



# MISSION INNOVATION

accelerating the clean energy revolution

## Joint statement from MI members on a second phase

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We, the members of Mission Innovation, agree to work together on the development of an ambitious second phase of Mission Innovation. Our goal remains to reinvigorate and accelerate public and private global clean energy innovation with the objective to make clean energy widely affordable and available for all sectors of the economy. Investment in clean energy innovation may also play an important role in accelerating our sustainable recovery from the impacts of COVID-19, by supporting jobs, growth, and clean energy transitions pathways across all sectors of the economy.

Since the launch of Mission Innovation at COP21 in 2015, members have successfully stimulated research, development and demonstration (RD&D) efforts through increased domestic investments in clean energy innovation. Of equal value, Mission Innovation has provided a platform that allows us to exchange knowledge, identify impactful opportunities, and strengthen our collaboration around shared interests.

The second phase of Mission Innovation will build on our successes whilst recognising the need to shift our focus toward outcomes that will further accelerate the pace of innovation, and thereby facilitate countries' clean energy transitions by advancing the solutions and technologies needed to support national goals. By identifying the technologies and sectors where accelerated effort could yield substantial benefits and then leveraging voluntary commitments from governments and the private sector, we can send a strong signal to the market and innovators, stimulating needed action, faster.

To achieve our shared goal of accelerating innovation, we have agreed to develop a second phase that includes:

- An enhanced **Innovation Platform** building on current activities to strengthen the global clean energy innovation ecosystem and to accelerate learning.
- New public-private innovation alliances – **Missions** – built around ambitious and inspirational goals backed by voluntary commitments that can lead to tipping points in the cost, scale, availability, and attractiveness of clean energy solutions.

We will continue to collaborate voluntarily, and work on topics that are relevant to our national interests and Mission Innovation's goal. We will independently, but in full transparency and with a cooperative spirit, determine our own priorities, processes, and plans for RD&D funding.

In the development of this second phase, we will also seek to increase Mission Innovation's support and ownership by its members and to strengthen alignment with the Clean Energy Ministerial. We will work with other organisations, including our current collaborating organisations that are committed

to taking action that can accelerate innovation and strengthen pathways towards commercialisation of promising clean energy solutions.

We commit to work closely together over the coming months to further develop our proposals for Mission Innovation's second phase. We will work to strengthen its governance mechanisms, and to bring forward the necessary voluntary commitments that will enable us to join together as members of the second phase to be announced at the Sixth Mission Innovation Ministerial in Chile next year, and we will seek to profile innovation at COP26.

We look forward to continued and strengthened cooperation as we work to accelerate the clean energy revolution.