Canada's National Adaptation Strategy

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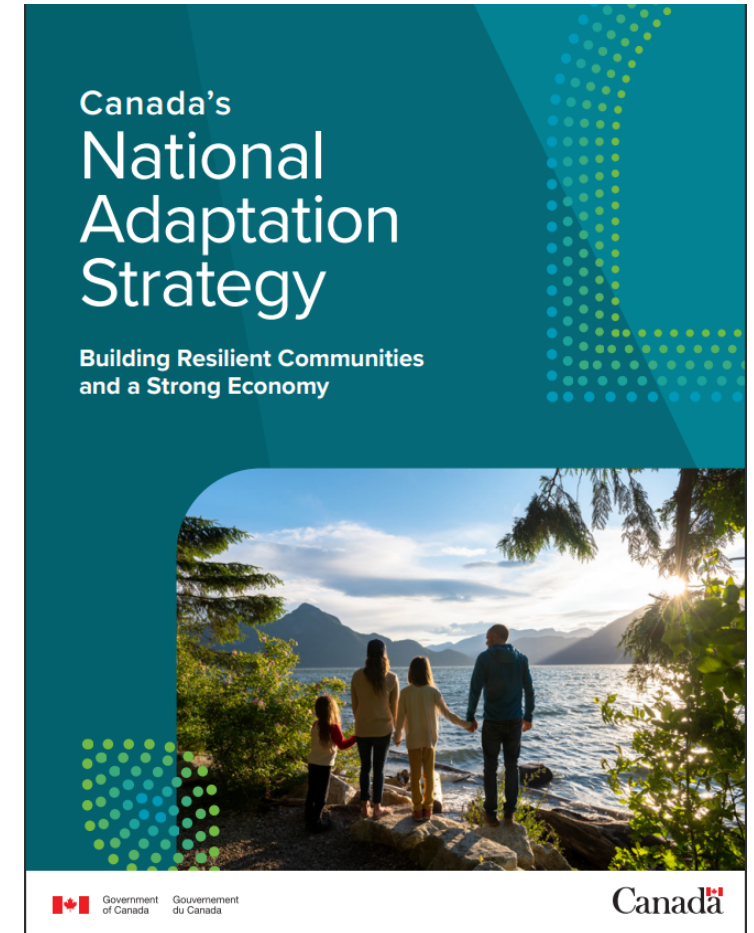
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- **Released in June 2023**, following two years of engagement

- **Sets national goals, objectives, and targets** to advance readiness for climate change impacts across Canada

- **Ensures progress over time** through cyclical design, a monitoring and evaluation framework, and progress reports

- **Advances priority action** through three implementation mechanisms:
  - Government of Canada Adaptation Action Plan
  - Federal-Provincial and Federal-Territorial Action Plans
  - Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda
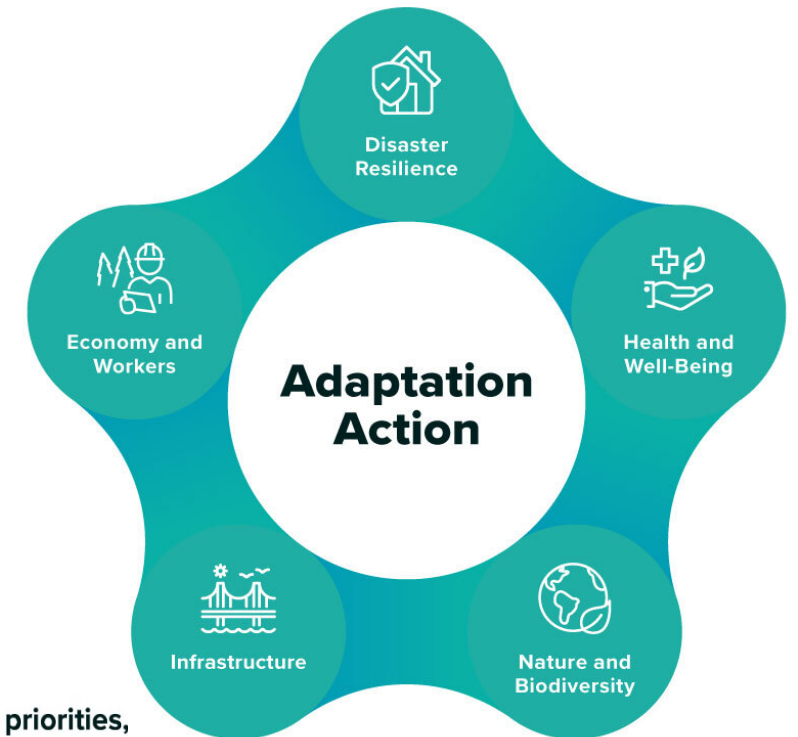
National Adaptation Strategy Overall Approach

Guiding Principles

Guiding principles ensure we achieve that vision in a just and equitable way.

Vision
A shared vision to set long-term, overall direction for climate change resilience in Canada.

2050 Goals
Long-term goals set specific transformational direction in each of the NAS systems.

2030 Objectives
Medium-term objectives outline key milestones needed to make progress toward the goals.

Near-term Targets
Near-term targets identify key priorities for immediate action, driving whole-of-society effort.

Action Plans
Action plans outline immediate priorities, enable accountability, and focus investments for the next five years.

Transformational goals, objectives, and targets under five key systems

Adaptation Action
- Disaster Resilience
- Health and Well-Being
- Nature and Biodiversity
- Infrastructure
- Economy and Workers

National Adaptation Strategy Implementation

Government of Canada Adaptation Action Plan (GOCAAP)

- **Inventory of Government of Canada measures** that will contribute to NAS goals, objectives, and targets
- Includes **new and existing investments and programming** (over 70 actions across 22 federal departments and agencies)
- Acknowledges that **climate resilience requires alignment of efforts** horizontally across the federal government and with partners and stakeholders

Federal-Provincial / Territorial (FPT) Action Plans

- **Establish bilateral mechanisms** to support PT adaptation priorities
- **Aim to facilitate coordination, cooperation, and exchange of best practices** between different orders of government
- **Respect and respond to local circumstances**, differing climate risks, and different levels of readiness in each province and territory

Indigenous Climate Leadership (ICL)

- **Co-developed** with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, a partnership model to advance **self-determined Indigenous climate actions** (mitigation and adaptation)
- Supported the development of regional and national Indigenous climate change strategies and action plans

Implementation with Key Stakeholders

Achieving the goals and objectives of the National Adaptation Strategy will require whole-of-society action where **the local and regional level is key**.

Local and regional governments

- **At the forefront of climate adaptation**, providing a lens into local circumstance and directly involving local communities in adaptation efforts.
- **Integrate adaptation considerations into decisions** (e.g., land-use planning; water supply and wastewater management; flood and wildfire risk management).

The private sector

- **Make direct investments** to develop innovative technical, financial and operational solutions that increase climate resilience and support adaptation action across the economy.
- Increase number of **private-public partnerships** to fund innovative projects.
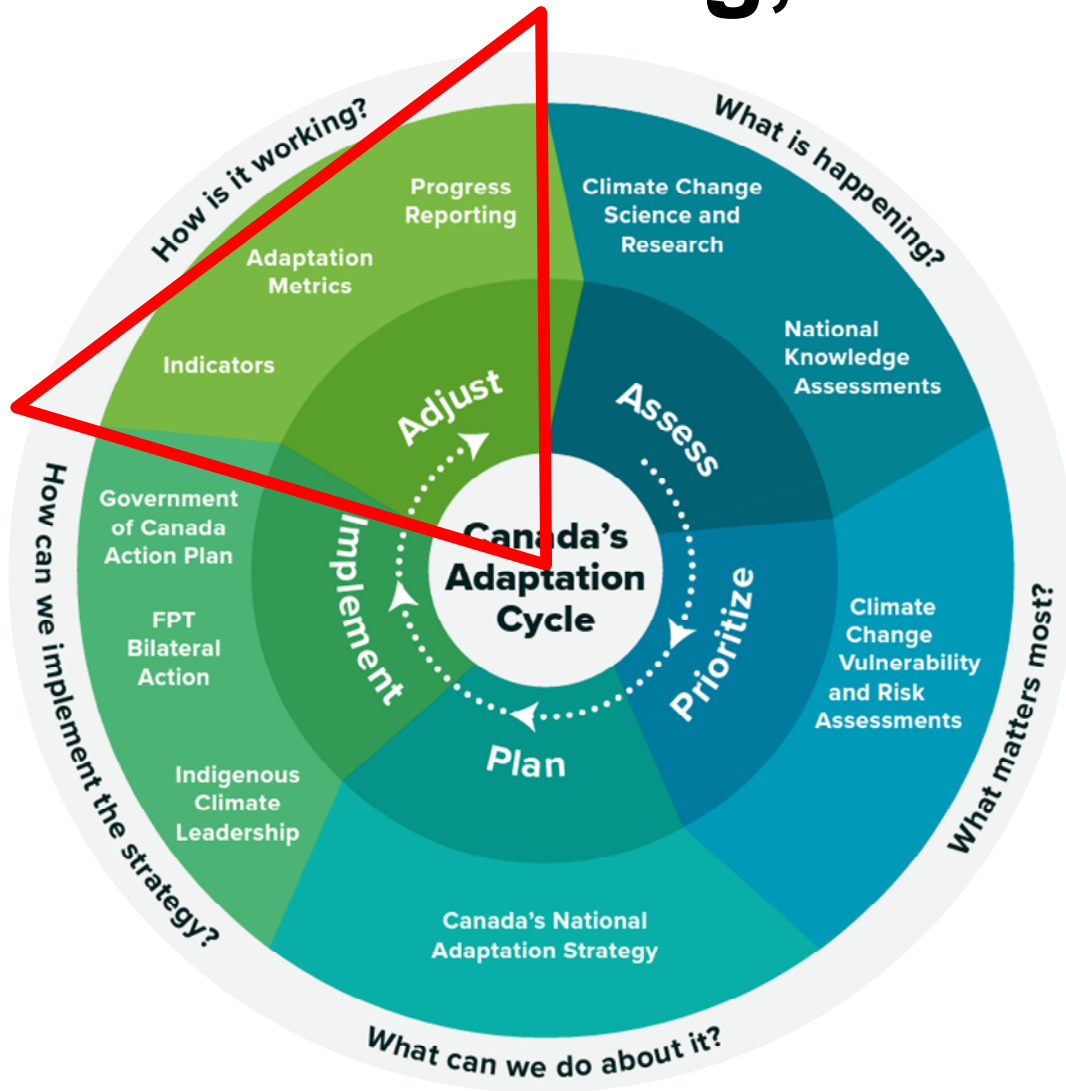
Academic institutions, researchers, scientists, and NGOs

- **Undertake climate adaptation research** including in innovative solutions and adaptive management.
- **Work with governments and other partners** to understand, assess, and **mobilize knowledge** about climate impacts and develop new technology and innovative solutions.

Communities and individuals

- **Integrate adaptation in decisions** to protect health, safety, and assets at the individual, household, family or community level.
- **Act on right to express and continue to advocate for their values** and preferences for how adaptation is implemented in communities and across the country**.**

Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting

Adaptation Policy Cycle

- The NAS sets **long-term transformational goals (2050), medium-term objectives (2030)** and **near-term targets** for each system and foundational elements.

- It includes an initial set of **13 indicators** to track progress at a national level.

- The federal government committed to:

  - Work with other levels of government, Indigenous Peoples, and experts **to build on the initial set of indicators.**

  - **Lead the development of a progress report midway through the Strategy's cycle, informed by actions across the country.**

Questions?

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