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Rob Jetten, Minister for Climate and Energy Policy

Berlin, 23 May 2023

## DUTCH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CDP'S DISCLOSURE INVITATION FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS IN LINE WITH A 1.5°C PATHWAY AND RESTORING ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

*This letter complements the invitation to participate sent to you by CDP Mail (citiesEMEA@cdp.net or cities.europe@cdp.net) during the week of 5 April 2023.*

Dear Madam/Sir,

CDP is pleased to announce the endorsement of the **Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy**, for the Cities disclosure invitation in 2023 on climate and environment through the [CDP-ICLEI Track](#). **The government encourages Dutch municipalities to publicly disclose environmental information to their stakeholders via CDP**, a globally recognized, independent disclosure mechanism that is fully aligned with the [TCFD](#)'s recommendations, is complementary to mandatory reporting schemes implemented in the Netherlands and the EU, and enables cities to lead by example through:

- ▼ Recognizing the opportunities of the green transition;
- ▼ Setting science-based emissions reduction targets;
- ▼ Preparing for regulatory developments at the EU and global level;
- ▼ Improving risk awareness and long-term resilience; and
- ▼ Enhancing stakeholder communication and confidence.

The UNFCCC COP27, the CBD COP15 in 2022 and the UN Water Conference in March 2023 have again demonstrated the urgency of the climate and environmental crisis and the importance of non-state actors' contributions to solving this.

### Accelerate the implementation of national and international climate and nature goals

By endorsing CDP disclosure, the government emphasizes the need for Dutch cities and municipalities to take ambitious climate and environmental action that contributes to delivering national environmental goals – including achieving climate neutrality by 2050 – and the European Green Deal. **Measuring your city's environmental impact through CDP-ICLEI Track helps the government better understand the sub-national performance on climate change and nature.**

### Set ambitious, science-based targets in line with the 1.5°C global goal

Cities are encouraged to set a [science-based climate target](#) – a measurable and actionable goal to reduce their fair share of emissions that need to be halved by 2030 on a global scale en route to global net zero by 2050. By setting a science-based target, cities are confident that their emission reductions plans are in line with the Paris Agreement. All reporting local governments can receive direct support

from CDP to improve and update their greenhouse gas emissions reduction target so that it is aligned with 1.5°C.

### Establish a focus on restoring ecosystem health

To **protect biodiversity and restore ecosystems**, municipal action on nature is essential, also for the implementation of the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Cities are invited to take a number of actions such as halting deforestation and forest degradation within their boundaries, investing in a nature-positive and green environment, and promoting sustainable, water-secure and deforestation-free public procurement.

### Report just once for all your commitments

CDP-ICLEI Track is the one-stop shop for environmental reporting, aligned with the [Common Reporting Framework \(CRF\)](#), and enabling cities to participate and report their progress towards multiple global and European frameworks and initiatives, such as:

- ▼ [UNFCCC's Global Climate Action portal](#)
- ▼ [C40 Cities](#)
- ▼ [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy](#)
- ▼ [Science-Based Targets for Cities](#)
- ▼ [Cities Race to Zero](#)
- ▼ [Cities Race to Resilience](#)
- ▼ [EU's NetZeroCities](#)
- ▼ [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)
- ▼ [ICLEI's 100% Renewables Cities and Regions Network, EcoLogistics, EcoMobility, Circulars, GreenClimateCities, Building Efficiency Accelerator, Transformative Actions Program, Urban-LEDS II](#)

### Increase transparency on impacts, risks and opportunities

Your response to this disclosure invitation for 2023 will provide valuable, relevant and material **information** to your stakeholders and **enable them to measure, assess and act** on the potential impact that their policy, financing and purchasing decisions have on people and planet, as well as increase transparency on environmental risks and opportunities.

Yours sincerely,



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Endorsed by:



Ministry of Economic Affairs and  
Climate Policy of the Netherlands

## CDP Government Partnerships

CDP Government Partnerships are designed to help governments analyze the impact of policies and regulation to achieve carbon-neutrality and resource efficiency by 2050. CDP's global disclosure system equips national, EU and international policymakers and governmental bodies with the data they need to track and measure the impact of policies, identify gaps, trends and best market practices that can be tackled and incentivized through policymaking to create positive impact and drive the transition.

By endorsing the CDP disclosure system governments can actively drive the increase in quantity and quality of climate and environmental data of corporates and local governments as well as action on climate change, water insecurity and deforestation.



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## Endorsements of CDP's disclosure request in 2023

### France, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion

Endorsement of CDP's disclosure invitation for corporate Climate Change:



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*"We fully support the necessary step towards transparency. It is only by assessing the climate risks of our economic activities that we will be able to develop sustainable growth strategies. We therefore support the CDP disclosure cycle and encourage all French companies to be as transparent as possible about the environmental impact of their activities."*

– Catherine Colonna, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

*"We have to strengthen reporting and sustainability approaches' consistency and visibility. This transparency effort encourages companies to take ecological transition into account within their investment decisions."*

– Christophe Béchu, Minister for Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion

### The Netherlands, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy

Endorses disclosure invitation for corporate Climate Change, Water Security and Forests, for Cities and for States & Regions.



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