

Achmea signs Climate Agreement

Zeist, 10 July 2019 - Today, Achmea and a large number of other financial sector players, signed the Climate Agreement and in doing so committed to report on the climate impact of their financing and investments from 2020 onwards. The organisations also announced that by 2022 they would have action plans in place to reduce their CO² emissions. Contributing to reducing climate change has been high on Achmea's strategic agenda for many years and it is one of the three focus areas (UN's SDGs) in its strategy.

The climate is changing and this is causing increasing disruption, suffering and loss for our customers and for society. Achmea's strategy is to contribute to a healthy, safe and future-proof society, which is why Achmea today signed the Climate Agreement and why it wants to contribute concrete solutions. By signing the agreement, Achmea is supporting the Paris climate goals and the ambitions of the Dutch government.

Willem van Duin, chairman of Achmea's Executive Board: "As an insurer, we are seeing an increase in the losses suffered by our customers as a result of extreme weather. We want to help our customers protect themselves against losses by offering insight and solutions. This will help customers become more resilient to the impact of climate change. Climate change also affects the investments we manage for our customers. As an investor, we also have an influence on the extent to which the businesses we invest in operate sustainably."

This also makes climate change an important theme in our responsible investment policy. It also means that we can start the conversation with businesses about their role in energy transition and in reducing CO² emissions. This week, Achmea announced that it would no longer be investing in companies that generate more than 30% of their revenue from coal or from the extraction of oil from tar sands. These companies will be placed on the exclusion list.

Together with partners, Achmea is working on developing innovations, such as BlueLabel, a service that provides insight into the impact of climate change, such as floods and extreme heat, at street level.

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About Achmea

Achmea is the cooperative parent company of strong insurance brands such as Centraal Beheer, Interpolis and Zilveren Kruis. Together they form the largest insurance group in the Netherlands. Achmea has a cooperative background and balances the interests of customers, partners, employees and shareholders. Achmea customers contributed premiums of approximately €20 billion in 2018. Achmea is the market leader in non-life and health insurance in the Netherlands. It also offers income protection insurance and, with Centraal Beheer APF, a good income for the future. The asset manager, Achmea Investment Management, has over €129 billion in assets under management. Achmea offers mortgages via Centraal Beheer and Woonfonds, among others. In addition to the Netherlands, Achmea is also active in five other countries. Achmea has over 14,000 employees and its head office is in Zeist. For more information, visit www.achmea.nl