238

The Hague, 8 July 2020

Dear President Piñera,

These are extraordinary times. Amidst the challenge of responding to the immediacy of combatting the COVID-19 pandemic, we as global leaders also have an obligation to build back better, so that our economic recovery is sustainable and our communities are secure and resilient.

At the same time, there are also extraordinary opportunities. As the world rebounds and aims to emerge better equipped from the repercussions of the pandemic, we have an unprecedented chance to promote integrated efforts to improve resilience. The task of the Global Commission on Adaptation, which we launched as convening countries, has therefore never been more important.

As part of these crucial efforts to trigger the systemic change required for a climate-resilient world, I am excited to be joining with Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management and member of the Global Commission, in hosting the first-ever dedicated platform of global leaders aimed at firmly placing the world on a pathway to accelerated adaptation and resilience.

The online **Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS Online)** will take place over 24 hours and feature supporting events from around the world. Previously scheduled for October 2020, the Summit's new format and date will maximise scope for participation and engagement, regardless of any travel restrictions at the start of the new year.

World leaders from politics, business and civil society, will join counterparts, youth and communities from across the world to highlight the challenges and solutions in different regions and thematic areas. CAS Online will build on the work of the Global Commission, delivering an **Adaptation Action Agenda** with the most pressing international challenges and solutions, so as to underscore the importance of stepping up ambitions on adaptation ahead of the UNFCCC's COP26 later in 2021.



I would like to invite you to join the Leadership session of the Summit to continue our partnership in accelerating adaptation and join me in mobilising this effort into a transformational moment in the global response to climate change resilience. In hosting CAS Online, the Netherlands will closely collaborate with the **Global Center on Adaptation** to take forward the work of the Global Commission on Adaptation.

We are pleased to see Chile's continued climate ambition, as is clearly reflected in the recently presented NDC and Chile's continued chairmanship of the COP. This is also visible in our cooperation on water and agriculture, which is very much oriented towards climate adaptation.

The impact of climate change is a serious challenge both for Chile and my country. It is therefore important to me that Chile is also one of **the convening countries of the Global Commission on Adaptation**. I know that you are deeply committed to tackling climate change and that others can learn from your experiences, building on the joint statement we signed at UNCAS last year. Your participation in the CAS Online would therefore be very valuable. I sincerely hope that you are able to participate in this online Summit.

Led by Ban Ki-moon, the 8th UN Secretary-General, Bill Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the IMF, the Global Commission has supported communities, cities and countries to proactively prepare for the disruptive effects of climate change since its inception in The Hague in October 2018.

I look forward to working with you closely in the build-up to the Summit, integrating adaptation in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and securing the actions needed for a more resilient future.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Rutte  
Prime Minister of the Netherlands

Enclosure: Climate Adaptation Summit concept note





## Monday 25 January 2021

### Online

The world urgently needs to enhance its ambitions and take bold action to tackle the climate emergency. Recognising this, the Netherlands government will host an online international **Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS 2021)** on 25 January 2021, the first ever dedicated platform of global leaders aimed at placing the world firmly on a pathway to accelerated adaptation and resilience.

At CAS 2021, participating leaders will launch a comprehensive **Adaptation Action Agenda** with clear commitments to deliver concrete new efforts and partnerships. As the world recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, CAS 2021 will deliver action and inspire change, to help societies build back better and act as a vanguard contribution to the transitions required for a climate resilient world.

Over the course of 24 hours, online events from around the world will underpin integrated efforts to secure progress towards the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. The online set-up enables the maximum level of participation and engagement, while minimising the impact on the environment.

The Adaptation Action Agenda builds on the work of the Global Commission on Adaptation, led by Ban Ki-moon, Bill Gates and Kristalina Georgieva, and the Summit itself will be the culmination of the GCA Year of Action, launched by Dutch prime minister Mark Rutte. CAS 2021 follows up on the United Nations Climate Action Summit by showcasing pioneering solutions to the climate emergency, and will sustain momentum through to UNFCCC's COP26 in Glasgow in 2021, responding to the call from UN Secretary-General António Guterres for 'more concrete plans, more ambition from more countries and more businesses'. It will bring together institutions, government leaders, mayors, senior figures from the private sector, civil society and youth movements, and drive the critical changes needed in the way societies manage the effects of our climate emergency. It will deliver enhanced ambition, accelerated actions and tangible solutions to the problems of a world that is heating up, showing how a climate-resilient future can and will be achieved.

#### Background

The escalating climate crisis remains the defining challenge of this generation. Even as effects of the COVID-19 pandemic test the stress limits of increasingly overwhelmed communities, preparations for more extreme and widespread changes are an urgent and demanding priority. Recognising mitigation as the best form of adaptation, we must invest in a massive effort to adapt to conditions that are now inevitable. Leaders in government, business and civil society need to radically rethink how to protect people, the planet and our prosperity. The flagship report of the Global Commission on Adaptation, 'Adapt Now', made the case for revolutions in understanding, planning and financing so as to make climate risks visible, incorporate these risks into all decisions, and release public and private financial flows. Collectively, the international community benefits enormously from managing these complex and interconnected challenges, with CAS 2021 providing a unique opportunity for leaders to promote integrated efforts to improve resilience.



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### Online Summit

The CAS 2021 programme will consist of several connected components, organised around a physical meeting in the Netherlands for a limited number of leaders which will be streamed worldwide. This small group will be joined online by other participating heads of state and government. CAS 2021 will also be supported by events on the same day around the world, both in-person where possible and online. The opportunity to showcase contributions from around the world, highlighting the most pressing international challenges and solutions, reflects the inclusive nature of CAS 2021 as it seeks to grow the movement for accelerated adaptation action.

CAS 2021 will digitally connect all the different events over a 24 hour cycle, leveraging our collective strength to reach a global audience in spite of the current physical limitations.

- A limited physical meeting for selected dignitaries at the new Floating Office of the Global Center on Adaptation, in Rotterdam, the Netherlands
- Anchoring Events will focus on the thematic areas, bringing together the knowledge and needs of different regions
- Ministerial Dialogues will emphasise the role of government ministers invited to attend the Summit
- Supporting and Side events around the world, bringing together the perspectives of relevant communities
- There will also be a special event that focuses on Africa – a continent on the frontline of our climate emergency


### Preparation and Follow-up

In hosting CAS 2021, the Netherlands will closely collaborate with the Global Center on Adaptation, an international organisation hosted by the Netherlands that operates as a solutions broker to accelerate, innovate and scale up adaptation action for a climate-resilient world. The path to 25 January 2021 is characterised by a dedicated Ministerial Summit team, various Road-to-CAS-events by different partners, supported by the diplomatic network of the Netherlands, and an online portal. CAS 2021 represents a unique moment in time to connect actions, solutions and challenges to build back better and accelerate adaptation action. The Netherlands aims to use this moment to deliver an actionable agenda for a transformational decade towards 2030.

### Website

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