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Subject: Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS 2021)
(The Netherlands, 25 January 2021)
- Information from the Dutch delegation

Delegations will find in the [annex](#) an information note from the [Dutch delegation](#) on the above subject, to be dealt with under 'Any other business' at the Council (Environment) meeting on 23 October 2020.

Climate Adaptation Summit (CAS 2021)

(The Netherlands, 25 January 2021)

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On 25 January 2021, as part of the crucial efforts to trigger the systemic change required for a climate-resilient world, the Netherlands will be hosting the first-ever dedicated platform of global leaders aimed at firmly placing the world on a pathway to accelerated adaptation and resilience. The [Climate Adaptation Summit \(CAS 2021\)](#) is a response to the Call to Action by the UN SG Guterres.

Together with many other countries and organisations, the Netherlands is committed to accelerating global adaptation action. Ministers responsible for climate adaptation have been invited to contribute to CAS 2021, building towards COP 26 in the autumn of 2021.

The Netherlands invites EU Member States to work closely together in the build-up to CAS 2021, integrating adaptation into our efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and securing the actions needed for a more resilient future. We invite you to contribute to the various events of CAS 2021, with an emphasis on the ministerial dialogues. Following the invitations sent over the summer, the CAS 2021 team will reach out to your offices to discuss your potential contribution to various events.

CAS 2021

CAS 2021 will take place on 25 January 2021. The goal of this 24-hour (livestreamed) summit will be to ‘accelerate action and drive systemic change’. This will require collaborative, global action on several fronts – political, strategic, technical and operational. Coalitions of partners, including those mobilised by the Global Commission on Adaptation, will address various substantial challenges. The programme will comprise an opening session with Heads of State or Government and other leaders, anchoring events, ministerial dialogues, supporting events and side events. The anchoring events will be on water, Africa, resilient cities, nature-based solutions, disaster risk management / small island developing states, infrastructure, youth leadership, locally led adaptation, agriculture and food security, and finance and investment.

Ministerial dialogues

Ministerial dialogues will profile the specific adaptations of different countries and regions, offering a platform for ministers to profile their work and commitment to adaptation action. High-level statements, in the form of video messages, from ministers responsible for climate adaptation will be featured as part of programming being developed for each geographic region. The ministerial dialogues will feature the range of adaptation challenges facing communities and countries in a particular region and will reinforce the cross-cutting nature of the CAS 2021 action themes.

Ministers responsible for climate adaptation are invited to contribute to the ministerial dialogues by means of a pre-recorded video message. These video messages will be discussed by a moderator in the presence of one or more guests in a TV studio in the Netherlands before or during CAS 2021.
