



Dear Colleague:

Further to our discussions at the April 2007 TriNational Accord Meeting in Monterrey, Mexico, I take pleasure in inviting you to join me in Vancouver, British Columbia on March 11, 2008, to discuss climate change and agriculture. The meeting will precede the Globe 2008 Conference on Business and the Environment scheduled for March 12-14, 2008.

This meeting affords the opportunity to explore issues and engage with informed presenters on climate change topics of paramount importance to agricultural regions. We will consider how climate change fits under the Accord and develop recommendations for the full membership to consider at the August 2008 Accord meeting. Our agenda will touch on opportunities and challenges for agricultural productivity, report on existing regional alliances, and discuss the relationship of climate change issues to the Accord. In addition, I invite you to propose other topics for discussion. Please forward additional agenda topics to Judi Sigurdson at [judi.sigurdson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:judi.sigurdson@gov.bc.ca) or by telephone at 250 356-1671.

The meeting, with a possible video conferencing feature, will be held at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel and booking arrangements will be announced soon. To welcome you to Vancouver, we will host a reception on the evening of March 10 and a dinner is planned for the evening of March 11, where we can continue the lively discussions of the day. Since Vancouver is hosting a number of major events during this time, I encourage you to indicate your participation to my staff as early as possible so we can negotiate preferred rates and finalize arrangements for the meeting. Please contact Judi Sigurdson by January 16, 2008. Meeting details will be provided shortly thereafter.

Below is a link to the Globe 2008 preliminary program. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to become further engaged and informed by staying on to attend this conference. A reduced conference fee is being negotiated for our group and registration information will be provided soon. [http://www.globe2008.ca/documents/GL08\\_PreProgram\\_single.pdf](http://www.globe2008.ca/documents/GL08_PreProgram_single.pdf)

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in Vancouver in March, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pat Bell  
Minister