



# Leadership Summit Statement

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December 2020 marks the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Paris Agreement. Over these five years, innovations in technology, policy and finance have emerged that can set us on a path to **radically reduce emissions from heavy industry**. This promise of an industry transition must now be realized through **urgent and coherent action by public and private actors**. The work to bring the industry transition about must be **prioritized now and over the next few years**. Being mindful of the serious impact of COVID 19 we need to ensure that we build back better and greener.

Building on the Paris Agreement and with the intention of acting as a springboard to COP26, the members of the Leadership Group for Industry Transition call for **increased collaboration and collective action** to create new markets and jobs, making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, as per the Paris Agreement, to catalyse demand and harness sustainable value chains for the industry transition.

We commit to urgent and collective action in the following areas:

## **Supporting and realizing the business case for industry transition together**

- Companies and investors are ready and willing to decarbonize, improving energy efficiency and scaling up low-carbon technology along their value chains. They need conducive enabling environments, regulatory frameworks and policies to facilitate the establishment of lead markets.
- Governments have a range of policy measures at their disposal which they can use to help make the business case for the industry transition.
- LeadIT commits to:
  - Creating stable and reliable markets for green industrial products and identifying targeted interventions that enable the transition of whole value chains. This work may examine, among other things:
    - explore, before COP26, pathways to promote sustainable, green procurement in support of industry transition;
    - charging infrastructure to support energy efficiency in transport and electrification of heavy good transport; and
    - coherent policy on carbon capture to enable distribution and use where other options are not feasible, for those countries that choose to do so.



### **Diffusing climate technologies and know-how**

- Building competitive green industries across the world requires significant development and diffusion of climate technologies and related know-how. Most of these technologies need to be operational by the mid-2030s for industries to reduce their emissions significantly in the coming decades.
- LeadIT commits to:
  - Collaborating with new and existing platforms, including Mission Innovation, multilateral development banks and the Multilateral Climate Investment Funds on the mechanisms to increase access to and application of emerging technologies.
  - Encouraging and realizing private and public investments in key technologies for decarbonizing heavy industries, so that they can be deployed at scale in the coming years.
  - Sharing know-how between countries and companies, and reaching out to developing economies to facilitate the industry transition.
  - Taking a holistic and inclusive approach to the industry transition, enabling socio-economic development of communities involved.
  - Meaningful engagement with youth on issues such as education, training and entrepreneurship in the context of the industry transition.
- LeadIT calls on:
  - Bilateral development financing institutions and multilateral development banks to establish financing mechanisms for research and development and pilot and demonstration projects in support of industry transition.
  - The WTO Ministerial Conference 12 to seize the opportunity to facilitate trade through the reduction or, as appropriate, elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers on environmental goods and services, which are instrumental to achieving the industry transition and tackling climate change.

We are committed to realizing an industry transition that tackles the climate crisis, creates decent and green jobs, ensures gender equality, maintains competitiveness and delivers prosperity and sustainable development for all.