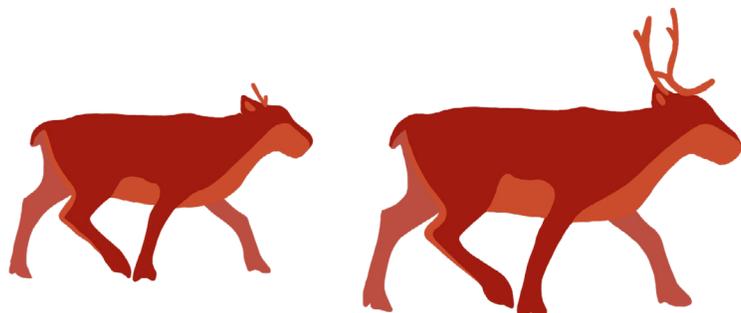


FOR OUR FUTURE: INDIGENOUS RESILIENCE REPORT

How this report came to be



First Nations, Inuit and Métis have been adapting to climate change—and all kinds of change—since time immemorial. Their leadership is pivotal in rural and urban homelands, in the boardrooms of governments and organizations, the lecture halls of universities, out on the Land, Water and Ice, in virtual spaces, and so many other places. The almost entirely Indigenous author and review team of the For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report encapsulates this diversity of lived experience.



Key Messages

1. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE UNIQUE STRENGTHS FOR RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGES
2. CLIMATE CHANGE IS ONE OF MANY CRISES THAT FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, AND MÉTIS FACE
3. INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND LIVED EXPERIENCES ARE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF CLIMATE ACTION
4. THE FOOD, WATER AND ENERGY NEXUS IS CENTRAL TO FIRST NATION, INUIT AND MÉTIS CLIMATE LEADERSHIP
5. SELF-DETERMINATION IS CRITICAL TO INDIGENOUS-LED CLIMATE ACTION



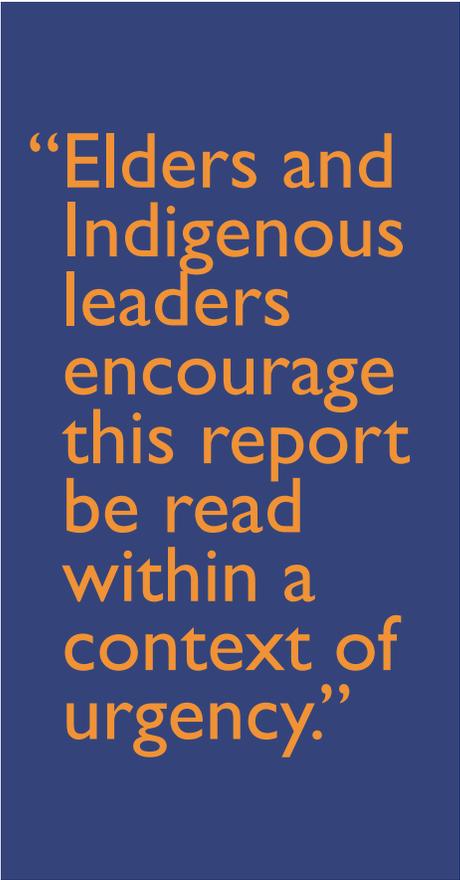
A collaborative approach

In February 2020, on Anishinaabe Algoniquin Aki (also known as Ottawa), the author team met face to face to establish personal connections and co-develop the broad key messages and key principles that would guide their work over the coming years.

Collaboration was central to their process, with report content developed iteratively each step of the way.

Drawing on a diversity of expertise, experience and knowledge, this report was peer-reviewed by First Nation, Inuit and Métis scholars to ensure that Indigenous perspectives were expressed appropriately and to enhance representation. The review team met with the author team to share their input, and work together to address the comments. Artwork, illustrations and design were led by a small, talented team of Indigenous graphic artists.

A first of its kind, the report offers an important starting point for meaningful dialogue that must continue, outlining five key messages, which draw from a set of 12 key principles grounded in the teachings of First Nation, Inuit and Métis Elders and Knowledge holders.



“Elders and Indigenous leaders encourage this report be read within a context of urgency.”



“[W]e can avert the most severe climate impacts if we take pause and listen to the wisdom of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. We urge policy-makers, academics, and business leaders at all levels—local, territorial, national and international—to act now on the key messages and insights presented in this report”

—*For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report*