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Uitnodiging van de president van Korea Moon Jae-in voor deelname aan de tweede P4G Summit over klimaatverandering op 30 en 31 mei 2021, brief van 26 november 2020



(unofficial translation)

November 26, 2020

H.F. Mark Rutte  
Prime Minister  
Kingdom of the Netherlands

Your Excellency,

I am delighted to inform you that the Second P4G Summit, which had to be postponed due to the global spread of COVID-19, will take place for two days on May 30 - 31, 2021 in Seoul. Paying tribute to the Kingdom of the Netherlands for leading the international community's efforts to address climate change, I have the honor to invite you to the Second P4G Summit.

The unprecedented COVID-19 crisis has led us to awaken to the fact that the international community must stand united in yet stronger solidarity and cooperation. Overcoming the climate crisis and building a sustainable world is the greatest responsibility entrusted to the current generation. The P4G Seoul Summit will bring together the international community's commitments to build back better and greener from the COVID-19 crisis, proving to be a stepping stone towards a successful COP26.

This year, I have announced the Green New Deal and pledged Korea's aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. The transition toward a low carbon, ecofriendly and green economy is not an easy challenge to rise to, but it is a task that cannot be delayed any longer for a greener future. I hope that the P4G Seoul Summit will contribute to yielding concrete results.

As this event has been delayed once, we will strive to make the Summit even more fruitful. Your experience and wisdom will surely be of great value in ensuring its success. I look forward to welcoming you personally in Seoul next May.

Yours sincerely,

/s/

Moon Jae-in  
President  
Republic of Korea





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마크 루터 총리님,

세계적인 코로나 확산으로 연기했던 2차 P4G 정상회의를 2021년 5월 30일부터 이틀간 서울에서 개최할 예정임을 알려드리게 되어 기쁩니다. 네덜란드 왕국이 그간 국제사회의 기후변화 대응에 앞장서 온 것에 경의를 표하며, 총리님을 제2차 P4G 정상회의에 초청하고자 합니다.

유례없는 코로나 위기는 국제사회가 더욱 강하게 연대하고 협력해야 한다는 것을 일깨워 주었습니다. 기후변화 위기를 극복하고 지속 가능한 세상을 만드는 것은 현 세대에 주어진 최대의 책무입니다. P4G 서울 정상회의는 코로나 이후 시대 '더 낮고 더 푸른 재건'을 위한 국제사회의 결속을 다지며, 2021 COP26 성공의 디딤돌이 될 것입니다.

나는 올해 그린 뉴딜 정책을 발표하고 2050년 탄소 중립 약속을 했습니다. 저탄소 친환경 녹색 경제로의 전환은 결코 쉽지 않은 도전이지만, '녹색 미래'를 위해 더이상 미룰 수 없는 과제입니다. P4G 서울 정상회의가 실질적인 성과를 도출하는데 기여할 수 있기를 바랍니다.

한차례 미웠던 만큼 더 알찬 행사로 준비하겠습니다. 총리님의 경륜과 지혜는 성공적인 행사 개최에 큰 힘이 될 것입니다. 내년 5월 서울에서 직접 뵙는 날을 기다리겠습니다.

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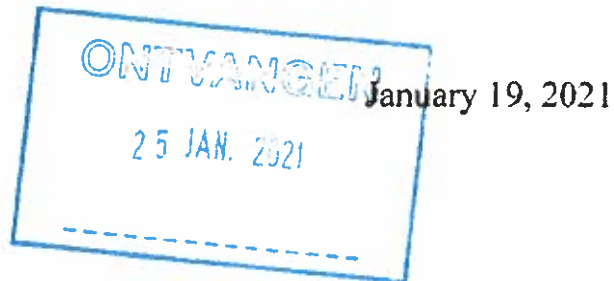
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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND  
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THE HAGUE



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The Embassy of the Republic of Korea presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and has the honour to forward an invitation letter from H.E. Mr. Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, addressed to H.E. Mr. Mark Rutter, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Enclosed herewith is the abovementioned formal invitation letter to the second P4G Summit to be held on May 30 and 31, 2021 in Seoul.

The Embassy would appreciate it if the Ministry would forward it to its destination.

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure: as stated.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
The Hague



Videoboodschap voor de Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) in India,  
opgenomen op 25 november 2020



**Video message by Prime Minister Mark Rutte for the Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) in India, recorded 25 November 2020**

Namasté India!

- Ladies and gentlemen, it's an honour for me to be speaking today alongside my fellow prime minister, Shri Narendra Modi.
- I'd like to thank Minister Singh for hosting today's Meet and Expo, and Secretary of State Sharma and Minister Jørgensen for their valuable input.
- I'm delighted to be able to contribute to this important event as guest of honour. India is a key global player in many areas. Not least when it comes to climate action and renewable energy.
- It's great to see how like-minded India and the Netherlands are in these fields. We're both firm supporters of the Paris Agreement and active members of the International Solar Alliance.
- India has made great progress in developing renewable energy. And now that the cost of renewables has reached a competitive level, the Netherlands is also making headway.
- But, of course, this year has been dominated by coronavirus. The crisis has hit our societies hard, in all kinds of ways. But it also presents an opportunity. It gives us a chance, once the virus is under control, to 'build back better', using green principles.
- Because green investment will not only help us move closer to our international climate and environmental goals. It will also make our economies more resilient to future shocks. It's an opportunity to reshape the future of energy.
- So let's make sure that economic recovery policies help us move faster towards a secure and sustainable energy future for everyone. Let's take this opportunity to fast track investment in renewable energy. This will both serve the world economy and mitigate climate change.



- Besides understanding the need for climate mitigation, our two countries also know full well how important climate adaptation is. And with that in mind, I'm proud that the Netherlands will be hosting the virtual Climate Adaptation Summit in January. It's the first-ever dedicated platform of global leaders aimed at accelerating climate adaptation and resilience.
- There's already a lot going on in this area, and the Netherlands is happy to be contributing our expertise. In India, for example, we're very active in the agricultural, water and energy sectors. These are all key parts of the global climate adaptation agenda.
- And when it comes to achieving that agenda, India is a crucial global player. So we very much hope that India will be represented at the highest level at the Climate Adaptation Summit in January.
- As host of the event, that would make me very happy!
- Let me now focus on the importance of innovation. Because that is the foundation of progress. Innovation will help us meet the big challenges of our time.
- If we can join forces and bring together as much brainpower as possible, we can truly get innovation up to full speed. To that end, the Netherlands has adopted a 'triple helix' approach. Partnerships between businesses, knowledge institutions and government. Public-private partnerships that underpin Dutch economic growth.
- Today our efforts are guided by mission-oriented innovation policy. The government sets goals that can have a big positive impact on society. Goals like a climate-neutral economy by 2050.
- With partners both at home and abroad, we want to develop shared expertise in these fields. So we're keen to work with you. After all, India is a country with a highly innovative mind-set and many talented people.
- Fortunately, India and the Netherlands can boast an excellent bilateral relationship. We were honoured to be your Partner Country at India's Technology Summit in October last year.





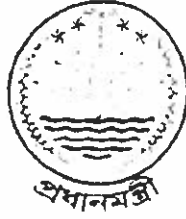
- And after that success, I'm happy to announce some more exciting news: next February we will be organising the first ever virtual trade mission to India. With a group of companies active in the agricultural, water, and renewable-energy sectors, we will be travelling all across India – all from the comfort of our computer screens, of course!
- I also hope that we can build on our strong cooperation at multilateral level, such as in the G20. The Netherlands has built up a good track record as a constructive participant under past G20 Presidencies, and we're currently working closely with Italy.
- In the run-up to India's Presidency, we'd be very willing to help out and provide practical support if required.
- Let me finish by again expressing my thanks for inviting me to contribute my ideas today. And I hope the Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo will lead to many exciting results.
- Thank you.



Uitnodiging van de minister-president van Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina voor deelname aan de Climate Vulnerable Forum Leaders Event tijdens de Algemene Vergadering van de Verenigde Naties op 7 oktober 2020, brief van 28 september 2020



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PRIME MINISTER  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
BANGLADESH

28 September 2020

**Excellency,**

As you are kindly aware that Bangladesh is the current President of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) for the term 2020-2022. As part of our endeavour to highlight the climate risks faced by the most vulnerable segment of society and the solutions and action needed for addressing their challenges, we are going to host a virtual CVF Leaders Event during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 7 October 2020 starting at 13:00 hrs (GMT)/19:00 hrs Dhaka time.

As a trusted friend of Bangladesh, I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the event which will be a critical moment to renew demands to all nations for a decisive and bolder response to fight against climate change.

CVF performs a unique role as the foremost global cooperation body for developing countries highly vulnerable to climate change which represents over 1 billion people most vulnerable to climate change. Cooperation from all the countries, especially the developed ones is vital to battle this climate change. Today's unprecedented cohesive governments' Covid-19 pandemic responses also present a rare, immediate opportunity to build back better and accelerate urgent actions to increase resilience that is not to be missed. The Netherlands being an important delta region of the world has set example of how to adapt with the climate vulnerabilities with the nature based solution and introduce innovative adaptation measures. In this regard we gratefully remember your kind assistance to develop our 'Delta Plan-2100'.

Further to the enclosed program, Excellency, I invite you to participate to the event to strengthen our causes. If you are unfortunately unable to participate, you may kindly send your video message. We are expecting the intervention or video message to be 3 minutes long. Link for participation will be sent to you, Excellency, as you wish to join live. Video is requested to be sent by 5 October 2020: [videos@the cvf.org](mailto:videos@the cvf.org) or [dgea@mofa.gov.bd](mailto:dgea@mofa.gov.bd).

I will be waiting for your kind presence.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Sheikh Hasina

**H.E. Mr. Mark Rutte**  
Hon'ble Prime Minister  
Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands





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**Virtual Climate Vulnerable Forum Leaders Event**  
*In conjunction with the United Nations General Assembly 2020, New York*

PROGRAM

7 October 2020

The Virtual Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Leaders' Event during the time of the 2020 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will be chaired by H.E. Sheikh Hasina, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh and will be co-hosted with the Global Center on Adaptation, the Secretariat of CVF. The entirely online event will feature live interventions and video statements by CVF Heads of State and Government, CVF Thematic Ambassadors, and key partners. It will provide a platform for Leaders and supporters of the CVF to act unitedly in calling for enhanced global efforts to tackle climate threats before 2021 NDC Enhance deadline.

**2020 Midnight Climate Survival Deadline Initiative:** The event serves as an inception launch of a CVF initiative calling for renewed ambition to tackle climate change by the midnight of 31st of December 2020, a "Survival Deadline" for the internationally agreed delivery of new and enhanced national contributions to the Paris Agreement, or NDCs. CVF thinks that the major polluting countries should declare adequate enhancement of their NDCs so that we may keep the global temperature increase within 1.5 degrees.

**Objectives**

Seizing 2020 as a decisive moment for climate action responds to the urgency of the situation faced by close to 1.5 billion most vulnerable people living on the frontline of a worsening global climate crisis in CVF countries around the world. Enhanced climate ambition in 2020 will reinvigorate and preserve the UN's international climate regime, ensure strong, early preparation for UNFCCC COP26 next year, and promote enhanced adaptation efforts through new Paris Agreement national contributions. With the next Paris Agreement ambition review set for 2025, mobilizing the international community to action in 2020 will be indispensable to keeping the 1.5 degrees Centigrade goal of the Paris Agreement within reach and to ensuring policy integration with unprecedented government COVID-19 pandemic measures of response and recovery. The high-level event specifically aims to:

- Highlight the urgency for action and the need for all countries to update their Paris Agreement national contributions (NDCs) as generations of humanity face a "survival deadline" at midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2020, and thereby contribute to robust UNFCCC COP26 preparation
- Emphasize the need to ensure efforts to build climate resilience are integrated with COVID-19 pandemic responses and recovery: "build back better"
- Promote the strengthening of adaptation, and addressing of loss and damage and displacement caused by climate shocks, in new Paris Agreement NDCs, mobilizing ahead of the January 2021 Climate Adaptation Summit Online





## Virtual CVF Leaders Event UNGA 2020 | PROGRAM

### Format

- **Duration and organization:** Provisionally around 75 mins. moderated virtual event hosted online
- **Chair:** H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh and CVF Chair
- **Co-Host:** Global Center on Adaptation, CVF Secretariat
- **Participation:** CVF and partner country Heads of State and Government, CVF Thematic Ambassadors, Heads of partner international organizations
- **Contributions:** Live participation or 2-3 mins pre-recorded Leaders' statements
- **Statements' expected focus:** The urgent need for all countries to strengthen climate action and adaptation efforts by updating Paris Agreement national contributions (NDCs) in 2020
- **Video submissions:** [videos@thecvf.org](mailto:videos@thecvf.org) / [dgea@mofa.gov.bd](mailto:dgea@mofa.gov.bd) (preferably by 05 October 2020)

### Event Program

<i>Item</i>	<i>High-Level Statements</i>
Opening	<i>Event Chair</i>
15 mins*	H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), Hon. Prime Minister of Bangladesh
	<i>Chief Guest</i>
	HE António Guterres (Invited) Secretary-General of the United Nations
Leaders' Debate	<i>Special Keynotes</i>
45 mins*	High level representation from the Netherlands (Invited) Host of the 2021 Climate Adaptation Summit Online
	<b>Leaders:</b> Partner Countries and Organizations' statements
	<i>CVF Troika Leaders &amp; CVF Leaders</i>
	Marshall Islands Ethiopia CVF member state Heads of State and Government statements
Thematic Debate	<i>CVF Thematic Ambassadors</i>
15 mins*	Introduction by: H.E. Dr. Md. A.K. Abdul Momen, MP, Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh
	<b>Ambition:</b> H.E. Mohamed Nasheed, CVF Founder, Speaker of the People's Majlis, Maldives
	<b>Culture:</b> H.E. Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, Climate Envoy of the Marshall Islands
	<b>Parliaments:</b> H.E. Loren Legarda, Deputy Speaker of the Philippine Congress
	<b>Renewable Energy:</b> H.E. Tosi Mpanu Mpanu, Former UNFCCC African Group & LDC Chair
	<b>Vulnerability:</b> H.E. Saima Wazed Hossain, Chairperson of the Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Autism
<i>Event moderated by: Prof. Dr. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO, Global Center on Adaptation, CVF Managing Partner</i>	
* provisional timing	

### Follow-Up

CVF leaders, members and partners will sustain momentum for action through to and beyond December 2020, including with active engagement in the following important activities:

- Mid-October 2020 virtual Ministerial Dialogue of the Vulnerable Twenty Group of CVF at the IMF and World Bank Group Annual Meetings, Washington, DC
- November 2020 High-level CVF contributions to the UNFCCC's events
- December 2020 UN Paris Agreement 5th Anniversary events



## Virtual CVF Leaders Event UNGA 2020 |PROGRAM

- 25 January 2021 Climate Adaptation Summit Online, hosted by the Netherlands
- 1-12 November 2021 UNFCCC COP26, Glasgow, UK

### Background

The IPCC, UNEP and the UNFCCC's Talanoa Dialogue indicated the need for global carbon emissions to be halved by 2030 if the planet's warming is to be kept from exceeding 1.5 degrees Centigrade level enshrined in the article 2 goal of the Paris Agreement. Following decisions at UNFCCC COP21 in Paris, both COPs 24 and 25 at Katowice and Madrid, therefore reaffirmed the need for all countries to come forward with new and enhanced national contributions under the Paris Agreement (or "NDCs") in 2020.

UNEP has also concluded that despite some progress an important "adaptation gap" prevails as increasingly severe climate shocks affect communities with insufficient capabilities to withstand these. As most vulnerable communities are overwhelmed, loss and damages and displacement are a mounting concern. In submitting updated national contributions to the Paris Agreement the CVF members Marshall Islands and Rwanda also strengthened the adaptation component of these and their domestic efforts to build climate resilience. That approach underscores how new and enhanced NDCs present a significant opportunity to accelerate climate adaptation efforts globally.

As UNFCCC decisions created a five-year national ambition review for the Paris Agreement, the next period for globally updating countries' climate efforts is 2025, half a decade away. For this reason, since 2016 the CVF has worked as a leading advocate for the importance of raising climate ambition in 2020. In this regard, the outcome of the November 2018 CVF Virtual Summit committed the forum's members to updating NDCs in 2020 "to trigger increased national contributions from all nations by 2020 to keep the 1.5°C warming limit within reach and to safeguard those most vulnerable."

Following the UN Climate Action Summit of 2019, at COP25 in Madrid the CVF led the "Madrid Ambition Drive for Survival" ("#MAD4survival") involving the majority of the CVF members and some 40 governments overall in a renewed expression of commitment to enhancing climate action in 2020 by way of standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable. In July 2019, China indicated that it would update its NDC, and in October 2018 the European Union's environment council also decided to submit an updated NDC for the bloc in 2020. As of August 2020 though only 8 of the 189 parties to the Paris Agreement have submitted their revised NDCs, highlighting the need for significant additional mobilizing efforts prior to 2021, hence the CVF "midnight" initiative. Nevertheless, in December 2019 at the close of COP26 the COP presidency, Chile, announced that 103 countries had signaled their intension to submit new and enhanced NDCs in 2020 in the context of the Climate Ambition Alliance, which itself includes 114 nations.

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**Virtual CVF Leaders Event UNGA 2020 |PROGRAM**

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The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in The Hague presents its compliments to the Prime Minister's Office of the Netherlands and has the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh addressed to H.E. Mr Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands inviting him to join Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Leaders Event to be held virtually on 07 October 2020 at 13.00 hrs (GMT)/15.00 hrs (NL time) during the ongoing United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

It would be deeply appreciated if the aforesaid letter could kindly be placed before the distinguished addressee to kindly join the event live. In case H.E. is unable to join the event, a video message of three minutes may kindly be sent by 05 October 2020. The Government of Bangladesh would deeply appreciate having H.E. Prime Minister gracing this virtual Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Leaders Event. A concept note along with the program is also attached for kind reference.

The Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in The Hague avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Prime Minister's Office of the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl.: As stated



The Hague, 30 September 2020

Prime Minister's Office  
Government of the Netherlands  
The Hague

[Kind Attn.: H.E. Mr. David van Weel  
Foreign Policy and Defence Advisor to the Prime Minister]

CC:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Kingdom of the Netherlands  
The Hague

[Kind Attn.: Asia and Oceania Department]





Uitnodiging van de secretaris-generaal van de Verenigde Naties António Guterres, de minister-president van Canada Justin Trudeau en de minister-president van Jamaica Andrew Holness voor deelname aan de (vervolg)bijeenkomst 'Financing the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development in de Era of COVID-19' op 28 september 2020, uitnodiging zonder datum





Aan: de Minister-President  
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# notitie

Uitnodiging bijeenkomst Financing the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19

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## Advies

- Niet deelnemen aan de virtuele bijeenkomst 'Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond' op 28 september a.s.
- De uitnodiging overdragen aan de minister voor Buitenlandse Handel en Ontwikkelingssamenwerking, mevrouw Kaag.

## Toelichting

- Op 28 mei jl. heeft u via een videoboodschap deelgenomen aan het High-Level Event on Financing for Development in the Era of Covid-19 and Beyond dat door Canada en Jamaica i.s.m. de VN is georganiseerd.
- In deze videoboodschap bracht u zorgen over de economische impact van COVID-19 en de mondiale financiële stabiliteit op, pleitte voor duidelijke afspraken over schuldenproblematiek en riep op dat investeringen in mondiaal economisch herstel, met de ambitie *to build back better*, in lijn met de SDG's en Klimaatakkoord van Parijs dienen te zijn.
- Op 29 september aanstaande zal een vervolgbijeenkomst plaatsvinden op Head of State/Government niveau over dit onderwerp.
- Nederland is niet voornemens om op de bijeenkomst van 28 september extra financiële middelen toe te zeggen.
- De afwezigheid van een nieuwe boodschap en bijdrage leidt tot het advies dat u niet deel neemt aan deze bijeenkomst, maar de uitnodiging overdraagt aan minister Kaag die uit hoofde van haar portefeuille verantwoordelijk is voor het beleid van ontwikkelingsfinanciering voor de bestrijding van de effecten van COVID-19.

## Bijlage

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United Nations



## Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond

### Meeting of the Ministers of Finance

8 September 2020 – 8:00 am to 11:35 am EDT

### Meeting of Heads of State

29 September 2020 – 8:00 am to 12 pm EDT

#### **Background**

**Context.** The COVID-19 pandemic has thrust the world into its most severe health and economic crisis in over a century. It has strained public health systems and caused hundreds of millions to lose their livelihoods. Government expenses have skyrocketed to control the pandemic and alleviate its socioeconomic impacts, and together with reduced revenues and foreign exchange from plunging tax bases and a collapse of foreign trade and investment, fiscal space has come under increasing stress.

The unprecedented fiscal response to the pandemic has already reached nearly \$11 trillion globally. At the same time, global merchandise trade is estimated to have declined by an unprecedented 18.5 percent year-on-year in the second quarter. Foreign direct investment is anticipated to contract by up to 40 percent during 2020-2021. Remittances, a crucial source of foreign exchange for many developing countries, are expected to fall by around 20 percent this year. World Gross Domestic Product (GDP) could drop by at least 4.9% in 2020 - its largest contraction since World War II.

Global debt reached a record US\$258 trillion in the first quarter of 2020 as countries borrowed to save lives and livelihoods. As the developing world becomes the epicenter of the pandemic, the dual health and economic crisis is increasingly threatening the ability of many countries to service their external debts. A number of developing countries are already in default, and more may follow. This situation also poses large risks for the attainment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

***The Initiative on Financing the 2030 Agenda in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond.*** On 28 May 2020, the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, the Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau and the Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness, convened world leaders and international organizations, with representation from private sector and civil society, to launch a large-scale, coordinated, and comprehensive multilateral response to the COVID-19 emergency, building on existing international commitments and engagements.



To implement this response, the leaders proposed a pragmatic process to facilitate the development of options to resolve the crisis and strengthen the resilience and sustainability of countries and the global financial architecture. In its initial phase, six Discussion Groups proposed concrete actions and policy recommendations in the following areas:

1. External finance and remittances, jobs and inclusive growth;
2. Recovering better for sustainability;
3. Global liquidity and financial stability;
4. Debt vulnerability;
5. Private sector creditors engagement; and
6. Illicit financial flows.

Each group, which met at least three times in July and August 2020, was co-led by up to four Member States and regional organizations and comprised of dozens of participating Member States, many represented by Ministries of Finance, as well as more than 50 institutional partners – international financial institutions, international organizations, private sector and civil society representatives, think tanks and academic institutions.

The groups received further logistical, technical and substantive support from 20 specialized UN entities, funds and programmes, as well as regular input from United Nations Country Teams to ensure relevance and accuracy. Group co-leads met on several occasions to enhance coordination and coherence across the outcomes of different groups. Over 50 of the world's top experts in their fields were also invited to review the menu of options to infuse scientific accuracy and innovative, cutting-edge research into the outcome.

The result is a single ambitious menu of options with an executive summary containing key highlights. It will address all the topics discussed by the six discussion groups for the short, medium and long term that fully reflects the variety of needs and views of stakeholders of all types and, above all, those of Member States.

Two high-level meetings will be convened in September 2020 to review, discuss and consider the menu of options prepared by the six discussion groups:

- The Meeting of the Ministers of Finance to be held on 8 September 2020; and
- The Meeting of the Heads of State, to be held on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly, on 29 September 2020.

The outcome of both meetings will continue past September 2020 to inform ongoing work of relevant processes outside of the United Nations System, including the work of the G20. It will also feed into a High-Level Meeting scheduled for December 2020 aimed at taking stock and benchmarking outputs at the end of the first year of the Decade of Action to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Initiative on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond is synergistic with other efforts of the international community to respond to the economic crisis brought about by the current pandemic. It is both inclusive, since it brought together developed and developing countries, private and non-governmental partners, and informal, prioritizing debate over negotiation. As such, it complements (i) discussions among more limited sets of stakeholders such as OECD (e.g., on digital taxation) and the G20 (such as the





Debt Service Suspension Initiative), and (ii) initiatives focused on specific areas of the current crisis, such as discussions on extending the IMF's Special Drawing Rights.

### **Meeting of the Ministers of Finance – 8 September 2020**

#### **Objective**

The United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, the Minister of Finance of Canada and the Minister of Finance and the Public Service of Jamaica will convene a Meeting of the Ministers of Finance of United Nations Member States on 8 September 2020 to present and discuss the menu of options resulting from the deliberations of the six discussion groups.

**The overall objective** of the Meeting of the Ministers of Finance is to present a single ambitious menu of policy options with key highlights to the Heads of State to recover from the current crisis in the short term, mobilize the financial resources for the recovery and to achieve the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and build the resilience and sustainability of countries and the global financial architecture over the medium to long term.

**The specific objectives** of the Meeting of the Ministers of Finance are as follows:

- To enable Ministers of Finance to discuss, further refine and transmit to Heads of State and Government the menu of options and key highlights compiled by the six discussion groups on their six respective topics for the short, medium and long term;
- To foster ownership of the outcomes through the incorporation of insights from Ministers of Finance and to further reinforce high-level political momentum of the menu of options, prior to their review and consideration by the Heads of State, at a separate Heads of State meeting on 29 September 2020.

#### **Participants**

Participants will include:

- Ministers of Finance of all 193 Member States of the United Nations.
- The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, international financial institutions, key UN entities that supported the six discussion groups, notably DESA, Regional Economic Commissions, UNCTAD and UNDP, other international organizations, representatives of the private sector and civil society; and
- Selected world-renowned experts.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations. Ministers of Finance of all Member States will be invited to speak during the interactive discussions. Priority in the speaking order will be granted to Ministers of Member States that co-lead and participated in the discussion groups.

#### **Tentative Programme**

<b>Meeting of the Ministers of Finance – 8 September 2020</b>		
<b>Plenary:</b>	Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations	3 minutes
<b>Opening remarks</b>	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Canada	3 minutes



	Minister of Finance and the Public Service of Jamaica	3 minutes
<b>Presentation of the Overall Menu of Policy Options</b>	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	15 minutes
<b>Moderated Discussion of the Menu of Options</b>	Ministers of Finance, international organizations, representatives of the private sector and civil society, selected experts and thought leaders	180 minutes
<b>Concluding remarks</b>	Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	2 minutes
	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Canada	2 minutes
	Minister of Finance and the Public Service of Jamaica	2 minutes
	Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations	2 minutes

### **Meeting of the Heads of State – 29 September 2020**

#### **Objective**

The United Nations Secretary-General, the Prime Minister of Canada and the Prime Minister of Jamaica will convene a Meeting of Heads of State and Government on 29 September 2020 to discuss and consider the menu of options resulting from the deliberations of the six discussion groups and transmitted by Ministers of Finance on 8 September 2020.

**The overall objective** of the High-Level Meeting of Heads of State and Government is to discuss and consider a single menu of policy options with an executive summary and key highlights to recover from the current crisis in the short term, mobilize the financial resources to achieve the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the medium term, and to build the resilience and sustainability of countries and the global financial architecture in the long term.

**The specific objectives** of the High-Level Meeting of Heads of State and Government are as follows:

- To enable Heads of State to discuss and consider the menu of options and key highlights compiled by the six discussion groups and transmitted by Ministers of Finance on 8 September 2020;
- To ensure that the menu of options fully reflects the needs and views of Member States at their highest level, thereby fostering ownership of the outcome by both developed and developing countries, regardless of their size and level of income;
- To discuss the next steps to be carried out under the auspices of the United Nations to support Member States in recovering from the crisis, achieving the SDGs and enhancing economic resilience on the long term.



## **Participants**

The following will be invited to participate in the Meeting:

- Heads of State and Government of all 193 Member States of the United Nations. Priority will be granted to Heads of the States which co-led and participated in the discussion groups;
- The Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and key UN entities which supported the proceedings and outcomes of the six discussion groups, notably DESA, Regional Economic Commissions, UNCTAD and UNDP
- Heads of international financial institutions and international organizations

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the six official languages of the United Nations.



Uitnodiging van GLOBSEC voor deelname aan de GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum op 7 en 8 oktober 2020, brief van 6 juli 2020





**His Excellency**  
**Mark Rutte**  
Prime Minister of the Kingdom  
of the Netherlands  
The Hague

06 July 2020, Bratislava

Your Excellency,

GLOBSEC, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, has the pleasure of inviting you as a **guest of honour** to the upcoming **GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum** that will take place in Bratislava on **7 – 8 October 2020**. Please note that the timing of the conference has been postponed from the previously planned August dates.

The coronavirus pandemic accentuated the need for the international community to come together to resolve an unprecedented global health and economic crisis. It also revealed how fragmented and uncertain the world has become. Under the overarching theme **"Let's Heal the World Together"**, we will aim to address the most pressing issues that need to be resolved in order to quickly **recover from the Great Lockdown**, and to **build safer, more prosperous and resilient societies**. For the first time GLOBSEC will be held in a hybrid format, the international community will be involved in the Forum both virtually and in-person.

Europe is now more than ever in need of strong voices in order to strengthen its foreign policy. As you have outlined your views on the future of Europe at one of the meetings of the European Parliament: *"The multilateral order is being challenged in a way that we haven't seen in decades, and the geopolitical balance of power is shifting. This global dimension of Europe's future is the first thing I'd like to highlight today. Because if we want to be able to act, if we want to determine our own future, Europe must stand united."* Your Excellency, given your lifelong experience and active diplomatic engagement in global affairs, we would be truly honoured if you accepted our invitation to join the GLOBSEC community and enriched the discussions with your valuable views and insights. Your inputs would encourage much needed discussions among our guests, ultimately furthering the position of the European Union in the world and the challenges it is facing in order to maintain its unity.

For the past fourteen years, GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum has grown to become one of the top strategic conferences in Europe alongside World Economic Forum and Munich Security Conference. The Forum traditionally welcomes over 1000 guests from more than 60 countries, including distinguished political and thought leaders such as **Emmanuel Macron, Kersti Kaljulaid, Michel Barnier, Madeleine Albright, Donald Tusk, David Roberts, Joseph Nye, Timothy Garton Ash** and many more.

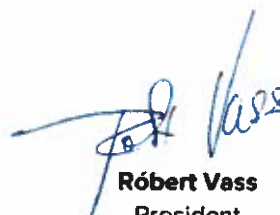
Our team will be happy to narrow down with your office the most interesting and relevant engagement for you during the Forum. Should you require any more information, Ms Natalia Rondziková is at disposal to your office at +421 904 869 291 or at [natalia.rondzikova@globsec.org](mailto:natalia.rondzikova@globsec.org)

We hope that your busy schedule will allow you to speak at GLOBSEC 2020 and enrich the debates of its 15<sup>th</sup> edition.

Yours sincerely,



**Amb. Rastislav Káčer**  
Chairman  
GLOBSEC



**Róbert Vass**  
President  
GLOBSEC



## LET'S HEAL THE WORLD TOGETHER

The COVID-19 pandemic accentuated the need for the international community to come together to resolve an unprecedented global health and economic crisis. It also revealed how fragmented and uncertain the world has become.



As part of its flagship activities, GLOBSEC intends to discuss what shape the rebuilding of the post-pandemic world could have. The two-day **GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum** will provide platform for that and of under the theme **Let's Heal The World Together** will jumpstart this process.

- ▶ "Let's Heal The World Together" invites GLOBSEC the international community to consider the most pressing issues that need to be resolved in order to **quickly recover from the Great Lockdown**, and to **build safer, more prosperous and resilient societies**.
- ▶ It is demonstrating our **conviction that together** we can resolve overlapping health, environmental, economic, and geopolitical crises and heal our societies and planet at the same time.

While our recovery has already begun, there is much work to be done. Fissures must be healed, and crises resolved. **The pandemic is just one of a myriad of challenges that we face.** Our world is one of constant upheaval and disruption — from the climate crisis, to emergent technologies, economic insecurity to new geopolitical confrontations. The future has never seemed so insecure.



International stakeholders must come together to lay the foundations for a safer, more prosperous, and resilient world, while recovering from a pandemic that will leave lasting economic and social wounds. *'Let's Heal The World Together'* reflects the conviction that the international community can find common

cause in resolving these overlapping crises and set to work on building a more resilient future. The discussions will focus on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on multiple sectors of societies and governance and will be framed by six topical streams: **Future of Europe, Defence and Security, Economy and Global Order, Digital Future, Sustainability and Democracy & Resilience.**



Over the past two decades **GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum** has established itself as the **leading platform in Central Eastern Europe region** and one of the top strategic conferences globally. The Forum facilitates a free exchange of ideas and provides a meeting place for stakeholders from all sectors of society to actively shape the future we want for ourselves and generations to come. GLOBSEC's guests of honour have included **Emmanuel Macron, Kristalina Georgieva, Donald Tusk, Ursula von der Leyen, Madeleine Albright, Joseph Nye, David Roberts** and many more.

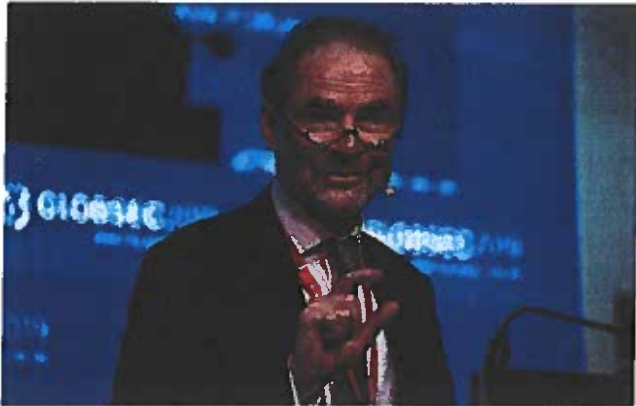
The 15th edition of **GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum** will take place over two days and two stages on **7 - 8 October**. The Forum will be held for the first time in a **hybrid format** allowing hundreds of the most influential heads of state, business leaders, innovators, and experts from leading global think tanks, NGOs, and international organizations to participate both in-person and digitally.

### A SPECIAL THREE-STAGE CONCEPT

With Europe and other countries around the world still fighting COVID-19, this year GLOBSEC has decided to introduce a **special three-stage concept for the 2020 Bratislava Forum**. The international community, including Slovakia, will be engaged in debates addressing the most pressing challenges of the upcoming period that will take place over a span of a few months.







The **first stage** kicking off in June will include an online brainstorming with global experts who will address future trends. The key takeaways will be proposed as specific recommendations for Central Europe. In August, in the **second stage** during a **virtual conference**, participants will analyze these recommendations in more detail.

This will allow us to reach out to a broader range of stakeholders and identify the most important topics for discussion and policy recommendations to debate during the flagship GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum in October. In addition to the main stage sessions, the Forum will feature dozens of focused side events, more than 100 exclusive meetings, and the attention of international media.

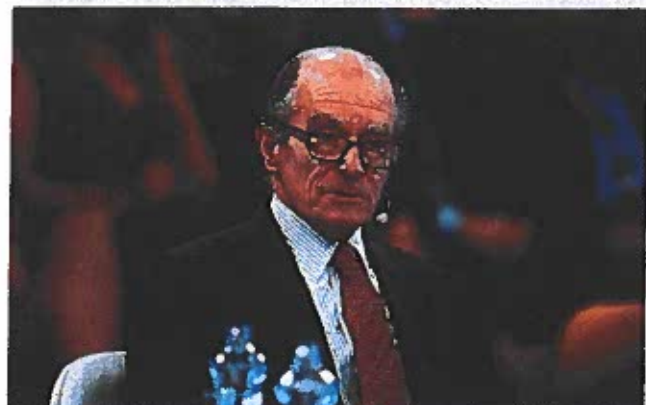
## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Recovering After the Great Lockdown

- ▶ The European Union's Global Leadership in the Post-COVID Era
- ▶ Central Europe Leading the Way
- ▶ A Discussion with Visegrad Four Foreign Ministers
- ▶ A Compass of Stability - NATO's Ageless Utility
- ▶ Navigating Out of the Pandemic - The Importance of EU Foresight
- ▶ Finding a Treatment for our Ailing Economy
- ▶ Reinvigorating Global Trade
- ▶ Beefing Up the Berlaymont - EU Strategic Autonomy or a False-Negative?
- ▶ The U.S. Re-Engagement in Europe
- ▶ 5G: Medicine For Post-Corona Recovery?
- ▶ European Neighbourhood post Covid-19
- ▶ Borders Are Back

### Building Global Resilience

- ▶ Returning to Paris
- ▶ The European Vision for our Digital Future
- ▶ Restoring & Reinventing Our Multilateral Institutions
- ▶ **The Great Reset** – Stakeholder Capitalism
- ▶ Impact of Digital Technologies on Our Society and Humanity
- ▶ Rethinking Global Value Chains for Disruptive Times
- ▶ The Future of Democracy In the Post-COVID World
- ▶ AI Governance: What Did the Virus Teach Us About Our Digital Future?
- ▶ The Coming Convergence - Super Technology & Warfare
- ▶ Digital Sovereignty as the New Global Battlefield
- ▶ Global Health - From Deficiency to Resiliency
- ▶ Pushing the Green Reset Button
- ▶ Trading Coronavirus for Climate Crisis





Videoboodschap 'Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond' op 28 mei 2020 op uitnodiging van de de secretaris-generaal van de Verenigde Naties António Guterres, de minister-president van Canada Justin Trudeau en de minister-president van Jamaica Andrew Holness,





## **Video message Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond**

Good morning Prime Minister Trudeau, Prime Minister Holness, Secretary-General, Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for organising this very timely meeting.

I'm glad to be able to contribute from a distance, as is fitting these days.

But I assure you: today's topic is close to our heart.

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing economic havoc across the world, jeopardizing financial stability.

Both developing countries and emerging economies will most likely be hit hard.

Many of the worlds' most vulnerable countries were already struggling with high debt burdens.

Now they are facing even larger financing gaps due to the economic fallout of the pandemic.

The IMF warned back in February – before the crisis - that debt vulnerabilities posed a threat to the accomplishment of the SDGs.

I call on all parties taking part in this event not to let 2020 be the year that triggered a 'lost decade' for development and for building a climate resilient world.

Preventing a widespread and prolonged public debt crisis will require creativity and commitment from the international community.

Unity of purpose among creditors, traditional donors, emerging creditors and private creditors is essential.

We all have a role to play.

And we need leadership from international financial institutions to deal with the socio-economic impact of this pandemic.

The Netherlands and the European Union stand ready to take our responsibility.

If we do not invest in strengthening the weakest link in the chain, we will all lose.

We must set the right priorities and criteria in order to generate long-term economic recovery.

Emergency response and recovery packages must be aligned with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Which means we must incorporate incentives to accelerate transformation towards an economic recovery powered by low-carbon infrastructure, green jobs and resilient livelihoods.

Building back better is the only way forward.

To conclude: The SDGs matter now more than ever.  
Our focus needs to remain on vulnerable people and a sustainable future – leaving no one behind.  
The Netherlands looks forward to continuing this process together with you all.

