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Dear Minister Gould and Minister Wilkinson,

On behalf of the [Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development](#) and [Climate Action Network Canada](#), we congratulate you and the Canadian government for doubling Canada's international climate finance commitment to CAD 5.3 billion over the next five years.

Canada ramps up investments in adaptation and nature-based solutions with this pledge and enhances grant-based funding to vulnerable countries to tackle climate change.

These new funds represent an important opportunity for Canada to truly be a global partner to low and middle-income countries as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and fight the impacts of climate change. Moving from being the lowest G7 climate finance contributor a couple of years back, doubling climate finance helps Canada close its fair share gap in tackling the climate crisis and delivering on its obligations under the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As a next step, we urge you to work with us and ensure the deployment of funds follow these principles:

- **Ensuring climate finance additionality** beyond existing Official Development Assistance (ODA);
- **Giving priority to adaptation and nature-based solutions;**
- **Addressing Loss and Damage;**
- **Giving priority to feminist climate action**, aligning investments with the Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) Action Areas including providing direct support to women's rights organizations leading the response to this climate crisis;
- **Supporting low greenhouse gas emissions pathways** and climate-resilient development, and ensuring funds are not used to expand fossil fuels dependence;

- **Earmarking funds that will reach most vulnerable countries and people**, particularly Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and consistent with development effectiveness principles; the rights of Indigenous Peoples and;
- **Establishing diversified financing modalities beyond those used during the 2015 - 2020 period**, based on learnings from the previous multi-year pledge.

Ministers, we have an opportunity to write a new chapter on climate finance that reinforces partnership, solidarity, fairness, and cooperation. We want to help you achieve these objectives and ensure Canada supports the needs of vulnerable countries and their communities to adapt to the climate crisis even as they continue the fight against the pandemic.

We stand ready to work with you and ensure future allocations of this pledge help developing countries build domestic capacity to take climate action, build resilience, and reduce pollution, including finding nature-based solutions to climate change.

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**About us:**

[The Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development \(C4D\)](#) is a network of over 30 international development and environmental organizations working together to share knowledge and take concerted action to address climate change.

[Climate Action Network - Réseau action climat Canada \(CAN-Rac\)](#) is Canada's farthest-reaching network of organizations working on climate change and energy issues, Climate Action Network is a coalition of more than 130 organizations operating from coast to coast to coast.