

New Zealand Prime Minister Talks COVID-19 and Economic Ties with the U.S.



Yesterday as part of the InSTEP series, the Chamber hosted [New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern](#).

She discussed her country's priorities for its APEC host year, climate and sustainability, its COVID-19 response and recovery, and her country's hopes for U.S. engagement in the region.

Key takeaways:

- **On the U.S.-New Zealand relationship:** "New Zealand's relationship is already one I consider to be strong," Prime Minister Ardern said. "We have strong economic links—\$12 billion in two-way trade."
- **On fighting COVID-19:** "It's meant having a very robust regime around our borders. Operating a managed isolation facility for those coming into the country," Prime Minister Ardern explained. "It has allowed us to keep transmission for the most part out of New Zealand."

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