CO-DEVELOPING AN INDIGENOUS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AGENDA

"Co-develop, on a distinctions-basis, an Indigenous Climate Leadership agenda which builds regional and national capacity and progressively vests authorities and resources for climate action in the hands of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis and representative organizations" (commitment in "Strengthened Climate Plan")

Overall Objective

Indigenous peoples and Canada collaborate to build a better system for partnership; one where important decisions about national climate policy are made together, and the resources necessary to take climate action are easy to access.

Potential Outcomes

Transfer of federal funding

Over time, Canada phases out some or all climate programs and works with Indigenous governments and organizations to **develop a system to transfer funding directly.**

Collaborative decision-making on climate

Indigenous peoples have a meaningful and clear role in federal climate policy decision-making and governance.

Support for climate leadership

Indigenous peoples have the **long-term support for the factors for success necessary to lead on priorities** and respond to climate threats in their communities and on their lands.

From (challenges we've heard)

Application-based; 60+ siloed funding programs; varied processes; short-term funding; Canada sets priorities.

Indigenous peoples engaged late or not at all; fatigue; direction set by Canada; decisions made in isolation.

Support for the "factors for success" (e.g. capacity) to take climate action is limited, varied, and/or unpredictable.

To (how ICL could address)

Allocation-based; larger pots of \$; grants; holistic support for climate strategies; communities define priorities.

A seat at the table in decision-making; sustained capacity and early engagement.

Sustained support to build/grow the capacity, expertise, and institutions (etc.) necessary to implement climate actions.

Approach

Phase 1: Co-development (2022-25, where we are now)

Planning

Co-development and Identification of Options

Fall 2022

- Planning for codevelopment.
- National-level discussions.

Fall 2022 to Summer 2024

Discussions with Indigenous governments, communities, rightsholders, and other organizations to identify needs, priorities, & options for First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Climate Leadership Strategies

Recommendations

Fall 2024 to Winter 2025

- Recommendations to leadership on a path forward.
- Authorities for Phase 2.

Phase 2: Implementation (2025+)

Long-term Implementation

Spring 2025, onwards

 Long-term implementation of the Indigenous Climate Leadership Agenda and distinctions-based strategies.

