



## ANNEX – MEDIA RELEASE CLIMATE VULNERABLE FORUM SUMMIT ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Observer Governments and Organizations Support World’s First Virtual Leaders’ Summit Announced by the Climate Vulnerable Forum in Danang, Vietnam

#### Quotes:

##### **Emmanuel Macron - President of the Republic of France:**

"I would like to thank the President of the Marshall Islands for her urgent call to all Heads of State. Together we need to tackle the challenges caused by climate change, which threatens all parts of the world, and preserve the future of humankind. Right from the start, France is responding to this call. We are ready to raise the level of climate ambition and action that is required by 2020 to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. There is no Planet B."

##### **Eric Wiebes - Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate, Kingdom of the Netherlands:**

"The Netherlands strongly feels the necessity of more ambition to keep the goals of the Paris Agreement within reach. Therefore, the Dutch government is seeking close cooperation with other countries in order to raise the level of climate ambition within the European Union."

##### **Miguel Arias Cañete - EU Commissioner for Climate Action:**

"I welcome this good news of the Climate Vulnerable Forum Summit later this year. Building on the momentum of last week's ministerial on climate action MOCA in Brussels, this sends the right signal ahead of COP24 in Katowice. Together we will continue our efforts to step up our climate ambition to ensure that the spirit and letter of what was agreed in Paris will be followed."

##### **Edmund G. Brown Jr. - Governor of California:**

"President Heine will help carry the torch of climate action from this year's Global Climate Action Summit to the United Nations Conference of the Parties in Poland this December."



**Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility:**

"It is the poorest and most vulnerable countries that are hit the hardest from climate change. At this critical time, we all need to raise our climate ambition and the GEF is committed to transformational change. We all share one planet in common, and in its new four-year investment strategy the GEF puts a strong emphasis on financing for Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States. The CVF Leaders' Summit is an important opportunity to accelerate action towards a low carbon future."

**Hoesung Lee - Chair of the IPCC:**

"The IPCC is working hard to complete the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C, to be released in early October subject to approval. As IPCC Chair I am delighted to hear that the Climate Vulnerable Forum is organizing its first carbon-free summit in November. I hope that our report will provide a valuable scientific evidence base for your discussions, as well as informing the negotiations at COP24 a couple of weeks later."

**Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI in India:**

TERI welcomes the launch of the Climate Vulnerable Forum Summit, and salutes this first ever carbon-free online summit. India is very vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, with over 7000 kilometres of coastline, and huge reliance on our Himalayan glaciers and monsoon rains for the livelihood and well-being of our people. We reiterate the need for comprehensive and urgent climate action to be taken by all stakeholders towards meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

**Emily Farnworth, Head of Climate Change Initiatives, World Economic Forum:**

"The race is on for business, governments and all sectors of society to step up our ambitions by 2020 to protect the natural resources of our planet. If we put in place the right public-private partnerships and act together as a global community, we can we mitigate the worst effects of climate change and ensure peace, prosperity and economic opportunities for all,"

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