



UN High-level Climate Champion

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INVITATION TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 2022 CRITERIA CONSULTATION PROCESS

Dear Race to Zero Partners,

I am delighted to invite you to the launch of the 2022 Criteria Consultation Process, on **Monday 24th January, 16:00 - 17:00 GMT. Please register [here](#) to attend.**

As you know, the High-level Climate Champions, supported by the [Expert Peer Review Group](#), commit to annually review the Race to Zero's [minimum criteria](#) in order to continue driving upward convergence towards best practice and to accelerate the transition to a zero carbon world, halving emissions within this decade. The [last update](#) was completed in April 2021.

This year, the Criteria Consultation process will consist of four parts:

1. **Opening Session** - 24 January
A public session, led by the UN High-Level Climate Champion, to outline the process and call for contributions, with time for Q&A.
2. **Working Group discussions** - January - March
Working groups with relevant and diverse expertise will discuss specific topics relating to the criteria. These working groups will meet regularly over the period of 7 weeks in order to draft suggestions for strengthening or clarifying the criteria. We would like to ensure that at least one Partner initiative representative sits on each working group.
3. **Closing Session** - March
This closing session will outline the findings and draft suggestions of the working groups and will launch the written feedback process.
4. **Written feedback** - March - April
A public, written feedback process will call for responses to comment on the existing criteria, as well as on the draft suggestions provided by the working groups.

Please find attached:

- Race to Zero Minimum Criteria (including Interpretation Guide & Lexicon);
- Criteria Consultation Process concept note;
- Terms of Reference for the Working Groups;
- Expression of Interest form for joining a Working Group.

Race to Zero Campaign Coordinator Fiona Macklin (fionamacklin@climatechampions.team) stands by to discuss any questions you may have. I hope you will join us for the opening session and I look forward to your contributions to this important process.

Yours sincerely,
Nigel Topping