Calling all actors to Join Chile’s Climate Ambition Alliance

Dear Friends,

I write to you today to ask for your help in boosting the ambition necessary to make the 1.5 degree temperature target of the Paris Agreement a reality.

As you may be aware, on 23 September 2019 at the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit, Chile announced the ‘Climate Ambition Alliance’, capturing the outcomes and achievements of the ‘Mitigation Strategy’ coalition.

This alliance brings together nations upscaling action by 2020, as well as those working towards achieving net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, which currently includes 65 countries and the EU, 10 regions, 102 cities, 93 businesses and 12 investors – all committed to net zero CO2 emissions by 2050.

But we now need to grow the Alliance massively for Chile’s COP25 in Madrid if we are to ‘set the stage’ for COP26, by when governments must submit enhanced national climate plans. I therefore invite you to join the Alliance (if you haven’t done so already) and encourage you to ask your peers, your networks, your supply chains to do the same.

On Wednesday, 11 December – as the apex of a ‘special’ day of action which the Government of Chile is convening – the Alliance will be effectively re-launched, by announcing an influx of new members, both Parties and non-Party stakeholders, which I hope you will all be a part of.

What’s the criteria for joining the Alliance?

The IPCC, in its special report on global warming of 1.5 degrees, states that in model pathways of 1.5°C, global net anthropogenic CO2 emissions reach net zero around 2050. This target covers CO2 emissions and implies that sinks and other means are used to compensate residual emissions.

Therefore, formulations such as ‘net zero carbon emissions’, ‘net zero CO2 emissions’, ‘carbon neutrality’, ‘decarbonization’, ‘climate neutrality’ or ‘net zero GHG emissions’ qualify for the alliance as long as they denote net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 (as defined above) or a more stringent objective in terms of coverage of GHGs or timeframe.

How to join the Alliance?

If you are a business, please join ‘Business Ambition for 1.5C – Our Only Future here:

If you are a region, please join the Under2 Coalition by writing to: NKaur@theclimategroup.org

If you are an investor, please join the United Nations-Convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance here: https://www.unepfi.org/net-zero-alliance/join-the-alliance/
If you are a city, please join Deadline 2020 by writing to: acavicchioli@c40.org

If you are a coalition with aims that exactly match the Alliance’s criteria (outlined above) – and you have a credible tracking and validation process in place – please contact: mphillips@unfccc.int

If you do join the initiatives outlined above, I would be very grateful if you could also notify the UNFCCC Secretariat (mphillips@unfccc.int) that you have done so.

See you in Madrid!

Yours sincerely,

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