



Intervention by Ms. Wytske Postma, Vice-President of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands, during the 3rd Working Session: Mobilising Finance for a Just Energy Transition, at the 11th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, held on 1–2 October 2025 in Kleinmond, South Africa.

Your Excellencies, Honourable Speakers, Distinguished Colleagues,

It is a great honour to address this gathering today on behalf of the Parliament of the Netherlands. This Summit brings together parliamentary leaders from the world's largest economies, and we are proud to contribute to this vital dialogue.

We support the call – outlined in the Joint Statement - for the G20 member countries to translate commitments into concrete actions, particularly by investing in regional infrastructure to enable a sustainable energy transition in Africa and in other developing countries.

As a member of the European Union, the Netherlands works closely with partner countries on shared priorities such as climate resilience, sustainable food systems, and cross-border water security. Yet our engagement goes beyond the EU. Across continents, we collaborate with local governments, communities and institutions to share expertise, resources, and innovation.

In Africa, the Netherlands works together with countries such as Mozambique and Burkina Faso on water governance, and with East African partners on climate-smart agriculture. These initiatives are co-developed and locally led, aiming to strengthen food systems and improve access to clean water in ways that reflect local needs and knowledge.

In Asia, our partnerships with Bangladesh and Vietnam focus on agricultural innovation and water safety. Together, we develop saline-resistant crops, promote circular value chains, and advance climate-resilient farming. Initiatives like the Asia-Netherlands Water-Food Learning Week are built on mutual exchange, enabling countries to co-create solutions tailored to their unique challenges.

In Latin America, we collaborate on water safety and sustainable development. The Blue Deal programme supports river basin partnerships such as Colombia's Magdalena River, while projects like GIRAgua in Chile restore groundwater systems critical for agriculture. In the Amazon Basin, we work with six countries on integrated water resource management, and in



Cartagena, the Water as Leverage initiative is co-designed with local stakeholders to foster climate-resilient urban water solutions.

In the United States, our long-standing partnership includes joint efforts on flood protection and infrastructure resilience. From the TubebARRIER in Annapolis to the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan, Dutch and American experts work side by side to develop nature-based solutions and share knowledge through networks like the Netherlands-US Water Crisis Research Network.

Here in South Africa, we are proud to support the development of the Climate Smart Horticulture Centre in Grootvlei, near Johannesburg. This initiative — part of the broader Just Energy Transition — is a joint effort to repurpose coal-based infrastructure and create sustainable employment. The demonstration greenhouse and training centre are co-developed with South African partners, combining Dutch expertise with local innovation to promote year-round crop production and skills development. It is a powerful example of how international cooperation can foster inclusive and sustainable development.

While our parliaments may not directly initiate projects, we share a responsibility to support and scrutinize these partnerships. Global challenges demand global solutions. Let us embrace partnership over division, innovation over inertia, and solidarity over isolation — so that resilience, prosperity, and sustainability are not privileges of the few, but futures for all.

Thank you.