

Key element	What the draft Strategy does well	What should be improved	Recommendations
<p>1. Clear priorities and goals based on an understanding of the greatest climate change risks Canada faces.</p>	<p>Establishes clear, high-level, national priorities for adaptation.</p> <p>Sets out quantitative, time-bound targets for national progress.</p>	<p>The Strategy's priorities are not mapped against Canada's top risks.</p> <p>The rationale for selecting the proposed targets is unclear.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the top risks the Strategy is intended to address. 2. Explain how the goals and objectives will mitigate top risks. 3. Regularly update assessments of top national climate risks to inform updates to the Strategy.
<p>2. Concrete policy measures and actions to achieve those goals.</p>	<p>The Action Plan sets out concrete federal actions to implement the Strategy.</p>	<p>How Action Plan actions will achieve Strategy objectives is unclear.</p> <p>The new Action Plan investments don't do enough to close Canada's adaptation gap.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Identify priority action areas in the Strategy to guide federal and other action plans. 5. Confirm expanded government investment in adaptation beyond the Action Plan.
<p>3. Mechanisms for improved coordination of adaptation policy and action across federal government departments and between all orders of government.</p>	<p>Highlights the importance of effective governance in delivering on goals and objectives.</p> <p>Clearly acknowledges and explains the federal government role in climate change adaptation.</p>	<p>Absence of new or improved approaches to improve policy coordination or mainstream adaptation considerations in decisions.</p> <p>Lack of clarity about next steps to consult and engage with Indigenous Peoples in implementation.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Use whole-of-government tools to enhance coordination and mainstreaming of adaptation. 7. Provide additional detail about how federal-provincial/territorial bilateral action plans will be developed and implemented. 8. Provide greater clarity on steps to implement the Strategy and Action Plan in accordance with UNDRIP.
<p>4. A framework for tracking progress, enhancing accountability and continually improving the Strategy and the actions that it guides.</p>	<p>Outlines the beginnings of a national adaptation monitoring and evaluation system.</p> <p>Commits to tracking both policy implementation and policy outcomes.</p>	<p>There is a disconnect between identified M&E indicators and the Strategy's goals, objectives, and targets.</p> <p>A five-year reporting cycle doesn't allow for short-term course correction.</p> <p>Responsibility for monitoring and evaluation is not defined.</p> <p>No detail is provided on how the initial monitoring framework will be expanded to cover the entire Strategy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Align the M&E indicators with the Strategy's goals, objectives, and targets. 10. Formalize the M&E system by designating responsible federal entities and defining a process for frequent and timely reporting. 11. Provide further detail as to how the M&E system will be expanded over time to address the Strategy's goals, objectives, and targets.