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## INVITATION TO SPEAK AT THE SAUDI GREEN INITIATIVE

Dear Mr. Alkhalifa,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join us as a distinguished speaker for the inaugural launch of the Saudi Green Initiative (SGI) that will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The world is entering a new phase of economic transformation at a critical time for the planet. Afforestation and other nature-based solutions are now actively pursued for their climate and biodiversity co-benefits and for their financial returns. The world is rising to the important challenge of protecting our lands and our oceans.

This transformation is the growth opportunity of the century. We need urgent, science-based action. We need it at scale; and we need it now. Determined to lead in this effort, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is launching the Saudi Green Initiative (SGI) to drive ambitious environmental action.

Under the theme "**A NEW ERA OF ACTION: OASIS ALIVE**," the inaugural edition of the Saudi Green Initiative (SGI) will bring together global leaders of government, business, finance and civil society to fight climate change, reverse land degradation, protect marine life and preserve biodiversity. During this invitation-only event, the Kingdom will present exclusive insights into the SGI strategies, including the goal to achieve 50% renewable energy by 2030 and to plant 10 billion trees over the coming decades.

Coinciding with Saudi Arabia's role as part of the G20 troika and the COP26 in Glasgow this November, SGI 2021 will mobilize collective action in a critical year for the environment and the world.

Given your leadership, I believe your perspective and insights will bring critical contributions to the discussions. I would be pleased to work with you and your team to outline a series of engagements that will help you make the most of your time at SGI.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to the possibilities ahead. My team will follow up with you to discuss next steps and answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature, likely of Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, written in a cursive style.

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