



COMPENDIUM OF CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND INSTRUMENTS

Canada-France Climate and Environment Partnership

SUBJECT CATEGORY:

Environmental Cooperation

TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:

Bilateral

FORM:

Cooperative Framework

STATUS:

- Signed by Canada April 16, 2018

LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:

Lead: Global Affairs Canada

Partners: Environment and Climate Change Canada, Transport Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Finance Canada

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**Web Links:**

[Text of the Canada-France Climate and Environment Partnership](#)

[Announcement of Efforts to Develop a France-Canada Partnership on Climate](#)

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[ECCC Inquiry Centre](#)

COMPENDIUM EDITION:

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PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

The Canada-France Climate and Environment Partnership is a 2-year agreement signed in 2018 between the parties to support the fight against climate change by promoting and implementing the Paris Agreement. Under the partnership, the parties commit to cooperate in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in international ground, sea and air transport, promoting energy efficiency, pricing carbon emissions, developing green finance initiatives, strengthening collaboration in climate change science, helping developing countries increase energy efficiency, and advancing nature-based approaches for climate change mitigation.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Partnership is to promote and support the quick implementation of the Paris Agreement at home and abroad.

KEY ELEMENTS

Canada and France commit to nine cooperation actions for 2018-2019:

1. Reducing international ground, sea and air transport emissions
2. Promoting energy efficiency
3. Measuring and pricing carbon emissions
4. Promoting sustainable development issues in international bodies
5. Including climate in development assistance actions
6. Reducing emissions in the forestry and agriculture sectors
7. Strengthening collaboration on climate change science as well as research and innovation
8. Developing green finance and budgeting
9. Advancing ecosystem and nature-based approaches for climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies

EXPECTED RESULTS

Through the nine cooperation actions enumerated above, Canada and France expect to support domestic and international action to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement.

CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT

This partnership is important to Canada because it supports our commitment to the Paris Agreement and climate action. In addition, the partnership also increases Canada's cooperation

with France, an important ally on environment and climate change.

Canada is implementing this agreement by cooperating with France within multilateral fora to achieve mutual objectives on climate change and the environment; engaging with counterparts in France to share information and increase dialogue on areas of mutual interest; and cooperating with France on initiatives that support the nine cooperation actions enumerated above.

RESULTS / PROGRESS

Activities

Canada and France are continuing to work together on multiple initiatives under the nine cooperative actions of this partnership.

For example, on October 22 to 25, 2018, Canada held with France a [training workshop on climate negotiations for 15 francophone negotiators from the sub-Saharan region in Dakar, Senegal](#). The workshop was offered in French for the first time, and aimed to help participants develop the personal skills, competencies, and knowledge they need for international negotiations, decision-making, and the development of climate change policies.