

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Prime Minister's Office  
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Dear Prime Minister:

The Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D) and the Climate Action Network of Canada (CAN-Rac) stand with the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) in defending the remarkable climate progress we have made in the past years and acknowledging the tremendous effort still required of us.

We are committed in fully supporting the CVF in its efforts to raise the sense of urgency needed and the scale required to turn the promise of the Paris Agreement into a reality. We have been advocating jointly with CVF for the inclusion of the 1.5°C limit in the Paris Agreement and its follow-up since 2014.

We intend to reaffirm this commitment during the upcoming CVF Summit, to which several of our member organizations are official partners, and we deeply value your participation in this momentous occasion.

We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate the request of the CVF Chair for heads of state and government to provide short video statements articulating the following:

- a. **Your Climate Story.** The statement could include a local or personal story that will provide a glimpse of the struggles of your country in dealing with the impacts of climate change to highlight what is at stake, in national terms, if the Paris Agreement would not be delivered.
- b. **Call To Ambition.** To inspire action by other nations, the statement could highlight relevant adaptation and mitigation programs and policies that strengthen community resilience, as well as new national climate change efforts to raise national ambition in such regards, including updates on the country's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) before 2020 in line with the 1.5°C limit.
- c. **Support to the CVF and Finance Ministers of the Vulnerable Twenty (V20).** The statement could express support for the work of the CVF and V20 and in relation to the Forum's organizational development.

We encourage you to use this occasion to underscore the co-benefits that can be attained through ambitious climate action that includes a gender perspective, and that builds climate resilience for the poorest and most vulnerable, and their health and food security. Critically, we urge Canada to use this opportunity to join the vanguard of countries committing to increase climate ambition and undertake a process to review, strengthen, and enhance NDCs in advance of 2020. Towards this end, we believe the CVF Summit provides an important moment to reiterate the strong G7 commitments made under Canada's Presidency to strengthen resilience, enhance adaptive capacity and reduce vulnerability.

Canada is internationally regarded as a leading voice on the intersection between climate change, gender equality and the Sustainable Development Goals, and we are convinced that your participation in this Summit will help galvanize and drive ambition for state and non-state actors alike.

Let us leverage our solidarity in ensuring a climate-smart and sustainable future for the generations to come.

Yours sincerely,



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