

Indigenous Perspectives 2026-2027 — Outline of Deliverables

We are open to a wide range of topics but are particularly interested in case studies that explore:

- Clean growth (How can communities succeed through the global energy transition?)
- Mitigation (How can communities reduce their emissions?)
- Adaptation (How can communities adapt to a changing climate?)
- Sustainable finance (How can Indigenous rights holders help unlock durable investment in the global low-carbon transition?)
- Integration (Case studies that touch on more than one of the above areas)

Written case studies:

- 2,000-3,000 words drafted in Google docs.
- Where possible, references should include hyperlinks to the source material. Not all case studies require references. They can draw on storytelling, lived experience, intergenerational knowledge, etc. Any quotes or information must be used with consent and follow Indigenous protocols.
- Should include 3-5 relevant photos with credits. Authors are encouraged to provide original photos that help illustrate key messages, but can also work with the communications mentor to select visuals from stock image databases.
- Authors may opt to integrate other media (charts/graphics, short video clips, and audio recordings) instead of / in addition to photos.

Applicants can include work that is underway (connected to a Masters, PhD or post doctoral research, for example) or original research. We also welcome community researchers and community members working together.

We are open to creative ways to communicate case study research. Authors may select to incorporate multimedia elements into their final written case study including: photos, illustrations, paintings, videos, and audio. **We ask that you please let us know early on if you plan on using multimedia in your case study.** See below for more details.

***Please follow these parameters for multimedia content:**

Authors are responsible for ensuring consent from participants in line with [OCAP principles](#), and that Indigenous protocols are followed.

- Images:
 - File formats: jpg or png
 - Resolution: 72 to 300 dpi
 - Both vertical and horizontal can be used, except for the header (banner) image, which must be horizontal. It will be resized to 1600 x 600 px.
- Videos:
 - 30 seconds - 2 minutes

- Requires a thumbnail image
 - Filming and editing are your responsibility.
 - The communications mentor can offer guidance, advice, and constructive feedback on planning and execution of your video storytelling, and can provide some support on finishing touches, such as graphics and subtitles.
 - File formats: MP4, MOV, AVI
 - Horizontal videos: 720p (1280 x 720) to 2160p (3840 x 2160)
 - Vertical videos: 9:16 (1080x1920), up to 60 seconds
 - Frame rate: Default 24 to 30 fps
- Audio:
 - 2 - 5 minutes
 - File formats: WAV is preferred, mp3 possible.
 - File size: 96 to 192 kbps, max 5GB
 - Audio recording and editing are your responsibility.
 - The communications mentor can offer guidance, advice, and constructive feedback on planning and execution of your audio storytelling, and can provide some support on finishing touches.

The Canadian Climate Institute follows the [Canadian Press Stylebook](#) for spelling and style standards and will edit case studies to be generally in line with those guidelines. Authors are not required to have access to the guide; the communications mentor team will support you.

Case studies can be delivered in French or English, as the Institute publishes final versions in both languages. We also offer translation of up to approximately 500 words of written case studies into an Indigenous language of your choosing. Please let us know as early as possible whether you wish to translate part of your work into an Indigenous language, and if so which one(s). We provide all of the translation support. For further reference, see the [case studies from previous years](#).