



THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Stephen,

I am delighted that GLOBE, in partnership with the Folketing, is hosting the GLOBE Copenhagen forum and I am personally very much looking forward to engaging with senior legislators from the major economies and to hear their views.

I would like to thank you very much for the invitation to open the event on the morning of the 24th October and I am delighted to accept.

As you know, the Danish government is working tirelessly to achieve a successful agreement at COP15 in December. To build momentum in 2009 the Danish government has supported a series of key events ahead of the formal UN negotiations in December.

In February we heard about the latest science at the Copenhagen Climate Congress, addressed by the Chair of the IPCC, Rajendra Pachauri and involving over 1,400 presentations from scientists from more than 80 countries.

Later, in May, we heard from business at the Global Business Summit, addressed by the UN Secretary General and over 120 leading global CEOs that led to "The Copenhagen Call" – a set of key messages from business.

Legislators are the third critical voice.

Legislators have a tremendous influence on the issue of climate change. Not only are you responsible for drafting and passing domestic legislation but you also have a powerful and important role in terms of ratifying any international agreement and shaping national negotiating positions – ultimately whether or not we succeed at COP15 will come down in many instances to national politics. The GLOBE Copenhagen Legislators Forum will be a critical staging point ahead of the formal UNFCCC negotiations and presents a very real opportunity to outline to national leaders where the political boundaries could be for an ambitious agreement at the formal negotiations. Importantly, the Forum will also provide an opportunity to identify the core principals for legislation that parliaments can advance to tackle climate change. This will be a powerful and new intervention contributing to the international response to climate change.

I look forward to welcoming you all to Copenhagen in October.

Yours sincerely,



Lars Løkke Rasmussen