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## **CHINA Embraces URGENT NEED For CLIMATE ADAPTATION With THE NETHERLANDS**

**CENTER ON ADAPTATION OFFICE IN BEIJING**

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**USPA NEWS** - China and the Netherlands announced on June 27, a new initiative to accelerate action to make China and the region more resilient to the reality of the climate crisis on its fragile ecological environment. China is experiencing more frequent and higher intensity extreme weather events. Floods, heat waves, droughts and dust storms, which were once rare, now happen on a regular basis causing great harm to health and society.

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In recognition of these challenges, the Premier of the People's Republic of China, Li Keqiang, has accepted an invitation from Mark Rutte, Prime Minister Mark of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to work together to accelerate action against the impacts of climate change being felt across the country. Both governments, also as conveners to the Global Commission on Adaptation, recognize that this is not an alternative to a redoubled effort to stop climate change through mitigation but an essential complement to it.

With the launch of the first regional office of the Global Center on Adaptation in China, the two countries have agreed to work closely together to accelerate action on adaptation to support greater resilience and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The regional office will support scaled-up and transformative adaptation initiatives across Asia and is the first of a planned global network of GCA offices and representatives positioned around the world to facilitate knowledge sharing and action across different territories.

The Global Center on Adaptation manages the Global Commission on Adaptation. Launched in 2018 the Global Center on Adaptation works to accelerate action & support for adaptation solutions, from the international to the local, from the public and private sector, to ensure we learn from each other & work together for a climate resilient future.

The Global Center on Adaptation is a Managing Partner of the Global Commission on Adaptation which moves communities, cities & countries to proactively prepare for the disruptive effects of climate change so we can take advantage of the best, most cost-effective options, reduce risk & come out stronger. The Commission is led by Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, & Kristalina Georgieva, CEO of the World Bank. It is guided by 32 commissioners & 19 convening countries, representing all regions of the globe.

\* Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Premier Li Keqiang and 8th Secretary General Ban Ki-moon announce the opening of a GCA office in China

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