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**Press Announcement**

**MARK CARNEY - UNA-CANADA'S 2020 GLOBAL CITIZEN LAUREATE**

Ottawa, November 18: The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) is pleased to announce **Mark Carney**, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance, as the Association's 2020 Global Citizen Laureate.

UNA-Canada will hold a virtual **Global Citizens Award** presentation with remarks from national **Conversation** with our 2020 laureate and financial industry leaders, in an exclusive webcast.

"No *laureate* and no leadership could be more timely than Mr. Carney as Canada and the world confronts the grave, immediate and long-term impacts of climate change and a global health pandemic" notes Kathryn White, President & CEO of the United Nations Association in Canada. "In the 75th anniversary year of the UN, and UNA-Canada, climate financing may be the ultimate test of the value of the global table in addressing global challenges. Mark Carney's career has given him a unique perch from which to provide clear-eyed and visionary recommendations on ways forward to the benefit of all."

Virtual guests will join leaders and leaders-in-the-making from the private sector, academia and civil society to honour Mr. Carney.

**Thursday, December 3rd 2020**

**4:00 P.M - 5:30 P.M (EST)**

**Mark Carney** is a role model of national and global public service, and leadership in social and financial innovation fostering a more inclusive, fair and sustainable world. He has achieved prominence serving as the Governor of the Bank of Canada, [Governor of the Bank of England](#) and now a return to the private sector as Vice Chair Brookfield Asset Management and Head of ESG & Impact Fund Investments

Mr. Carney has accepted appointments as UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance and as UK Prime Minister Johnson's Finance Adviser for COP 26. As UN Special Envoy, he will focus on ambitious implementation of climate action, with particular attention to significantly shifting public and private finance markets and mobilizing private finance to the levels needed to achieve the 1.5°C goal of limited emission growth of the Paris Agreement. This will include building the frameworks for financial reporting, risk management and returns in order to bring the impacts of climate change to the mainstream of private financial decision-making and to support the transition to a net zero carbon economy

Next Spring, he will release a new book exploring ways to build a more inclusive society in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic: *Value(s): Building a Better World For All*.

UNA-Canada is grateful for the generosity of **RBC** and **National Bank** as our presenting sponsor and hosts, as well as to our other sponsors of this evening.

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## The United Nations Association in Canada

The United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) is an historic, national charitable organization providing a leading policy voice on multilateralism in Canada, and innovative programming focused on the Sustainable Development Goals with 30,000 members from coast to coast to coast. UNA-Canada was a founding member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations and today holds the elected Vice-Presidency, representing global civil society. Celebrating 75 years of Canadian support for an effective United Nations.

### *Our Mission and Vision*

Our mission is to educate and engage Canadians in the work of the UN and the critical international issues that affect us all. We believe that a strong and effective United Nations is essential if we are to secure a future based on equality, dignity and justice for all. UNA-Canada is dedicated to promoting constructive Canadian participation in the United Nations system and to **growing global citizens** in Canada who embrace the principles of the UN Charter.

### *Our Work*

UNA-Canada engages citizens and decision makers at every level of Canadians society. We invest across generations, bringing empathy-based educational resources on health, citizen education, diversity, peace and the environment to both the best and the brightest and to most marginalized youth within Canada and in the world's poorest countries.

We meet our mandate with a national network of branches, volunteers and education programmes that are inspiring and mobilizing Canadians in support of the principles and critical work of the UN. By **growing global citizens**, we are building a stronger, more outward looking Canada ready to accept the greatest challenges of our time.

**Proceeds from this event are essential to support youth, education and policy development programmes of UNA-Canada, an historic national charitable organization with a mandate to educate and engage Canadians in the work of the UN and critical international issues that affect us all. Marking 75-years, along with the UN in 2020, we Grow Global Citizens by investing in the next generation, bringing empathy-based educational resources on citizen education, diversity, innovation in social enterprise, peace and the environment to the best, the brightest and the most marginalized youth. UNA-Canada regularly convenes leaders and leaders-in-waiting to address global challenges.**



*Growing Global Citizens § Citoyens du monde à venir*

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