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On the occasion of the UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Summit scheduled to be held in September 2019, I am pleased to invite you to join us to work as part of a global alliance to significantly reduce methane emissions in the oil and gas sector by 2030.

As you are aware, reducing methane emissions can rapidly reduce the rate of global warming. Controlling methane emissions from the oil and gas sector is in most cases technologically feasible, generates income for companies, and contributes to reducing the climate footprint of natural gas as the world transitions to a low carbon energy system.

The alliance of proactive governments, oil and gas companies, international organisations and non-governmental organisations will build momentum for the reduction of methane emissions from oil and gas sectors. As a first step, they will help to secure public and private commitments as an input to the 2019 Climate Action Summit.

Countries, industry leaders, international organisations and non-governmental organisations will announce commitments to reduce methane emissions across the oil and gas value chain at the September Climate Action Summit and inspire more countries to do the same in the run-up to the 26th Conference of the Parties.

Countries are expected to commit to include methane reduction targets in their Nationally Determined Contributions, while oil and gas companies, international organizations, and non-governmental organisations will support countries in pursuing these targets through emissions reductions, policy support, and sharing of knowledge, technologies, and best management practices.

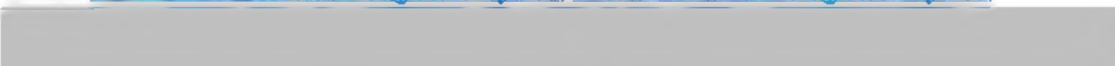
UN Environment Programme-hosted Climate and Clean Air Coalition works with governments, oil and gas companies and non-governmental organizations to reduce methane emissions from oil and gas sectors since 2014. We are now accelerating action with this Alliance.

I would be delighted if, as a climate leader, you would join the Alliance and help to inspire change.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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