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SECTION 1

Introduction to the Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

The [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy \(FSDS\)](#) presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#). 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, Farm Products Council of Canada (FPCC) supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in this Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS).

The [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#) also sets out [7 principles](#) that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as the DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated into Farm Products Council of Canada's DSDS.



SECTION 2

Farm Products Council of Canada's Sustainable Development Vision

As a Government of Canada public interest oversight body, the Farm Products Council of Canada oversees the national supply management system for poultry and eggs, including the operations of the four national marketing agencies: Egg Farmers of Canada; Canadian Hatching Egg Producers; Chicken Farmers of Canada; and, Turkey Farmers of Canada. FPCC also oversees the creation and operation of promotion and research agencies, including the Canadian Beef Check-Off Agency and the Canadian Pork Promotion Research Agency.

FPCC's mandate includes a collaborative role in supporting broad climate resiliency and helping industry make food supply chains more efficient by eliminating food waste and finding innovative ways to add value.

FPCC supports the 2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS) by seeking opportunities to promote innovative solutions in relation to government priorities on greening the economy and inclusive growth, including those linked to Green procurement and Indigenous economic reconciliation. FPCC will do this by considering the economic, environmental and social dimensions of its decisions, programs, services and operations.

This Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS) represents FPCC's first sustainable development strategy.

SECTION 3

Listening to Canadians

As required by the Federal Sustainable Development Act, Farm Products Council of Canada has taken into account comments on the draft 2022-2026 FSDS made during the public consultation held from March 11 to July 9, 2022. During the public consultation, more than 700 comments were received from a broad range of stakeholders, including governments, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, businesses, and individual Canadians in different age groups and of various backgrounds. The draft FSDS was also shared with the appropriate committee of each House of Parliament, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Sustainable Development Advisory Council for their review and comment.

What We Heard

Across the submissions received, Farm Products Council of Canada identified sustainable development priorities and issues that affect us. These priorities include the following:

- **Reducing inequalities through continuous engagement with Indigenous communities** – Canadians noted the importance of consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities in order to amplify Indigenous perspectives throughout government initiatives.
- **Agriculture** – Some of the top comments from Canadians centered on the need for the Government to encourage players in the agricultural sector to substantially reduce their GHG emissions, in addition to Government's continued support for agricultural investments such as precision agriculture and technology that convert organic farm waste into biogas, clean fuels, or other high-value commodities.
- **Green Procurement** – Canadians want to see the Government of Canada implement net-zero procurement to incentivize companies' voluntary engagement in the race to net zero.

What We Did

Farm Products Council of Canada took the above-mentioned key priorities and issues into consideration in this DSDS.

While FPCC is not a lead, key contributing department, or horizontal lead identified in the [Federal Implementation Plan for the 2030](#)ⁱ Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the organization takes into account the Government of Canada's commitment to achieving these goals in its strategic initiatives and activities.

Through FPCC's main role of overseeing the operations of national marketing agencies and promotion and research agencies, FPCC has an opportunity to shine a light on the benefits that supply management brings and the role it plays in sustaining a strong Canadian economy, including the role supply management can play and the ways in which it strengthens food security both at home and globally while protecting consumers' interests.

Internally, FPCC has built a corporate culture that supports and values the diversity and inclusion of all its people and promotes opportunities for training, professional advancement, and job satisfaction that leads to a healthy and satisfied working environment. FPCC has embraced the DSDS to expand its training framework to incorporate learning on Indigenous cultural competencies, Green procurement and climate risk priorities.

Please find more information on the FSDS public consultation and its results in the [FSDS Consultation Report](#).

SECTION 4

Farm Products Council of Canada's Commitments





GOAL 10: ADVANCE RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TAKE ACTION ON INEQUALITY

FSDS Context: FPCC supports Goal 10 of the FSDS and is committed to training staff on Indigenous cultural competencies.

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

Target: Between 2023 and 2026, and every year on an ongoing basis, develop and table annual progress reports on implementing *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET
Implement the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>	Provide Indigenous cultural competency training to employees. Program: Corporate Services	Performance indicator: Percentage of staff who have completed Indigenous cultural competency training. Starting point: 0% in 2022-23 Target: 80% by March 31, 2025	Public servants are in a unique position to help build respectful relationships with Indigenous Peoples in Canada. This action encourages public service employees to increase their cultural competency skills and awareness of issues related to First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada, and their knowledge of the UN Declaration. This action contributes to the development of necessary cultural competency knowledge and skills to implement the UN Declaration.

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			<p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>GIF Target:</i> 10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard.</p>



GOAL 12: REDUCE WASTE AND TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

FSDS Context: FPCC supports Goal 12 of the FSDS and is committed to training Procurement staff on Green procurement.

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

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)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET
Strengthen green procurement criteria	<p>Ensure all procurement and materiel management staff are trained in green procurement through the Canada School of Public Service course on green procurement, within one year of being identified.</p> <p>Program: Corporate Services</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of procurement and materiel management staff trained in green procurement within one year of being identified</p> <p>Starting point: In 2022-23, 0% of procurement and materiel management staff were trained in green procurement</p>	<p>Green procurement incorporates environmental considerations into purchasing decisions and is expected to motivate suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of the goods and services they deliver, and their supply chains.</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition: 12.2:</i> Canadians consume in a sustainable manner <i>CIF Indicator: 12.2.1</i>Proportion of businesses that adopted selected environmental protection activities and management practices</p>

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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET
		<p>Target: 100% of procurement officers and material management specialists receive training with one year of being identified.</p>	<p><i>GIF Target:</i> 12.7 Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.</p>



GOAL 13: TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

FSDS Context: FPCC supports Goal 13 of the FSDS and is committed to training staff on Sustainability and Climate Risk.

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)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET
<p>Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government’s overall operations</p>	<p>Ensure all relevant employees are trained on assessing climate change impacts, undertaking climate change risk assessments, and developing adaptation actions within one year of being identified</p> <p>Program: Corporate Services</p>	<p>Performance Indicator: Percentage of relevant employees trained on assessing climate change impacts, undertaking climate change risk assessments, and developing adaptation actions within one year of being identified</p> <p>Starting point: 0 % in 2022-23 trained</p> <p>Target: 100% trained within one year of being identified</p>	<p>Trained staff can identify risk to critical program delivery, and develop responses to increase the resilience of operations to impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition 13.3:</i> Canadians are well-equipped and resilient to face the effects of Climate change</p> <p><i>GIF Target:</i> 13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning</p>

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

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
<p>Reduce risks posed by climate change to federal assets, services and operations</p>	<p>Assess the risk of climate change impacts at mission critical assets and where there are moderate to high risks, develop plans to reduce the risk</p> <p>Program: Corporate Services</p>	<p>Performance Indicator: % of mission critical assets where the risk of climate change impacts is assessed</p> <p>Starting point: 0% in 2022-23</p> <p>Target: 100% by 2026</p>	<p>By assessing the risks of climate change impacts at mission critical assets, and developing plans to reduce the risks, the risk of disruption of critical service delivery to Canadians is reduced.</p> <p>Relevant targets or ambitions: <i>CIF Ambition/ Target 13.3:</i> Canadians are well-equipped and resilient to face the effects of Climate change</p> <p><i>GIF Target:</i> 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries</p> <p>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.</p>

SECTION 5

Integrating Sustainable Development

Farm Products Council of Canada will ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSDS goals and targets through the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process, should any applicable policies, plans or programs be developed. Should a detailed SEA be undertaken, results will be made public [here](#).

FPCC remains committed to integrating sustainable development in its daily operations through the initiatives listed in this report, as well as by adopting new initiatives as and when possible. FPCC looks forward to reporting on our progress throughout this reporting period.

ⁱ Federal Implementation Plan for the 2030 Agenda, <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/agenda-2030/federal-implementation-plan.html>

