



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

Canada-France Enhanced Cooperation Agenda

SUBJECT CATEGORY:

Environmental Cooperation

TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:

Bilateral

FORM:

Cooperative Arrangement

STATUS:

Signed by Canada – Adopted by Leaders when Prime Minister Harper visited President Hollande in France on 14 June 2013

The agreement was renewed in October 2016 by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Prime Minister Manuel Valls.

LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:

Lead: Global Affairs Canada

Partners: Many federal departments, including Environment and Climate Change Canada

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**Web Links:**

[Canada-France Enhanced Cooperation Agenda](#)

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COMPENDIUM EDITION:

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PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Canada and France share a strong commitment to protect the environment and to secure the future for generations to come. By strengthening their cooperation, the two countries are promoting the rapid implementation of the Paris Agreement and responding to the challenge of climate change.

Canada and France are advancing their Enhanced Cooperation Agenda with different initiatives including green government procurement; the acceleration of the adoption of energy efficiency policies, programs and practices; and carbon pricing. In addition, both governments are working with country partners and international organizations in support of the Paris Agreement's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

OBJECTIVE

Enhance cooperation in peace, security and sustainable development, with an emphasis on protecting women and children; strengthening economic and scientific cooperation; and, fostering closer societal, cultural, and people-to-people ties, with a special focus on youth.

KEY ELEMENTS

In 2016, Canada and France reaffirmed their ties with the renewal of the Canada-France Enhanced Cooperation Agenda. One element of this agenda identifies a joint recognition of the universality of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with both countries committing to its implementation by paying particular attention to the poorest and most vulnerable people. Within this framework, Canada and France will endeavour to integrate sustainable development goals into their cooperation, which includes fighting climate change, addressing inequality and taking action in support of women and girls. The agenda also renews bilateral ties with respect to climate change. They will work together to ensure the timely and full implementation of the Paris Agreement. Canada and France will also work with country partners to assist in implementing their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC), notably with strengthening their adaptation efforts.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The agreement will help parties in achieving a more comprehensive understanding of each other's views on climate change.

CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT

This agreement is important to Canada because France is a key priority partner. This is reflected by cooperation in all areas of mutual interest including the environment.

RESULTS / PROGRESS

Activities

On climate change, Canadian and French officials continue to hold bilateral conversations on the margins of multilateral climate-related meetings, which advance on our mutual priorities under the Enhanced Cooperation Agreement.