



The **Clerks and Cabinet Secretaries have previously stated** that to “... achieve meaningful and lasting results for the people we serve, governments need to work in new and inventive ways with a greater focus on what works and what doesn’t. Innovation can do more than just drive strong economic growth. It has the potential to solve the big challenges that we face as Canadians”. The establishment of trusted digital identities is the foundation required for us to jointly accomplish the goal of delivering real results to Canadians.

- Enabling digital society without borders and a modern and innovative government through the establishment, issuance and recognition of trusted digital identities, with no jurisdiction left behind;
- Ensuring individuals and other legal entities are empowered to share their digital identity information, issued by their jurisdiction, as they choose within the limits of the law;
- Confirming that the digital identity information, which is issued by jurisdictions will be interoperable, verifiable and respectful of privacy according to the established Pan-Canadian frameworks and standards for digital identity and authentication.

We are motivated to accelerate the work towards achieving our shared objectives. We will test and champion the changes to legislation, policies and practices that are required to realize improved digital identity within Canada. Rapid innovation is now the norm in the scientific, business and social sectors. Embracing this innovation is no less important in the public sector and is crucial to transforming government services and building inclusive, sustainable communities.

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