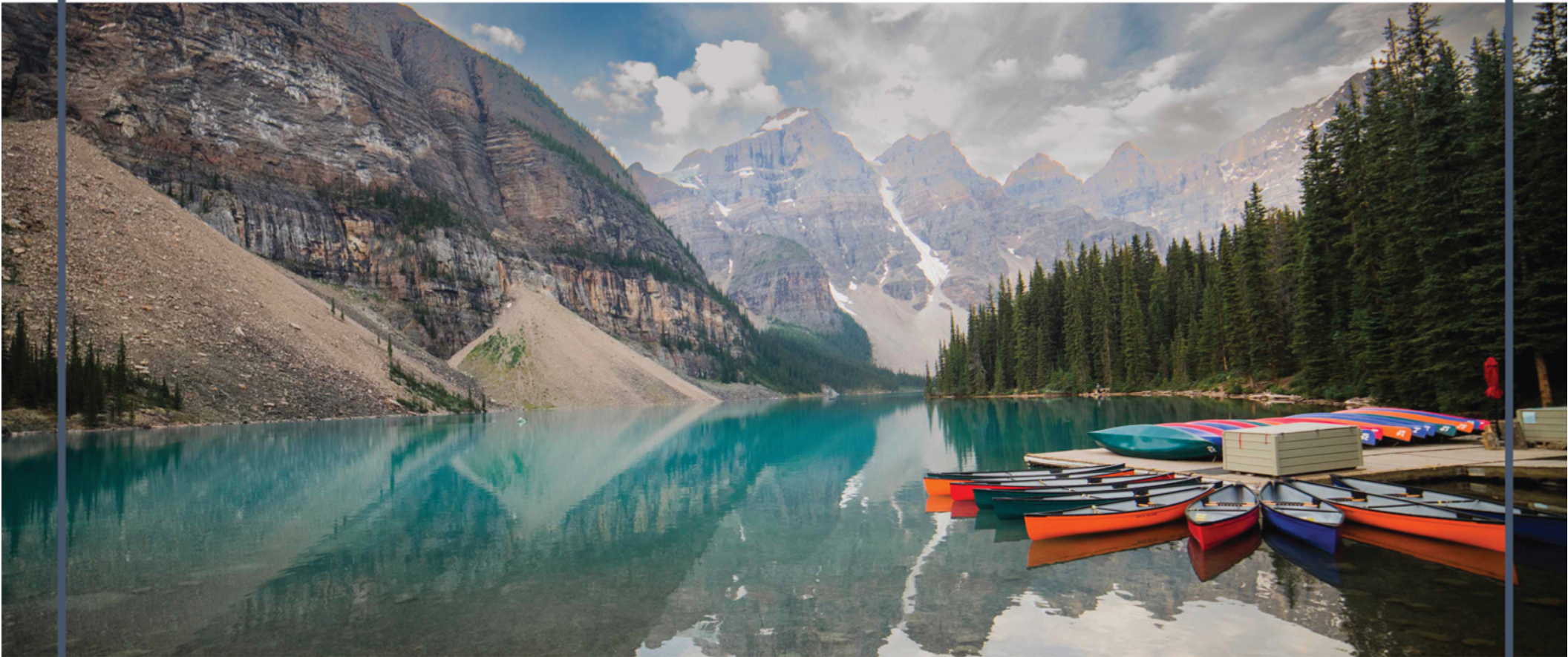




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Executive Summary

Created by an Act of Parliament in 1875, the Supreme Court of Canada is Canada's final court of appeal. It serves Canadians by deciding legal issues of public importance, thereby contributing to the development of all branches of law applicable within Canada.

The independence of the Court, the quality of its work and the esteem in which it is held both in Canada and abroad contribute significantly as foundations for a secure, strong and democratic country founded on the Rule of Law. The Supreme Court of Canada is an important national institution, positioned at the pinnacle of the judicial branch of government in Canada, separate from and independent of the executive and legislative branches of government.

The Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada (ORSCC) provides all necessary services and support for the Court to process, hear and decide cases. It also serves as the interface between litigants and the Court.

In working towards achieving a sustainable future, the ORSCC is contributing to Goals 10, 12, and 13 of the [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy](#) (FSDS).

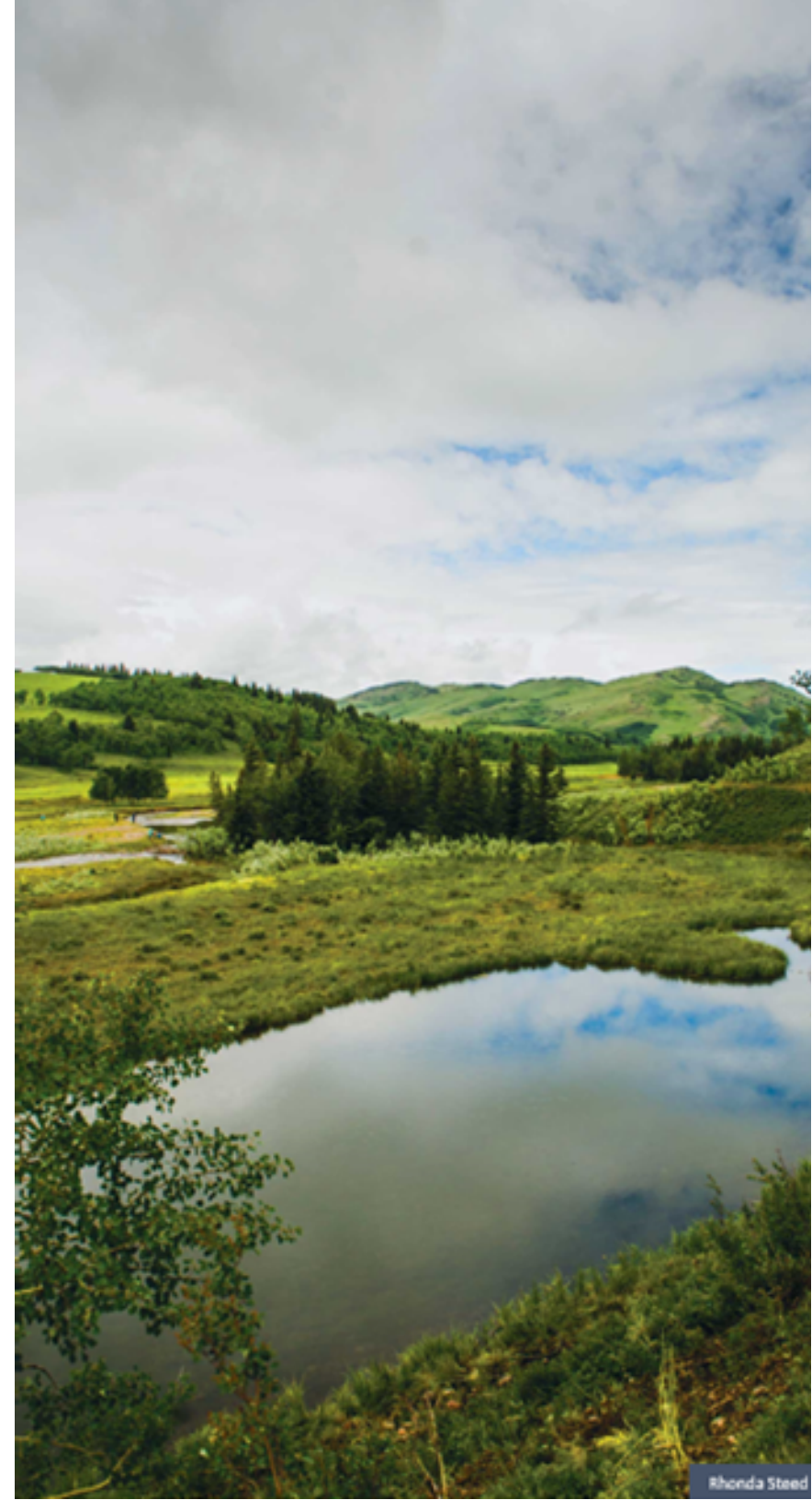
This Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS) provides details on the how the ORSCC will contribute to these goals, with specific and measurable targets and indicators over the FSDS timeline of 2022-2026.

SECTION 1

Introduction to the Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

The [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy](#) (FSDS) presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#). This is the first FSDS to be framed using the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and provides a balanced view of the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

In keeping with the purpose of the Act, to make decision-making related to sustainable development more transparent and accountable to Parliament, the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada (ORSCC) supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in this Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS).



The [*Federal Sustainable Development Act*](#) also sets out [7 principles](#) that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated in the ORSCC's DSDS.

In order to promote coordinated action on sustainable development across the Government of Canada, this departmental strategy integrates efforts to advance Canada's implementation of the 2030 Agenda National Strategy, supported by the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) and Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF) targets and indicators. The strategy also now captures SDG initiatives that fall outside the scope of the FSDS to inform the development of the Canada's Annual Report on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

SECTION 2

The Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada's Sustainable Development Vision

The Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada (ORSCC) is supporting the [Federal Sustainable Development Strategy](#) (FSDS), which includes the following United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals:

- Goal 10: Advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and take action to reduce inequality
 - [Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)
- Goal 12: Reduce Waste and transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs)
 - Transform the federal light-duty fleet
 - Strengthen green procurement criteria
- Goal 13: Take action on climate change and its impacts
 - Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations

The ORSCC is committed to advancing sustainable development and is supporting the [Greening Government Strategy](#) as well as the [implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act](#).

The ORSCC places a high priority on pursuing its work towards the adaptation of its business processes to an electronic environment, with a view to continuously improve electronic access to the Court's case files and information, both for internal use by the Court as well as by the public and litigants and therefore enhancing access to justice for all Canadians. When parties to a case are unable to attend a hearing in person, they are able to connect

remotely. Having the ability to connect remotely, reduces travel requirements for Canadians accessing the judicial system. The Court has also implemented virtual tours of the SCC building, inspiring people across Canada to learn about the Court without needing to travel to Ottawa.

In January 2023, the ORSCC also launched a secure electronic filing portal for court documents. This is another example of the Court's commitment to further enhance access to Court documents, while also reducing its environmental footprint by leveraging technology.

The ORSCC integrates sustainable development considerations into its purchasing decision-making processes through training, technology, inclusion of 'green' reminders on procurement request forms, as well as pre-selected green items when procuring office supplies and office furniture. The ORSCC has also started to electrify its fleet of vehicles.

By adapting its processes for delivering information and services electronically, favouring green alternatives within its operations, and staff training and awareness, the ORSCC will continue to make progress towards achieving a sustainable future.

SECTION 3

Listening to Canadians

As required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#), the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada (ORSCC) has taken into account comments on the draft 2022-2026 FSDS made during the public consultation held from March 11 to July 9, 2022. During the public consultation, more than 700 comments were received from a broad range of stakeholders, including governments, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, businesses, and individual Canadians in different age groups and of various backgrounds. The draft FSDS was also shared with the appropriate committee of each House of Parliament, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Sustainable Development Advisory Council for their review and comment.

What We Heard

Across the submissions received, the ORSCC identified sustainable development priorities and issues that affect us.

Indigenous perspectives

The reconciliation and respect for Indigenous rights were strong themes in the consultations. The ORSCC includes the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goal through the activities described in this Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS):

- Goal 10: Advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and take action to reduce inequality
 - [Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

Climate action

Respondents wanted to understand how Canada's Emissions Reduction Plan and carbon neutrality target support Canada's commitments under the Paris Agreement to limit global warming. The ORSCC includes the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goal through the activities described in this DSDS:

- Goal 12: Reduce Waste and transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs)
 - Transform the federal light-duty fleet
 - Strengthen green procurement criteria

The respondents indicated the SDG 13 (Climate Action) as a top priority. The ORSCC includes the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goal through the activities described in this DSDS:

- Goal 13: Take action on climate change and its impacts
 - Implement the [Greening Government Strategy](#) through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations

What We Did

The ORSCC took the above-mentioned key priorities and issues into consideration in this DSDS.

The ORSCC is contributing to the following implementation strategies:

- The [Greening Government Strategy](#)
- The implementation of the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People Act](#).

Please find more information on the FSDS public consultation and its results in the [FSDS Consultation Report](#)

SECTION 4

The Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada's Commitments





GOAL 10: ADVANCE RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE INEQUALITY

FSDS Context:

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- Goal 10: Advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and take action to reduce inequality

Target theme: Advancing reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis communities

Target: Between 2023 and 2026, and every year on an ongoing basis, develop and table annual progress reports on [implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)

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<p>Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</p>	<p>Provide Indigenous cultural competency training and/or training on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of staff who have completed Indigenous cultural competency training</p> <p>Starting point: 0% in 2022-23</p> <p>Target: 100% by March 31, 2027</p>	<p>Public servants are in a unique position to help build respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. This action encourages public service employees to increase their cultural competency skills and awareness of issues related to First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada, and their knowledge of the UN Declaration. This action contributes to the development of necessary cultural competency knowledge and skills to implement the UN Declaration</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>GIF Target: 10.3</i> Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard.</p>



GOAL 12: REDUCE WASTE AND TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

FSDS Context:

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- Goal 12: Reduce Waste and transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs)

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

Target: The Government of Canada's procurement of goods and services will be net-zero emission by 2050, to aid the transition to a net-zero, circular economy (All Ministers)

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<p>Transform the federal light-duty fleet</p>	<p>The conventional light-duty fleet will comprise zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) or hybrids</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: % of vehicle fleet that are ZEVs or hybrid</p> <p>Starting point: 33% in 2022-23</p> <p>Target: At least 50% by March 31, 2027</p>	<p>Purchasing zero emission vehicles reduces greenhouse gas emissions from conventional fleet operations. This enhances sustainable consumption</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.1 Canadians consume in a sustainable manner <i>CIF Indicator:</i> 12.1.1 Proportion of new light-duty vehicle registrations that are zero-emission vehicles <i>GIF Target:</i> 12.1 Implement the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries</p>

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<p>Strengthen green procurement criteria</p>	<p>Ensure all procurement and materiel management specialists are trained in green procurement (such as, the Canada School of Public Service course on green procurement, or equivalent) within one year of being identified</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of procurement and materiel management specialists trained in green procurement within one year of being identified</p> <p>Starting point: In 2022-23, 67% (2/3)</p> <p>Target: By March 31, 2025, 100% (3) of procurement officers and materiel management specialists receive training within one year of being identified</p>	<p>Green procurement incorporates environmental considerations into purchasing decisions and is expected to motivate suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services they deliver, and their supply chains</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> Canadians consume in a sustainable manner <i>CIF Indicator:</i> 12.2.1 Proportion of businesses that adopted selected environmental protection activities and management practices <i>GIF Target:</i> 12.7 Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities</p>

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	<p>Ensure key officials include contribution to and support for the Government of Canada Policy on Green Procurement objectives in their performance evaluations</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Number and percentage of managers and functional heads of procurement and material management whose performance evaluation includes support and contribution towards green procurement in the current fiscal year</p> <p>Starting point: 1 /100% in 2022-23</p> <p>Target: Maintain 1 /100% each year</p>	<p>Green procurement incorporates environmental considerations into purchasing decisions and is expected to motivate suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services they deliver, and their supply chains</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> Canadians consume in a sustainable manner <i>CIF Indicator:</i> 12.2.1 Proportion of businesses that adopted selected environmental protection activities and management practices <i>GIF Target:</i> 12.7 Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities</p>

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	<p>Set departmental targets to reduce the environmental impact of office supplies</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of office supplies purchases that include criteria to reduce the environmental impact associated with the production, acquisition, use and/or disposal of the supplies</p> <p>Starting point: 43% in 2021-22</p> <p>Target: 50% by March 31, 2027</p>	<p>Green procurement incorporates environmental considerations into purchasing decisions and is expected to motivate suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services they deliver, and their supply chains</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> Canadians consume in a sustainable manner <i>CIF Indicator:</i> 12.2.1 Proportion of businesses that adopted selected environmental protection activities and management practices <i>GIF Target:</i> 12.7 Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities</p>



GOAL 13: TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

FSDS Context:

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- Goal 13: Take action on climate change and its impacts

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions and Climate Resilience

Target: The Government of Canada will transition to net-zero carbon operations for facilities and conventional fleets by 2050 (All Ministers)

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<p>Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government’s overall operations</p>	<p>Ensure all relevant employees are trained on assessing climate change impacts, undertaking climate change risk assessments, and developing adaptation actions within one year of being identified</p> <p>Program: ISS00 - Internal Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of relevant employees trained on assessing climate change impacts, undertaking climate change risk assessments, and developing adaptation action within one year of being identified</p> <p>Starting point: 0% in 2022-23 trained</p> <p>Target: 100% trained by March 31, 2027</p>	<p>Trained staff can identify risk to critical program delivery, and develop responses to increase the resilience of operations to impacts of climate change</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.3 Canadians are well-equipped and resilient to face the effects of Climate change <i>GIF Target:</i> 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries 13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</p>

SECTION 5

Integrating Sustainable Development

The Office of the Registrar of Canada (ORSCC) evaluates the requirements for conducting a Strategic Environmental Assessment when preparing submissions for new funding. While the organization has not yet needed to complete this assessment in the context of its current operations, it will look to complete this if ever the need arises in the future. However, it is important to note that the ORSCC integrates sustainable development considerations into its decision-making processes by using Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) procurement instruments as its primary procurement mechanism and leverages the environmental considerations incorporated into these standing offers and supply arrangements.

The ORSCC will continue integrating sustainable development into its procurement practices and efforts will continue to be dedicated to promote Green Procurement through training and awareness, inclusion of reminders on procurement forms, as well as pre-selected Green items when procuring office supplies and office furniture with the goal of becoming a more environmentally sustainable workplace.

