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Indigenous Clean Energy Pathways

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Advancing Indigenous inclusion in Canada's clean energy transition

The leading platform in accelerating **First Nations, Inuit, and Métis participation in clean energy projects** from coast to coast to coast.

ICE supports Indigenous communities to be clean energy change agents through capacity building, skills development, career training, and mentorship with hands-on programming.



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Energy Landscape

- Colonial legacies
- Decentralized Energy
- Provincial/Territorial Regulation
- Indigenous Communities
 - Remote
 - Semi peripheral
 - Urban
- Utility Regimes

Support Pathways for Communities

- Indigenous clean energy capacity-building programs
- Community energy planning and mapping
- Equity and partnerships
- Energy and finance literacy
- Collaboration and networking
- Project ownership models
- Project planning and management
- Indigenous-led standards of practice
- Mentorship
- Community Benefit Agreements
- Regionally-specific resources
- Needs based collaborative design



20/20 Catalysts Program

ICE's award-winning capacity building program has equipped over 100 participants with tools and resources to become clean energy leaders.

This interactive three-month program connects First Nations, Inuit and Métis Catalysts to a network of clean energy project mentors and coaching specialists involved in project development both on and off-grid.



Okikendawt Hydro Power Project

- 10 Megawatt (MW) generation through two turbines integrated with existing water control structure
- 40 year Feed-in-Tariff (FIT) power purchase agreement
- Dokis First Nation 40% ownership, Hydromega 60% ownership
- Community informed Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA)
- Capacity-building; job creation; changing of policy and regulatory frameworks; FPIC minimum standard; blended finance; fair and equitable partnerships with ongoing accountability



Generation Power

Generation Power is designed to engage both Indigenous youth and energy sector employers, positioning Indigenous leadership as an essential component of Canada's clean energy transition.

The program's overarching objective is to enhance clean energy literacy among Indigenous youth participants and encourage energy employers to examine their ability to attract and retain Indigenous talent.





IMAGENATION
Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program

ImaGENation



Facilitated in partnership between [SevenGen](#), [Indigenous Clean Energy](#), and [Student Energy](#).

ImaGENation (Imagine-Nation) is a brand-new capacity building program that will support Indigenous youth to launch a clean energy project grounded in cultural identity, mentorship, and peer-to-peer support.

Bringing It Home: Project Accelerator

- Diving deep on energy efficiency and providing funding to get projects planned.
- Virtual and in-person training plus one-on-one mentorship.
- Flexible, phased funding to help with project development.



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Global Hub

The Global Hub goal is to support Indigenous communities around the world from a decolonial approach to advance global Indigenous solidarity and create community-led energy systems. This initiative is an expression that the world's 476 million Indigenous people should play a central role in the global transition to a clean energy future.

Utilizing lessons learned and best practices from Turtle Island, the Global Hub works with Indigenous relations, governing bodies, civil society groups, utilities, the private sector, and other relevant regional groups to build rights-centered and impact oriented just transitions for sustainable communities.





Supportive Energy Policies

- Aboriginal Adder (Ontario)
 - Nothing can happen without the community
 - Interests protected
 - Ownership leads to more points > and revenue in procurement
- Partnership Requirements (BC)
 - Must have Indigenous partnership
 - Capacity and models needed
- Pricing and point systems on local participation and other benefits
- Auction
 - Set requirements for entry
- Procurement regime (Nova Scotia)
 - One project must be Indigenous owned
 - Local community where it is near getting some local benefits
- 600-MW Wind Procurement with Majority Indigenous Ownership (MB)
 - Manitoba Affordable Energy Plan



A photograph of two workers in safety gear (hard hats and high-visibility vests) reviewing plans outdoors. The worker in the foreground is wearing a white hard hat and an orange high-visibility vest with reflective stripes. The worker in the background is wearing a white hard hat and a yellow high-visibility vest. They are both looking at a set of plans held by the worker in the foreground. The background shows a clear blue sky and a green field.

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