



# Canada's Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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# The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



- Adopted by Canada and all 193 United Nations Member States in September 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that cover the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainable development

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (continued)



- Overarching principle to leave no one behind
- A Global Indicator Framework (GIF) with 169 targets and 230+ indicators has been established to measure progress at the global level
- The 2030 Agenda provides a common framework for all levels of government, private sector, academia, and civil society to tackle the many challenges confronting humanity
- The 2030 Agenda is a shared responsibility – we all have a role to play



# Government of Canada's Commitment



- Budget 2018 included funding over 13 years:
  - \$49.4 M to establish an Sustainable Development Goals Unit and fund monitoring and reporting by Statistics Canada
  - \$59.8 M for an SDG Funding Program to support Canada's implementation of the SDGs
- At the federal level, the government is pursuing domestic and international policies that align well with the 2030 Agenda:
  - eliminating poverty;
  - reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;
  - advancing gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
  - taking action on climate change, clean energy, and oceans;
  - strengthening the middle-class.
- All government departments and agencies have a responsibility to advance progress on the SDGs that fall within their area of responsibility, including coordination with the provinces and territories

# Progress to Date



- Canada's first **Voluntary National Review** was presented to the United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2018
  - Domestic report that took stock of Canada's progress to date
  - Canada has agreed to present one additional VNR to the HLPF before 2030
- To inform implementation of the 2030 Agenda a first round of **public consultations** was held online and in-person from March to May 2019
- The **SDG Funding Program** (grants and contributions) was launched in summer 2019
  - Strong uptake in the Program since the launch: 600+ submissions from across the country
- An **interim National Strategy** was launched in June 2019 following nationwide consultations
  - Highlights the structures, partnerships, innovation and investment required to achieve the SDGs
  - Draft **Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF)** based on existing national data sources
  - Statistics Canada has launched the [SDG Data Hub](#) to report on Canada's progress

# National Landscape



- Given the jurisdictional roles in a number of areas related to the SDGs, the provinces and territories play a pivotal role in the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Many municipalities are adopting the SDGs as a frame to plan, deliver and measure the impact of their activities
- The private sector in Canada is leading the way with more and more companies and investors recognizing sustainable development and the SDGs as levers for innovation, growth, and competition
- Academic institutions and youth across the country are seized with sustainable development and social innovation and thousands of civil society organizations are participating in advancing the SDGs



## PARTNERSHIPS FOR SDGs

# Service Delivery and the SDGs



- Some of the greatest impact on the SDGs can happen at the provincial/territorial and local levels. Public services such as health, education, social services, housing, transportation, waste management, water access have a huge impact on peoples quality of life and well-being.
- Timely, accessible and responsive service delivery is critical to achieving the SDGs, building resilience and ensuring no one is left behind. This includes work on ensuring underserved populations have access to services and benefits, such as Indigenous people.
- Through service delivery innovations and transformations, we can collectively support the advancement of the SDGs in Canada.





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