Achieving a Sustainable Future:
The Draft 2019 to 2022 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy

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Environment and Climate Change Canada
Sustainable development: A priority for the Government of Canada

- A clean environment and a strong economy go hand in hand
- Protecting the environment and growing the economy are compatible goals
- The government is committed to leaving future generations of Canadians a sustainable and prosperous country
- All Canadians have a role to play in building a greener, more sustainable Canada
Implementing the Federal Sustainable Development Act

• The 2008 Federal Sustainable Development Act provides the legal framework
  – Whole-of-government strategy and progress report every 3 years
  – Departmental strategies support implementation

• Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS) sets out federal environmental sustainability priorities, goals, targets and actions

• The Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators support robust performance measurement and reporting
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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 2016 TO 2019 FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR TARGETS

The 2018 Progress Report on the 2016-19 FSDS presents a comprehensive review of our progress towards meeting the targets outlined in the 2016-19 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS). This report provides an update on the progress made in achieving the targets and includes an assessment of our performance against the goals set out in the FSDS.

The report highlights the progress made in achieving the targets set out in the 2016-19 FSDS, as well as the challenges and opportunities that have emerged over the past three years. It provides an overview of the key achievements and lessons learned, as well as the steps needed to ensure ongoing progress towards sustainable development.

2018 Progress Report on the 2016-19 FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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Public consultations shaped the 2016–2019 FSDS

- Increase from 5 to 13 long-term goals
- More measurable and ambitious targets
- Aligned with the UN 2030 Agenda
- Federal leadership on reducing GHGs
- Emphasis on partners and individuals
- Framed from a stakeholder perspective

The formal consultation period lasted 120 days. During that time, we received over 550 comments.

- 51% e-Strategy
- 30% Email
- 16% Let’s Talk Sustainability
- 2.5% SDAC
- 0.5% Snail mail

We heard from:
- Businesses & Industry Organizations
- Environmental NGOs
- Academics & Think Tanks
- Government Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples & Organizations
- Other Organizations
- General Public
Toward the 2019–2022 FSDS

• The 2016–2019 FSDS raised the bar for sustainable development in Canada

• The draft 2019–2022 FSDS:
  − largely maintains the current strategy’s 13 aspirational goals
  − adds targets to reflect new initiatives, including the new Greening Government Strategy
  − updates short-term milestones with new priorities
  − strengthens linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda
  − maintains a strong focus on the role of partners and how all Canadians can make a difference
An overview of the draft FSDS

- Effective action on climate change
- Greening government
- Clean growth
- Modern and resilient infrastructure
- Clean energy
- Healthy coasts and oceans
- Pristine lakes and rivers
- Sustainably managed lands and forests
- Healthy wildlife populations
- Clean drinking water
- Sustainable food
- Connecting Canadians with nature
- Safe and healthy communities

29 Medium term targets
42 Federal organizations
Supporting the UN 2030 Agenda

- Canada is committed to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the 17 SDGs

- The 13 FSDS goals are a Canadian reflection of 12 environmentally-focused SDGs

The draft 2019 to 2022 FSDS strengthens connections to the 2030 Agenda, including through direct links between FSDS and SDG targets
To help shape this strategy, the government wants to hear from Canadians about:

- Their definition of sustainable development
- Their vision for a sustainable Canada and how well the FSDS goals align with it
- Their view of which sustainable development issues should be prioritized over the next 3 years
- Their thoughts on how the government can continue to address sustainable development challenges
- Their actions on what they’re doing to help build a more sustainable Canada
The e-Strategy: making the FSDS more accessible

Achieving a Sustainable Future:
A Federal Sustainable Development Strategy for Canada

Introducing
The Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS) is our primary vehicle for sustainable development planning and reporting. It sets out our sustainable development priorities, establishes clear targets, and identifies actions to achieve them.

What’s New
Canada’s draft 2019 to 2023 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy is open for public consultation until April 2, 2019. Share your thoughts on our plan for a greener, healthier, and more prosperous Canada for future generations.

Explore our goals
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  - Effective action on climate change
  - Greening government
  - Clean growth
  - Sustainable energy
  - Healthy, clean and green communities

GOAL: Effective action on climate change
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  - Target: Canada's GHG emissions
    - By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 30%, relative to 2005.
  - Short-term milestones: Carbon pricing
    - Work with provinces and territories to ensure carbon pricing is in place across Canada.
  - Short-term milestones: Methane emissions
    - Implement regulations starting in 2020 that will reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas industry.
  - Short-term milestones: Identify adaptation
    - By 2019, 60% of communities (based on a representative sample of 100 small, medium, and large communities) will have completed or developed and implemented their adaptation plans.
  - Short-term milestones: Low Carbon Economy Fund
    - By 2022, at least 50 projects across the country benefit from the Low Carbon Economy Fund.

Key priorities, Pan-Canadian Framework
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  - The Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, which...
  - Key priorities: Support for action to reduce emissions
    - We have launched the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund, which will allocate $1.4 billion...
  - Key priorities: Paris Agreement
    - We will continue to support international efforts to combat climate change, including...
  - Key priorities: Reducing reliance on diesel
    - We will support remote and northern communities in building resilience and reducing...
Amending the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*

- Bill C-57 was introduced on June 19, 2017
- The Bill would:
  - incorporate a strong results focus into the Act
  - expand the number of federal organizations that prepare sustainable development strategies from 26 to more than 90
  - promote close collaboration and coordinated action across government
  - set a higher bar for transparency with improved reporting and oversight
  - support an ongoing conversation with Indigenous peoples and all Canadians, respecting diversity and gender parity
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Discussion questions

• What is the next big challenge in sustainable development?

• What’s missing from our draft strategy?

• How could our targets and indicators better support transparency and accountability?

• What actions are you taking to advance sustainable development?
For more information or to contact us

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• Draft 2019–2022 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy
• Get involved
• 2018 FSDS Progress Report
• Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators
• The Federal Sustainable Development Act
• Bill C-57, an Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act