



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
CLIMATE ACTION  
The Director-General

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Dear Mr Niinistö,

The European Climate Law objective of economy-wide Climate Neutrality by 2050 requires to establish sustainable carbon cycles through a drastic reduction in greenhouse gases emissions, a replacement of fossil carbon by sustainable non-fossil carbon where carbon is still necessary and a deployment of nature-based and industrial solutions to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

Following the publication of Communication on **Sustainable Carbon Cycles**, the European Commission is organizing a public conference on **31 January 2022**. This event will bring together representatives of public authorities, industry and civil society to exchange views on the role of carbon farming and industrial solutions in capturing, recycling and storing carbon. This discussion is essential in light of the upcoming initiative on the EU regulatory framework for the certification of carbon removals that the Commission will propose by the end of 2022.

I am delighted to invite you as a **panelist of the High-Level discussion** taking place in the morning. The objective of this session, which I will moderate, will be to trigger a discussion on how public and private stakeholders can work together to scale up carbon farming initiatives and industrial solutions to sustainably remove and recycle carbon. You would be speaking alongside Khashayar Farmanbar (Minister for Energy, Sweden), [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED] for Nestlé Europe), [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED], Unilever), [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED], Rabo Carbon Bank), and [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED], Microsoft).

You will find attached a draft programme of the event. I hope that you will be available to contribute as a speaker. You can email your reply to [REDACTED] at [CLIMA-C03-ARES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:CLIMA-C03-ARES@ec.europa.eu). My team is available to answer any questions you may have.

I am looking forward to hearing from you regarding your participation.

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

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