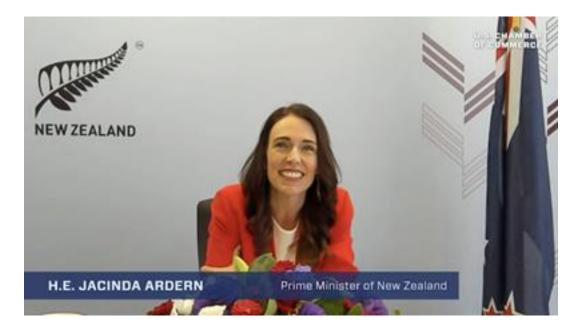
New Zealand Prime Minister Talks COVID-19 and Economic Ties with the U.S.



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 countries 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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