

Video Message from Minister Carolina Schmidt
**May–June 2021 Climate Change Conference – sessions of the subsidiary
bodies**

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Distinguished delegates, dear colleagues

Warm greetings from Chile

I am delighted to join you today for the opening of the meeting of the Subsidiary Bodies of the UNFCCC.

I want to commend the SB Chairs and the UNFCCC Secretariat for organizing the sessions that will take place the following 3 weeks.

In the context of the global health crisis, it is a moral obligation to respond to our citizens and make substantial progress in the climate negotiations.

The multilateral process must show it is up to the challenge. The year we must bring the Paris Agreement into full operation.

The world is watching, and will accept nothing less than a robust and ambitious outcome.

Meeting these expectations during a pandemic requires new levels of solidarity and commitment from all parties.

Including using virtual tools – even though we would all prefer to be meeting in person.

The sessions that start today will allow Parties to make progress and minimize further delays on the high volume of work accumulated in the absence of sessions in 2020.

We have a lot of ground to cover. Many issues under the SBs agenda require both technical and political consideration, and it is crucial that we try to identify areas of convergence.

Glasgow is only a few months away, and the agenda tightly packed with substantive mandates, including transparency, markets, adaptation and finance, among others.

COP26 is our last real opportunity to keep the 1.5 goal alive. To do this, we must work together

Chile is working closely with the UK to make sure that all Parties views are heard, and that we truly leave no one behind.

Together we have organized consultations at technical level in finance, workshops on loss and damage and adaptation, as well as consultations at level of Heads of Delegation. The message from Parties is very clear: we must succeed in Glasgow.

The COP Bureau, has provided us with important guidance, in particular the principle of maximizing progress and minimizing delays. In this regard, this SB session that starts today is an opportunity to make as much progress as possible.

I want to specially thank the Bureau of the UNFCCC for the cooperation spirit and collective effort to move the process forward.

Despite the many challenges of COVID-19, the international community must come together at COP26 to accelerate action to reduce emissions, strengthen adaptation, scale up finance to protect and restore nature, and empower inclusive action.

In this spirit I wish you great accomplishments in the forthcoming 3 weeks. For people, planet and prosperity.

Thank you.