Canada’s Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development Goals Unit
Employment and Social Development Canada
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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- The 2030 Agenda is a shared responsibility
- Includes: 17 Goals, 169 targets, 232 indicators
- Provides a common language
- Everyone has a role to play in implementing the 2030 Agenda
Government of Canada’s Commitment

Budget 2018 reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to the 2030 Agenda with funding for a SDG Unit, an SDG Funding Program and reporting by Statistics Canada.

Employment and Social Development leads the coordination of Canada’s implementation of the 2030 Agenda in collaboration with all ministers and departments.

At the federal level, all departments and agencies have a role to play in integrating the SDGs into their respective policies and programming.

The SDG Unit, housed in Employment and Social Development Canada is a central focal point for the Government of Canada:

- Raise public awareness of the SDGs
- Engage with provinces and territories, municipalities, Indigenous partners, civil society, businesses and academia on the development of a National Strategy
- Further policy coherence across the Government of Canada
- Report on progress towards the 2030 Agenda to Canadians
Key accomplishments to date

- **SEPTEMBER 2015**: The 2030 Agenda was adopted by Canada and all UN Member States
- **BUDGET 2018**: Funds were allocated for the creation of an SDG Unit, a Funding Program and reporting by Statistics Canada
- **JULY 2018**: Canada presented its first Voluntary National Review (VNR) to the UN
- **OCTOBER 2018**: The SDG Unit was created within ESDC
- **MARCH-MAY 2019**: Online and in-person consultations were held on the development of an interim strategy
- **MAY 2019**: Launch of the SDG Funding Program
- **JUNE 2019**: Launch of Towards Canada's 2030 Agenda National Strategy
- **JULY 2019**: UN's High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)
- **SEPTEMBER 2019**: UN's General Assembly (UNGA) / SDG Summit
- **NOVEMBER 2019**: Integration of the SDGs into planning tools (Departmental Plans and GBA+ Annex used for Budget proposals)
A Whole-of-Government Effort

Canada’s 2030 Agenda implementation approach

Poverty Reduction Strategy
Federal Sustainable Development Strategy
Feminist International Assistance Policy
Gender Results Framework
Innovation and Skills Plan

Food Policy for Canada
Oceans Protection Plan
National Cyber Security Strategy
18-20 National Action Plan on Open Government
Canada’s Anti-Racism Strategy 2019-2022

All other Government of Canada Strategies, Policies, Frameworks, Plans and stakeholders efforts
Monitoring and Reporting

- The SDG Unit coordinates reporting on Canada’s progress towards 2030 Agenda.
  - Voluntary National Reviews under the auspices of the United Nation’s High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development and other international fora.

Statistics Canada, in collaboration with the SDG Unit and other government departments, is leading the collection, compilation and reporting of statistical data for the Global Indicator Framework (GIF), which is the primary mechanism for monitoring and reporting global progress on the SDGs.

  - This reporting is done through the Statistics Canada SDG Data Hub.

To support domestic monitoring and reporting, countries are also encouraged to develop domestic indicators that reflect their national circumstances. Statistics Canada, in collaboration with the SDG Unit and other departments, is leading the development of the Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF).

  - The CIF includes indicators from existing federal frameworks, e.g. environmentally focused CIF indicators are from the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS).
National Landscape

- With 10 years to go, whole-of-society mobilization is critical to making strides on this ambitious framework.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.
On the Horizon

We look forward to continuing our collaborative work on the SDGs with stakeholders.

The Together 2020 National SDG Conference (Québec City, May 20th) is a key domestic gathering of all sectors working toward implementing the 2030 Agenda in Canada.

- Opportunity to highlight the Government of Canada’s efforts to advance progress on the 2030 Agenda.

The United Nations High-Level Political Forum (New York, July 14th-16th) will convene international leaders with a view of accelerating action and transformations to realize the UN’s Decade of Action for the SDGs.
How to Reach Us

The Government of Canada is continuing the conversation through various means:

**Online**

*Towards Canada’s 2030 Agenda National Strategy*

(English): canada2030agenda.ca

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