

# From Strategy to Implementation

*Progress on Canada's National Adaptation Strategy*

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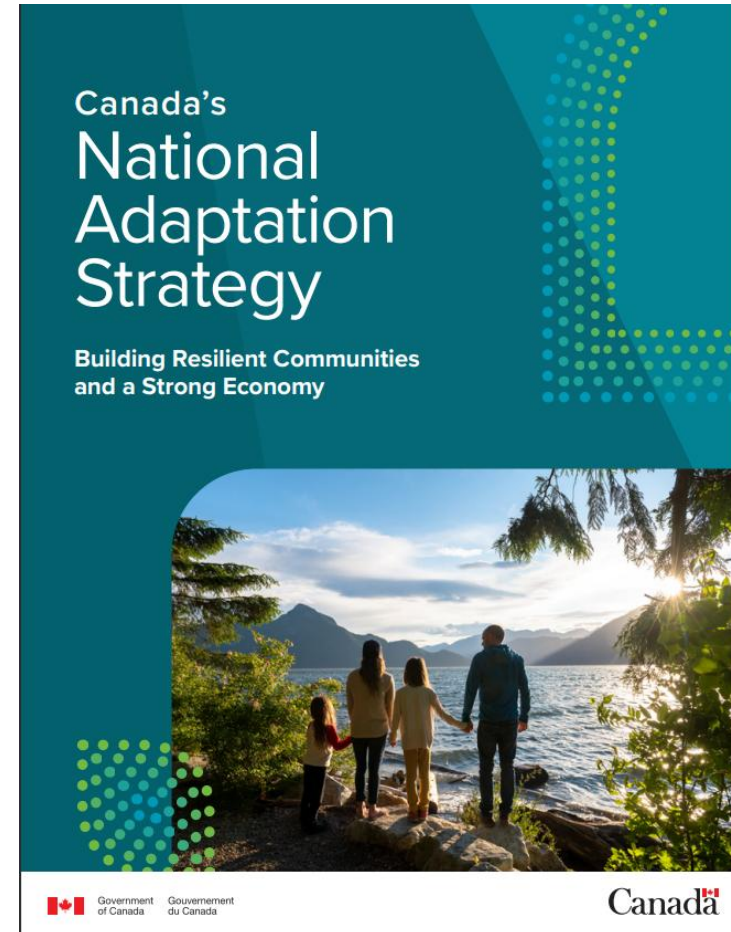
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# National Adaptation Strategy (NAS)

- **Released in June 2023**, following two years of engagement
- **Sets national goals, objectives, and targets** to advance readiness for climate change impacts across Canada
- **Ensures progress over time** through cyclical design, a monitoring and evaluation framework, and progress reports
- **Advances priority action** through three implementation mechanisms:
  - Government of Canada Adaptation Action Plan
  - Federal-Provincial-Territorial Cooperation
  - Indigenous-led action

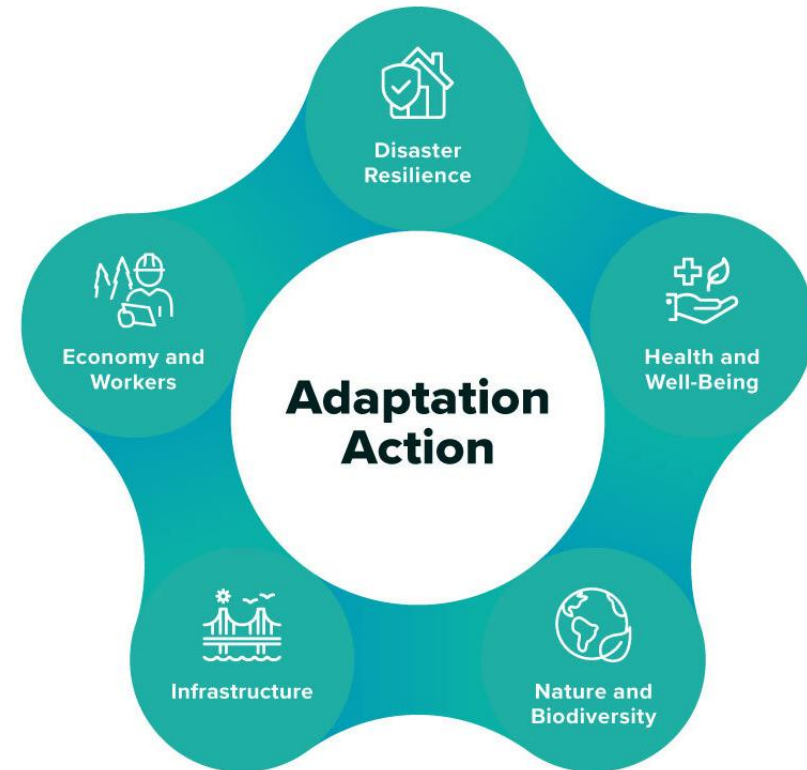


# NAS Overall Approach

## Vision



## Interconnected Systems



# Progress towards Implementation

- **Implementation is underway across society**, with early results showing strong alignment with national adaptation goals
- The Government of Canada is advancing **73 federal actions** across 22 departments and agencies
- Federal-Provincial and Federal-Territorial **bilateral collaboration mechanisms** have been established with:
  - Manitoba
  - Northwest Territories
  - Yukon
  - Prince Edward Island
  - Quebec

# Progress towards NAS Targets

- The NAS established goals, objectives and targets to achieve transformational change
- To date, **8 NAS targets** have been **achieved** or **surpassed**

## Achieved:

- By 2024, **100%** of new federal infrastructure funding programs factored in resilience to climate change impacts
- In April 2025, the **modernized Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements** was launched
- An **Indigenous Emergency Management Working Group** has been established
- In 2025-26, the Indigenous Guardians Program is engaging over **100 Guardians initiatives**

## Surpassed:

- In 2024-25, **295,069** users accessed climate services via CCCS portals. In 2022-23, 98% indicated that they intend to use this information to inform decision-making (*target: 180,000*)
- In 2024-25, **92%** of Canadians were aware of risks facing their household (*target: 60%*)
- Over **27** ecological corridor projects have been supported, 10 of which are Indigenous-led (*target: 3 projects*)
- **100%** of health regions are implementing evidence-based adaptation measures

# Compounding Challenges to Climate Resilience



Extreme Weather Impacts



Infrastructure Damage



Economic Strain



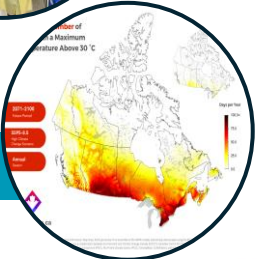
Reduced Participation in Growth



Deepening Inequities



Underprepared Systems



Need for Better Data, Planning, Integration

**Beyond funding, what is the single biggest operational or institutional barrier that is delaying your ability to move from adaptation **planning** to **implementation**?**

(Mentimeter poll – Word Cloud)



# Leadership in the Prairies



## **FireSmart in Wadin Bay, Saskatchewan**

- Wadin Bay, Saskatchewan's first FireSmart community, credited the program for sparing the town from severe damage when a wildfire passed directly over it in 2015



## **Strengthening flood and drought resiliency in Alberta**

- Alberta is investing in projects to strengthen resilience to floods and drought, including the Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir in 2025, which increases flood protection along the Elbow River in Calgary and downstream



## **The Manitoba Climate Resilience Training Program**

- Manitoba has developed a series of guides, workshops, and webinars to help communities conduct a vulnerability and risk assessment, develop climate adaptation plans, and access funding

# Emerging and Developing Issues

Agriculture,  
food and  
water  
security



Defence  
and  
security



Dislocation  
of people



Financial  
and  
economic  
resilience



Housing



Technology  
and AI



# Continued Whole-of-Society Implementation

Achieving the goals of the NAS requires whole-of-society action where **the local and regional level is key.**

## Local and regional governments

- At the forefront of climate adaptation
- Integrate climate resilience into decisions (e.g., land-use planning; flood and wildfire risk management)

## The private sector

- Make direct investments to develop innovative technical, financial and operational solutions
- Private-public partnerships to fund innovative projects

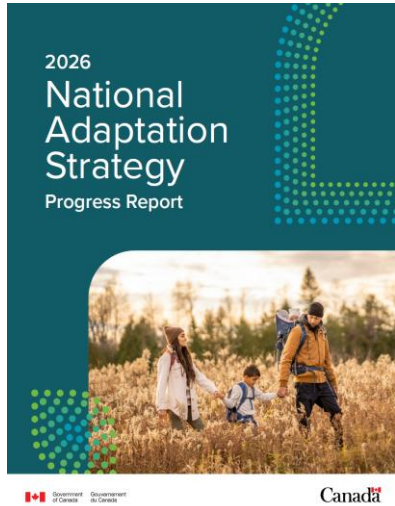
## Academia, researchers, NGOs

- Undertake climate adaptation research
- Work with governments and other partners to understand, assess, and mobilize knowledge

## Communities and individuals

- Integrate adaptation in decisions to protect health, safety, and assets at the individual, household, family or community level
- Act on right to express and continue to advocate for their values

# Looking Ahead



## Spring 2026

Canada's first **National Adaptation Strategy Progress Report** will provide a transparent overview of collective progress towards implementation and inform national adaptation dialogue.

The Report will be published alongside an updated monitoring and evaluation framework to measure progress towards NAS objectives and targets.



## Spring 2026

The 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of **Canada's Changing Climate Report**, will inform climate action and ensure that Canadians have access to a state-of-the-science assessment of how and why Canada's climate is changing.



## September 22-26, 2026

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of **Adaptation Canada**, Canada's national conference on climate adaptation, will bring together **over 1,000 participants** from diverse Canadian sectors and communities.

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