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Introduction to the 2023 to 2024 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy Report

The <u>2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS)</u> presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the <u>Federal Sustainable</u> <u>Development Act</u>. 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, Courts Administration Service (CAS) supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in CAS's 2023 to 2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS). This Report provides a report on progress related to CAS's DSDS in the fiscal year 2023 to 2024.

The <u>Federal Sustainable Development Act</u> also sets out <u>7 principles</u> that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated in CAS's DSDS and 2023 to 2024 DSDS Report.

To promote coordinated action on sustainable development across the Government of Canada, CAS's departmental strategy reports on Canada's progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and advancing the SDGs, supported by the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) and Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF) targets and indicators. The Report also now captures progress on SDG initiatives that fall outside the scope of the FSDS.



Courts Administration Service's Commitments









FSDS Context: This FSDS Goal which focuses on taking action on inequality and advancing reconciliation with First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities draws inspiration form the United Nation's <u>SDG Global Indicator Framework</u>

CAS's DSDS focuses on 10.3 in the strategy outlined below:

10.3: Ensures equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and actions in this regard

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

Implementation strategies supporting the goal

This section is for implementation strategies that support the goal "Advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and take action on inequality" but not a specific FSDS target

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA'S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Construct a court facility with infrastructure that better supports indigenous legal needs and traditions	Program: Judicial and Registry Services	Performance indicator: Existence of a facility in Saskatoon Starting point: There currently is 0 court facility in Saskatoon Target: Construct a new facility in Saskatoon by end of fiscal 2027	The construction of a facility with amenities that support indigenous legal needs and traditions will improve indigenous peoples' access to Canada's justice system	Indicator result: This project is on track for completion at the end of fiscal 2027. CAS collaborates with Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to continue the planning work, in support of identifying an appropriate site in Saskatoon. Notes: The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for constructing a new facility, in accordance with CAS' functional program.

Initiatives advancing Canada's implementation of SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities

The following initiatives demonstrate how CAS's programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Court Facilities Modernization Program inclusive of the construction of a new court facility in Saskatoon which is supported by funding approved in Budgets 2019 and 2022	Program completion by fiscal 2028	Planning work continues with PSPC in support of identifying an appropriate site in Saskatoon. This project continues to track for completion at the end of fiscal 2027.



FSDS Context: To implement net-zero emissions in real property and conventional fleet operations¹, the Government of Canada will reduce absolute Scope 1 and Scope 2² GHG emissions by 40% by 2025 and by at least 90% below 2005 levels by 2050. On this emissions reduction pathway, the government will aspire to reduce emissions by an additional 10% each 5 years starting in 2025

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

Target: By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 75% by weight of non-hazardous operational waste (All Ministers)

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Achieve LEED Gold at all modernized court facilities	Program : Corporate Services/PSPC	Performance indicator: Certification obtained Starting point: April 1, 2023: The court facility located in Toronto is the only LEED Gold certified facility in CAS's real property portfolio	The granting of this certification confirms that a waste diversion strategy was in place during construction, that construction methodologies promoted waste avoidance, and that ongoing building operations are aligned to a low carbon footprint and low waste creation	Indicator result: 11% (1/9) of CAS court facilities modernization projects are LEED gold certified in 2023-24. Notes: All modernization projects are currently in planning and/or design phases. As part of all project mandates,

¹ The 40% and 90% absolute emission reduction targets do not apply to the National Safety and Security fleet.

² Scope 1 GHG emissions are the greenhouse gases produced directly from sources that are owned or controlled by the Government of Canada (for example, from the combustion of fuels in vehicles or in heating buildings). Scope 2 GHG emissions are those generated indirectly from the consumption of purchased energy (electricity, heating and cooling). Scope 3 GHG emissions are indirect emissions resulting from an organization's operations.

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		Target: All projects included in the Court Facilities Modernization Program will be LEED Gold certified or higher		CAS has established a LEED Gold certification as a scope requirement. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada. PSPC has full accountability for constructing new facilities, including the implementations of the Government's greening of Government strategy, and more specifically, ensuring a LEED Gold certification.

Target: By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 90% by weight of all construction and demolition waste (All Ministers)

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

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Develop criteria that address greenhouse gas emissions reduction for goods and services that have a high environmental impact. Transform light duty fleet to meet Canada's 2030 Greening Government Fleets objective – net zero emission vehicles	Program : Corporate Services	Performance indicator: 100% of vehicles purchased are hybrid, electric or zero emission Starting point: Data fleet log updated in 2023-2024 Target: Incremental progress towards further greening of vehicle fleet. Transform fleet of seven vehicles from gas powered to hybrid vehicles by	CAS will aim to meet the following transformational goals and within the schedule prescribe below: • 1 hybrid vehicle by end of 2023-2024 fiscal year • 3 hybrid or electrical vehicles by the end of 2024-2025 fiscal year • 1 hybrid or electrical vehicle by the end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year • 2 hybrid or electrical vehicles by the end of the 2026-2027 fiscal year	Indicator result: 100% in 2023-2024

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		2026/2027	By meetings its target, CAS will be on track to meet Canada's agenda of Greening Government Fleets by 2050	
Strengthen green procurement criteria, ensure the criteria are included in procurements; and support green procurement, including guidance, tools and training for public service employees.	Program: Corporate Services	Performance indicator: Percentage of purchases that utilizes standing offers and supply arrangements available to federal department that includes criteria that address environmental considerations Starting point: \$ Value of expenditure through Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that includes environmental criteria in 2023-2024. Target: Net-zero procurement of goods by 2050 in line with the GoC target	Strengthening procurement criteria will help CAS and the GoC meet its net-zero emission objective by 2050	Notes: CAS incorporated environmental considerations into purchasing decisions through standing offers and supply arrangements and selecting green options in procuring items such as recycled paper and boxes and refurbished toner as well as office supplies, IT equipment and etc.
Strengthen green procurement criteria, ensure the criteria are included in procurements; and support green procurement, including guidance, tools and training for public service employees.	Program: Corporate Services	Performance indicator: Percentage of light-duty-on-road fleet that comprises zero-emissions vehicles, including battery, electric, plug-in hybrid, and hydrogen fuel Starting point: Each year, at least 75% of purchases of new light-duty, on-road fleet vehicles for the conventional fleet will be zero-emission vehicles or hybrids, where suitable options are available and meet operational feasibility. Priority is to be given to purchasing zero emission vehicles	Strengthening procurement criteria will help CAS and the GoC meet its net-zero emission objective by 2050	Indicator result: 14% (1 out of 7) in 2023-24 Notes: PSPC is accountable for making a procurement tool available for federal departments to procure vehicles. CAS will make investments in hybrid or electrical vehicles when replacements are required. CAS is working with PSPC to install electric vehicle charging stations in targeted facilities nationally.

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		Target : Net-zero procurement of goods by 2050 in line with the GoC target		

Implementation strategies supporting the goal

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Support of the government's "Greening of Government Strategy" through update of CAS's net-zero climate-resilient real property portfolio plan every 5 years	Program: Corporate Services/PSPC	Performance indicator: CAS has a revised real property portfolio plan in place every 5 years Starting point: 2024-2025 Target: Updated net-zero climate-resilient real property portfolio plans will ensure	Will help CAS identify opportunities for portfolio rationalization; sharing facilities; maximizing energy efficiency, and switching to lower carbon fuels all geared towards supporting the net-zero target by 2050 Will help CAS determine the most costeffective pathway to achieve net-zero by	Indicator result: Yes, CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to ensure the real property portfolio plan is updated every 5 years and supports the Government's greening of Government strategy. Notes: The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the
		that climate risks to critical and high-value assets are assessed as soon as possible (and no later than 2030), and measures to these reduce risks are implemented no later than 2035	2050	Government of Canada. PSPC has full accountability for providing net-zero climate-resilient facility accommodations to CAS.

Initiatives advancing Canada's implementation of SDG 12 - Responsible Consumption and Production

The following initiatives demonstrate how CAS's programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Court Facilities Modernization Program (funding approved in Budgets 2019 and 2022)	Program completion by 2028	Indicator result: This initiative is on track, funding and authorities are secured, and projects are moving into implementation phase with planned completion by fiscal 2028-2029.



FSDS Context:

Taking action on climate change by reducing emission of greenhouse gases and short-lived climate pollutants and building resilience that directly supports the <u>United Nation's SDG Global Indicator Framework</u>

Targets:

- 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters
- 13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning
- 13.3: Improve education, awareness–raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.

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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Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations	Program: Corporate Services Reduce GHG emission from federal government facilities and fleet by 40% below 2005 levels Ensure all procurement officers and decision makers have necessary training and awareness to support green procurement.	Performance indicator: Percentage of procurement specialists and material management specialists who have completed training on green procurement Starting point: In baseline year 2022-2023, percentage of procurement specialist and material management specialists trained in green procurement Target: 100% procurement specialist and material management specialist	Implement a fleet reduction plan within CAS inventory to reduce fleet GHG emission. Plan will include the following: • Install telematics on all fleet vehicles to collect and analyze vehicle usage data • Eliminate old or underutilized vehicles • Replace current inefficient fuel consuming vehicles with more fuel efficient including use of hybrid and /or all electric models • Train fleet managers on vehicle fleet best practices • All new executive vehicles purchases will be ZEV or hybrid	Indicator result: 100% in 2023-24 Notes: CAS is currently reviewing departmental light-duty vehicles requirements which will help determine how many vehicles are required as well as which vehicles should be replaced first. Additionally, any planned vehicle purchases are ZEV or hybrid. 82% of CAS fleet vehicles have telematics devices. CAS Fleet Manager attends annual Fleet Manager Conference every year to ensure awareness of fleet best practices.
Modernize through net-zero carbon buildings CAS will work with PSPC to analyze current carbon footprint.	Program: Corporate Services	Performance indicator: Availability of carbon footprint data for all CAS buildings. Starting point: CAS currently does not have this data. Target: Obtain the data before the end of fiscal 2025.	Engagement on net-zero carbon buildings with PSPC will promote a preference for zero carbon buildings as future opportunities present.	Indicator result: N/A, CAS currently does not have this data. Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to ensure the real property portfolio plan supports the Government's greening of Government strategy, including obtaining all relevant data. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada. PSPC has full accountability for providing net-zero climate-resilient facility accommodations to CAS, including any supporting analysis and data.

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Modernize through net-zero carbon buildings CAS will work with PSPC to analyze current carbon footprint.	Program: Corporate Services	Performance indicator: Confirmation that CAS is occupying buildings that have a net zero footprint. Starting point: CAS currently is not occupying any net zero space. Target: All CAS space is net zero by 2050.	Engagement on net-zero carbon buildings with PSPC will promote a preference for zero carbon buildings as future opportunities present.	Indicator result: No, CAS currently is not occupying any net zero space. Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to ensure the real property portfolio plan supports the Government's greening of Government strategy, including obtaining all relevant data. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada. PSPC has full accountability for providing net-zero climate-resilient facility accommodations to CAS, including any supporting analysis and data.
Apply a greenhouse gas reduction lifecycle cost analysis for major building retrofits	Program: Corporate Services/PSPC	Performance indicator: LEED Certifications obtained on court facilities modernization projects. Starting point: The court facility located in Toronto is the only LEED Gold certified facility in CAS's portfolio at the time of publication. Target: All projects included in the Court Facilities Modernization Program will be LEED Gold certified or higher.	Through understanding the current carbon footprint, CAS will be able to target investments where there is influence within the department to reduce emissions and outside of direct influence, support PSPC decisions as appropriate. In the long term, adopting a net zero posture internally will provide the basis for promoting net zero solutions when engaging with PSPC for future real estate acquisitions and lease renewals	Indicator result: 11% (1/9) of CAS court facilities modernization projects are LEED gold certified in 2023-24. Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to ensure the real property portfolio plan supports the Government's greening of Government strategy, including all analysis. As part of its modernization strategy, CAS is including LEED Gold as a project requirement.

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				The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for the item. CAS will support PSPC in their mandate.
Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations	Program: Corporate Services/PSPC	Performance indicator: LEED Certifications obtained on court facilities modernization projects. Starting point: The court facility located in Toronto is the only LEED Gold certified facility in CAS's portfolio at the time of publication. Target: All projects included in the Court Facilities Modernization Program will be LEED Gold certified or higher.	The granting of this certification confirms that a waste diversion strategy was in place during construction, that construction methodologies promoted waste avoidance, and that ongoing building operations are aligned to a low carbon footprint and low waste creation.	Indicator result: 11% (1/9) of CAS court facilities modernization projects are LEED gold certified in 2023-24. Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to ensure the real property portfolio plan supports the Government's greening of Government strategy, including all analysis. As part of its modernization strategy, CAS is including LEED Gold as a project requirement. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for the item. CAS will support PSPC in their mandate.

Target: The Government of Canada will transition to climate resilient operations by 2050 (All Ministers)

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Reduce risks posed by climate change to federal assets, services and operations Undertake an analysis on the impact of climate change to the CAS facility portfolio.	Program: Corporate Services/PSPC	Performance indicator: Availability of details on potential impacts of climate change on court operations. Starting point: CAS currently does not have data and/or details on the impacts of climate change Target: Obtain data on the impacts of climate change by the end of fiscal 2025.	Understanding the impacts of climate change will allow CAS an opportunity to fully assess the impacts on Court operations and make relevant recommendations to mitigate any risks.	Indicator result: N/A. CAS currently does not have data and/or details on the impacts of climate change Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to understand the impacts of climate change and to support the Government's greening of Government strategy, including all analysis. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for providing data relating to the impacts of climate change on the facilities occupied by CAS. CAS will engage with and continue to support PSPC in their mandate.

Implementation strategies supporting the goal

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Undertake an analysis on the impact of climate change to the CAS facility portfolio	Program: Corporate Services /PSPC	Performance indicator: Availability of detailed report with relevant data on potential impacts of climate change on court operations Starting point: CAS currently does not have data and/or details on the impacts of climate change. Target: Completion of analysis having reach objective to fill the data gap by the end of fiscal 2025	Understanding the impacts of climate change on court operations will allow CAS an opportunity to fully assess the impacts and make relevant recommendations to mitigate any risks.	Indicator result: N/A. CAS currently does not have data and/or details on the impacts of climate change Notes: CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to understand the impacts of climate change and to support the Government's greening of Government strategy, including all analysis. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for providing data relating to the impacts of climate change on the facilities occupied by CAS. CAS will engage with and continue to support PSPC in their mandate.

Initiatives advancing Canada's implementation of SDG 13 - Climate Action

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PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Study on the impacts of climate change on court facilities and the operations of the courts.	N/A	CAS continues to collaborate with PSPC to understand the impacts of climate change and to support the Government's greening of Government strategy, including all analysis. The reader should note that PSPC is the common real estate provider for the Government of Canada and has full accountability for providing data relating to the impacts of climate change on the facilities occupied by CAS. CAS will engage with and continue to support PSPC in their mandate.

Integrating Sustainable Development

CAS will continue to ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSDS goals and targets through its Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. An SEA for a policy, plan or program proposal includes an analysis of the impacts of the given proposal on the environment, including on relevant FSDS goals and targets.

Public statements on the results of CAS's assessments are made public when an initiative has undergone a detailed SEA (see here). The purpose of the public statement is to demonstrate that the environmental effects, including the impacts on achieving the FSDS goals and targets, of the approved policy, plan or program have been considered during proposal development and decision making.

CAS did not complete any detailed SEAs in 2023-24.

