THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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About the strategy

- Required by the Federal Sustainable Development Act
- Supports transparency and accountability
- Provides a whole-of-government view of environmental sustainability
- Every 3 years, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change must:
  - consult for 120 days
  - table a strategy
  - table a progress report
The 2019–2022 FSDS

• Maintains the 13 aspirational goals presented in the 2016–2019 FSDS
• Adds targets to reflect new initiatives and public input
• Updates short-term milestones
• Strengthens linkages to the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda
• Maintains a strong focus on the role of partners and Canadians
## The 2019–2022 FSDS

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32 Medium term targets

42 Federal organizations
Factors that shape the strategy

• Public consultations, including comments from:
  • Provincial, territorial, and Indigenous governments
  • Businesses and non-governmental organizations
  • Parliamentary committees
  • The Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development
  • The Sustainable Development Advisory Council
  • Individual Canadians

• Government priorities, including implementing the UN 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development
FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
PUBLIC CONSULTATION 2018-2019

120 DAYS OF CONSULTATION

250 000+ PEOPLE

500 CITIES

40+ PRESENTATIONS AND WEBINARS

1000+ ATTENDEES

WE HEARD FROM
Provinces, territories & municipalities
Indigenous peoples
Business and industry associations
Environmental NGOs & not-for-profits
Academia
General public

500+ COMMENTS

CHANNELS
e-Strategy 56%
Email 26%
“Get Involved” 16%
Advisory Council 2%
What we heard: Canadians’ sustainable development priorities

- Urgent action on climate change
- Renewable energy with a just transition for workers
- Zero-emission vehicles
- Awareness and education
- Balancing economic growth and ecological protection
- Linking agriculture, land use and human health
- Conserving ecosystems

- Sustainable urban planning
- Water management
- Support for reconciliation
- Advancing the circular economy
What we heard: suggestions for improvement

- More ambitious targets informed by the principle of intergenerational equity
- Increased coverage of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals
- Better address the social and economic dimensions of sustainable development
- Implement amendments to the Federal Sustainable Development Act
- Greater transparency and accountability
What we did

- Added a target on zero-emission vehicles
- Revised our Sustainable Food goal to highlight action on competitiveness and health
- Strengthened targets across the FSDS
- Expanded the suite of indicators and performance measures used to track progress
- Clarified linkages between targets, indicators and action plans
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 2019–2022 FSDS strengthens connection to the 2030 Agenda, including through direct links between FSDS and SDG targets
Amending the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*

• An Act to Amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act comes into force on December 1, 2020. It will:

  • expand the number of federal organizations that prepare sustainable development strategies 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
Measuring progress
an important part of transparency

• Performance measurement is an essential part of our sustainable development approach
• Expectations for specific, measurable and ambitious targets
  • Ensure indicators are appropriate for determining progress and not just broad performance measures.
  • Include baseline data and trends
• Indicators used to measure and report on progress are largely drawn from the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI) program
CESI Program
Prime vehicle for informing progress on the FSDS

- Integrated federal reporting vehicle providing indicators and information on key Canadian environmental issues
- Provides information at the national and, where possible, regional, local and international levels
- Information is publicly released on CESI web portal – the lead Government of Canada portal providing environmental indicators and information
Transparent methods and results, publicly available

Accessible to the general public

Available for download through Open Data

Results and Data sources and methods

Interactive maps with local data
CESI supporting the 2019 to 2022 FSDS

Effective action on climate change
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Greenhouse gas intensity
- Greenhouse gas emissions by economic sector
- Progress towards Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction target
- Temperature change
- Snow cover
- Arctic sea ice

Greening government
- Progress towards Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction target
- Solid waste diversion and disposal

Healthy coasts and oceans
- Canada’s conserved areas (marine)
- Sustainable fish harvest
- Shellfish harvest area quality
- Status of major fish stocks
- Marine pollution spills
- Monitoring disposal at sea
- Eelgrass sites and trends (in development)

Pristine lakes and rivers
- Phosphorus loading in Lake Erie (in development)
- Nutrients in Lake Winnipeg
- Phosphorus levels in the offshore waters of the Great Lakes
- Nutrients in the St. Lawrence River
- Restoring the Great Lakes Areas of Concern
- Water quality in Canadian rivers
- Water quantity in Canadian rivers
- Metal mining effluent quality
- Pulp and paper effluent quality

Sustainably managed lands and forests
- Canada’s conserved areas (terrestrial)
- Ecological integrity of national parks
- Sustainability of timber harvest
- Extent of Canada’s wetland
- Land use change (in development)

Healthy wildlife populations
- Species at risk population trends
- Status of wild species
- Population status of Canada’s migratory birds
- Changes in the status of wildlife species at risk

Clean drinking water
- Number of long term drinking water advisories affecting First Nations drinking water systems
- Drinking water advisories in Canada

Sustainable food
- Management of Canada’s aquaculture
- Wildlife habitat capacity on agricultural land

Safe and healthy communities
- Air pollutant emissions
- Population exposure to outdoor air pollution (in development)
- Air Health Trend Indicator
- Air quality
- Human exposure to harmful substances
- PBDE in fish and sediment
- PFOS in fish and water
- Release of harmful substances to water
- Emissions of harmful substances to air

Legend:
Indicator measuring progress toward the target
Complementary contextual indicator
For more information or to contact us

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- Get involved
- 2018 FSDS Progress Report
- Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators
- The Federal Sustainable Development Act
- An Act to amend the Federal Sustainable Development Act