



## COMPENDIUM OF CANADA'S ENGAGEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

### *Canada-China Climate Change Working Group*

**SUBJECT CATEGORY:**

Climate Change

**TYPE OF AGREEMENT / INSTRUMENT:**

Bilateral

**FORM:**

Cooperative Forum for a Memorandum of Understanding

**STATUS:**

- 2003: Canada and China signed a Joint Statement on Climate Change
- 2004: Canada-China Climate Change Working Group created; 1st work plan adopted
- 2009: Memorandum of Understanding to formalize policy dialogue and cooperation
- 2013: The last CCWG meeting took place in Toronto in January 2013
- Next meeting to be held in 2017

**LEAD & PARTNER DEPARTMENTS:**

**Lead:** Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Partners:** Natural Resources Canada, Global Affairs Canada

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:****Web Links:**

[Canada's Action on Climate Change](#) Website

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[ECCC Inquiry Centre](#)

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**OBJECTIVE**

To advance clean technologies and climate science, increase public awareness, enter into policy dialogues, promote energy efficiency, introduce renewable energy solutions and work on impacts and adaptation and other climate change issues.

**KEY ELEMENTS**

The Canada-China Working Group on Climate Change manages the Canada-China Memorandum of Understanding on Climate Change Cooperation which aims to promote a number of activities, including:

- Dialogue and information exchange on domestic climate change policies and actions and international negotiations on climate change;
- Research, development, demonstration and transfer of climate-friendly technologies;
- Public-private partnerships in the area of clean energy, energy efficiency, and climate-friendly technologies;
- Implementation of China's national and provincial climate change programmes; and
- Capacity building and public awareness-raising activities.

**EXPECTED RESULTS**

This Working Group is expected to enhance concrete cooperation under various multilateral and bilateral fora, in the form of practical, results-driven mechanisms of development and transfer of climate-friendly technologies, in partnership with the private sector.

**CANADA'S INVOLVEMENT**

This Working Group and Memorandum of Understanding is important to Canada, strengthening its relationship with China's National Development and Reform Commission, an important player in international climate change negotiations as well as domestic funding decisions related to climate technologies.

The means by which the Memorandum of Understanding between Canada and China on Climate Change Cooperation is implemented in Canada is by the Canada-China Climate Change Working Group, administered by Environment and Climate Change



Canada and supported by Global Affairs Canada and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

## **RESULTS / PROGRESS**

### ***Activities***

Canada and China take turns hosting the Working Group; the 7th meeting took place in Toronto in 2013. Canada also hosted the first working-level Adaptation Workshop in Vancouver in 2013, to exchange best practices on climate adaptation in coastal areas. Both countries are exploring additional technical workshops to advance technology and best practices exchange in the future.

The next Working Group meeting is expected to take place in 2017.

### ***Reports***

The host of each Working Group meeting is responsible in reporting on results of discussions and shared internally with relevant government stakeholders.

### ***Results***

The Working Group has enabled Canada and China to have productive discussions on their respective approaches to climate change actions domestically and international negotiations. It has also supported fruitful dialogue with senior decision-makers in China on issues of mutual interest.