



Federal Sustainability Strategy



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The Federal Sustainable Development Strategy

Presentation to the Stakeholders

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Sustainable development: A priority for the Government of Canada

- A clean environment and a strong economy go hand in hand.
- Protecting the environment and growing the economy are not incompatible goals.
- The government is committed to leaving future generations of Canadians a sustainable and prosperous country.
- Engaging Canadians in what a sustainable Canada looks like is also important.



FSDS goals, targets and actions

- The draft 2016-2019 strategy proposes five high-level, aspirational goals:
 - Taking action on climate change
 - Clean technology, jobs and innovation
 - National parks, protected areas and ecosystems
 - Freshwater and oceans
 - Human health, well-being and quality of life
- It presents 36 targets, including five that are new for this cycle.
- It reflects federal government priorities as set out in ministerial mandate letters and in the Speech from the Throne.



The Sustainable Development Goals

- UN member countries adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets in September, 2015.



- The SDGs are universally applicable and incorporate environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.
- Canada is working with other UN member states to develop a follow-up and review process, including indicators to measure the SDGs and targets.



Discussion Questions

- What do you think about the FSDS?
- How do you think we can ensure accountability and transparency for goals and targets?
- What role do you think the FSDS should play in Canada's response to the Sustainable Development Goals?
- Share your comments with us through the [2016-2019 FSDS – Consultation draft](#), [Let's Talk Sustainability](#) or the Sustainable Development Office: ec.durabilite-sustainability.ec@canada.ca



Environmental Organizations and their Networks Can Have a Voice

- Reviewing and commenting on needed short term changes in the current draft
- Working with members, the public, Provincial Government, Federal Government to develop SDG awareness of and involvement in Mainstreaming the provisions of the Sustainability Development Objectives and Goals
- Participating in the consultation process to develop an improved Federal Environmental Sustainability Act and the Goals and Initiatives.