



ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS (AFN) NATIONAL CLIMATE STRATEGY

SUMMARY CHART

PRIORITY AREAS						
3.1: Prioritize First Nations Knowledge Systems, health, languages, cultures, and spiritualities.	3.2: Recognize, respect, and position First Nations Inherent jurisdiction and right to self-determination as central to climate decision-making at all levels.	3.3: Address capacity needs to support First Nations governance and their role as climate leaders.	3.4: Ensure First Nations self-sufficiency in food, water, and energy.	3.5: Close the natural and built infrastructure gap.	3.6: Ensure First Nations are equipped to mitigate, prevent, respond, and recover to all emergencies.	3.7: Leverage the First Nations Climate Lens to reform federal, provincial, and territorial legislation, regulation, policy, and programs.
GOALS						
First Nations use, without restrictions, their knowledge systems, languages, cultures,	First Nations' Inherent jurisdiction and right to self-determination is recognized and upheld in climate	First Nations have the financial, technical, and human capacity to lead the response to the climate crisis	First Nations are self-sufficient in the areas of food, water, and energy, supporting the	First Nations close the natural and built infrastructure gap, enabling an effective and self-determined	First Nations are equipped with the financial, technical, and human resources to control their own emergency	The First Nations Climate Lens is used to guide reform of all legislation, regulation, policy, and programs at

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spiritualities, and legal systems to respond to the climate crisis today and in the future.	governance, legislation, regulation, and policies at all levels.	now and in the future.	health and resilience of future generations.	response to current and projected climate impacts.	management programs, systems, and strategies to mitigate, prevent, respond, and recover to all emergencies	the federal, provincial, and territorial level in full partnership with First Nations.
OBJECTIVES						
3.1.1: Prioritize the preservation, retention, and use of First Nations’ knowledge systems, languages, cultures, spiritualities, and legal systems by First Nations as a foundation to respond to the climate and biodiversity crises	3.2.1: Ensure federal, provincial, and territorial climate governance, legislation, regulation, and policies, as well as other relevant initiatives, recognizes, protects, and safeguards First Nations rights to self-determination.	3.3.1: Address known barriers that limit First Nation’s access to, and participation in, federal, provincial, and territorial climate-related funding programs.	3.4.1: Recognize that self-sufficiency in food, water, and energy represents a foundational element of First Nations self-determination, supporting the restoration of jurisdiction and authority over First Nations Lands and Waters.	3.5.1: Assess the climate vulnerability of existing natural and built infrastructure across First Nations, as well as the gaps, to quantify the need for stable, adequate, and long-term funding to First Nations to build resiliency in a changing climate.	3.6.1: Respect, promote, and safeguard First Nations rights, knowledge systems, and self-determination in all federal, provincial, and territorial emergency management, including mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery.	3.7.1: Ensure all climate-related legislation, regulation, policies, programs, and their implementation mechanisms at the federal, provincial, and territorial level are aligned with the First Nations Climate Lens.
3.1.2: Provide stable, adequate, and long-term funding to First Nations to revitalize their legal and	3.2.2: Empower, facilitate, and ensure the development and implementation of local and regional	3.3.2: Identify financial, technical, and human capacity needs of each First Nation to mobilize stable, adequate,	3.4.2: Support First Nations in creating and enhancing mechanisms to effectively	3.5.2: Establish appropriate natural and built infrastructure within First Nations to	3.6.2: Strengthen First Nations-led emergency management at the community, regional, and	3.7.2: Remove legislative, regulatory, and policy barriers for First Nations to exercise their self-

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governance systems to guide climate change responses.	First Nations climate change strategies, amplifying their unique and essential role in climate action.	and long-term investment to strengthen their planning, decision-making, and response to climate change	understand, plan, and respond to the impacts of climate change on traditional food systems, water sources, and energy systems.	protect community and ecosystem health, reduce emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, and adapt to current and projected climate impacts.	national level, including mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery, to effectively respond to climate-related impacts, risks, and emergencies.	determination in climate planning, decision-making and response.
3.1.3: Ensure First Nations’ knowledge systems ethically and equitably lead federal, provincial, and territorial understandings of the root causes of the climate crisis, as well as their decision-making processes.	3.2.3 Respect and facilitate First Nations in developing, maintaining, and implementing their own institutions, governing bodies, and political, economic, and social structures related to climate change.	3.3.3: Strengthen knowledge and awareness within, and between, First Nations on climate change, including local impacts, mitigation approaches, adaptation, and emergency responses.	3.4.3: Ensure food security and establish self-sufficiency within all First Nations, especially those in colder climates and those most vulnerable to climate-related impacts.	3.5.3: Support agreements, laws, initiatives, and networks that promote and enhance local and regional collaboration between First Nations to protect the Lands, Waters, and Air for future generations.	3.6.3: Provide financial technical and human capacity to First Nations to support the development, implementation, and monitoring of emergency management strategies, action plans, and risk assessments.	3.7.3: Increase public understanding of the role of colonization and colonial laws, such as the <i>Indian Act</i> , in limiting and restricting First Nations ability to respond to climate change.
3.1.4: Ensure First Nations are positioned to understand the short- and long-term impacts of climate change on their health and wellness to	3.2.4: Facilitate and enhance development and implementation of First Nations-led terrestrial, aquatic, and marine conservation,	3.3.4: Strengthen climate-related training and skills development, grounded in both First Nations knowledge systems and Western knowledge, for First	3.4.4: Ensure respect and recognition of First Nations’ water governance and authority to work in relationship	3.5.4: Ensure reliable, accessible, safe, and affordable low-carbon and active transportation within and	3.6.4: Enhance First Nations’ financial, technical, and human capacity to conduct community-based climate-related assessments and monitoring to	3.7.4: Strengthen collaboration and partnership between First Nations and federal, provincial, and territorial governments, as well as with

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<p>design and implement climate policy and programs to reflect these understandings</p>	<p>including First Nation Land and Water Guardians.</p>	<p>Nations in all locations</p>	<p>with water sources, including watersheds, wetlands, groundwater, rainwater, and the ocean.</p>	<p>between First Nations.</p>	<p>generate their own data, in line with OCAP®, and inform their self-determined emergency management, including mitigation, prevention, response, recovery.</p>	<p>Indigenous Peoples internationally, in climate response, conservation, and environmental protection and stewardship.</p>
<p>.</p>	<p>3.2.5: Enhance public knowledge and understanding of the societal, cultural, health, and economic consequences of climate change impacts on First Nations.</p>	<p>3.3.5: Remove all barriers facing First Nations women, men, knowledge keepers, members with disabilities, youth, and 2SLGBTQIAA+ individuals to unlock their full contributions to climate action.</p>	<p>3.4.5: Facilitate First Nations’ energy independence and energy security by supporting the participation and ownership in the generation, transmission, and distribution of energy, including through power purchase agreements.</p>	<p>3.5.5: Support First Nations to ensure that housing and buildings within their territories are culturally appropriate, energy-efficient, and resilient to climate change.</p>		<p>3.7.5: Develop a toolkit to support First Nations in adapting and applying the First Nations Climate Lens to their local circumstances.</p>