



# INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

## Mission

Through climate-conscious services and programs, Indigenous Services Canada supports Indigenous peoples to build climate resiliency and advance self-determined climate actions.

## Principles

Action is Needed Now - Reconciliation - Indigenous Climate Leadership - Service Transfer Collaboration & Integration - Openness & Transparency

## PILLAR 1 | Building Capacity and Resilience through High-Quality Services and Programs

**| 2028 Outcome |** ISC delivers high-quality services and programs that are climate resilient and that support Indigenous communities to identify, prioritize and fund self-determined climate actions.

### | 2025 Objectives |

- Develop tools and processes to demonstrate progress on the integration of climate change considerations in ISC program and service delivery across sectors
- Co-develop priority actions with Indigenous communities to improve adaptive capacity and advance climate action across sectors
- Mobilize funding for priority actions to enhance resilience in Indigenous communities
- Co-develop and advance capacity-building and knowledge sharing opportunities with Indigenous communities to support Indigenous-led climate actions
- Build on and integrate with existing federal initiatives and programs

### | 2024 Potential Activities |

- Identify and document priority climate risks and adaptation opportunities
- Start engagement to jointly prioritize and advance community-based climate planning exercises
- Commence study on investment requirements and co-develop recommendations on investment priorities for climate action
- Identify key areas for enhancement of funding mechanisms
- Support engagement to identify and co-develop recommendations for Indigenous capacity building initiatives

- Support engagement with Indigenous partners to begin co-development of tools and processes for integrating climate change considerations into existing and new community capacity building initiatives and workplans for the transfer of control of services
- Recognizing role of connectivity in adaptive capacity, advocate for and leverage improved connectivity in Indigenous communities
- Begin developing and implementing new processes, practices and/or tools to integrate climate considerations into key ISC programs and services

## PILLAR 2 | Coordinating Delivery on Climate Action

**| 2028 Outcome |** ISC is a model within the federal government for the coordinated delivery of climate-resilient programs and services for and with Indigenous communities.

### | 2025 Objectives |

- Enhance ISC internal capacity to integrate identified climate change considerations into the delivery of high-quality services and programs
- Clarify existing mandates, roles and responsibilities within ISC, and establish needed internal and horizontal governance and coordination mechanisms
- Enhance communication of climate action opportunities to local, regional and national Indigenous partners
- Contribute to horizontal efforts to improve efficiencies in federal climate funding and program delivery for Indigenous communities
- Heighten ISC visibility on climate action across Indigenous partners, government and the general public

### | 2024 Potential Activities |

- Develop an annual implementation plan to achieve Strategy outcomes
- Establish a Climate Change Hub manage and coordinate the delivery of the Strategy
- Assess internal staffing (FTES and expertise) and funding required to implement priority areas
- Monitor key federal plans and initiatives for supporting Indigenous climate action
- Re-examine MOU with CIRNAC to establish formal roles and responsibilities on climate action

- Track and communicate updates regarding ISC's role in GOC in climate initiatives
- Establish a Climate Change Governance Committee
- Establish an interim Indigenous Advisory Committee
- Support OGDs in development and application of Integrated Climate Lens
- Establish mechanisms for regional/HQ collaboration and information sharing
- Establish a climate change risk function in the Climate Change Hub
- Collaborate to advocate for climate action support for Indigenous Peoples

## PILLAR 3 | Sharing Data and Information

**| 2028 Outcome |** ISC develops and maintains data and information to assess progress towards Indigenous community resilience, and collaborates with Indigenous partners on departmental data sharing, accessibility, and integration of Indigenous knowledge.

### | 2025 Objectives |

- In partnership with Indigenous communities, establish initial performance indicators and data sources to assess progress on community climate resilience and ISC climate change initiatives
- Establish governance standards at ISC for the collection and use of community sourced data consistent with OCAP®
- Provide climate data and information to inform ISC business planning and reporting processes
- Publish an annual internal report on implementation status
- Work with other government departments to ensure data sharing on climate action across the federal family
- Promote Indigenous traditional knowledge and engagement with Elders and knowledge keepers on climate change

### | 2024 Potential Activities |

- Conduct a broad scan of key climate and data sources including Indigenous traditional ecological knowledge
- Begin engagement on the development of a climate data governance approach
- Explore options for the creation or adaptation of an online portal for key climate data and develop a plan to fill data gaps
- Develop a reporting framework for ISC progress on climate action

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- Develop a framework for public facing communications
- Collaborate with CIRNAC-funded community climate vulnerability assessments
- Promote engagement with the Knowledge Circle on Indigenous Inclusion and other related fora on Indigenous traditional knowledge