



**Interparliamentary conferences
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Concerning: Invitation to be on a panel during the Interparliamentary Conference on Energy, Innovation and Circular Economy on Monday April 4, 2016 in The Hague, The Netherlands

Dear Mr. Steer,

As you may be aware, the Netherlands will hold the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the first six months of 2016. As part of the parliamentary dimension of the EU Presidency, the Dutch Parliament will organise an Interparliamentary Conference (IPC) on Energy and innovation with a special focus on Circular Economy in The Hague from Sunday 3 till Monday 4 April 2016. The Conference will be attended by +/- 100 key legislators: national parliamentarians dealing with energy and climate change in the 28 national parliaments of the EU as well as members of the European Parliament. The conference will centre around the following question: *How to speed up the cost-effective transition towards a clean, competitive and secure Energy Future?*

The Interparliamentary Conference on April 4 opens with European Commissioners Vella and Šefčovič, followed by the Dutch minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Kamp. After this opening session there will be a debate with a panel consisting of renowned experts in the field of the conference. In the afternoon there will be four parallel sessions on the various topics of this conference.

As chair of the political committee that prepares this conference I would like to invite you as one of four key note speakers during a panel discussion scheduled in the morning of Monday April 4, 2016. We would be delighted if you, as the head of the internationally renowned World Resources Institute, could set out the global context for the discussion and elaborate on the key findings of the latest World Resources Report. In our opinion this report should play a key role in the debate on EU's energy policy as well as on EU's policy package to accelerate the transition to a circular economy. I would therefore be most grateful if you would be willing and available to be on the panel in The Hague. Travel expenses will of course be taken care of by us.

We very much look forward to working with you and your staff in the preparation of this panel discussion. For further information please refer to the clerk of the conference, ms. Eva Lemaier, on parleu@staten-generaal.nl, or tel. +31-70-3182388.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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