

PRAIRIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA DETAILED ACTION PLAN

to the recommendations of Report 1-Just Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy of the 2022 Reports 1 to 5 of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development

Report Ref. No.	OAG Recommendation	Departmental Response	Description of Final Expected Outcome/Result	Expected Final Completion Date	Key Interim Milestones (Description/Dates)	Responsible Organization/ Point of Contact (Name, Position, Tel #)	Indicator of Achievement (For Committee Use Only)
	<p>1.58 To better integrate just-transition principles into federal programs, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Prairies Economic Development Canada, and Employment and Social Development Canada should work with Natural Resources Canada to establish the federal government's approach, which could include the design of new federal programs and leverage existing mechanisms, to support a just transition to a low-carbon economy that meets the diverse needs of affected workers and communities.</p>	<p>Prairies Economic Development Canada's response. Agreed. The agency, where mandated, agrees to work with other federal departments and agencies to design new federal programs and undertake other actions to support a just transition to a low carbon economy that meets the diverse needs of affected workers and communities in the Prairies.</p>	<p>For future programs in support of just transition initiatives to a low carbon economy, Prairies Economic Development Canada will, where mandated, consider how best to address the diverse needs of workers and communities in coordination with other implicated federal departments in a manner that reflects the place-based nature of Prairies Economic Development Canada's program delivery.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The mandate of Prairies Economic Development Canada is to work with businesses and communities to develop and diversify local economies. Prairies Economic Development Canada will, within this mandate, assist in the design and delivery of new federal programs/leverage existing mechanisms, to support a just transition to a low-carbon economy.</p> <p>Prairies Economic Development Canada has a significant presence across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and will work with implicated federal departments for programs that support a just transition to a low-carbon economy. This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring clear identification of roles and responsibilities based on federal departmental mandates towards a coordinated approach. • Utilizing existing networks to build stakeholder relationships, working closely with communities to identify and develop regional priorities. • Providing guidance on the overall design and delivery of programs that will foster an understanding of the economic environment of the Prairie provinces, emphasizing the need for economic diversity that will attract new sector and business investments to foster job growth. • Providing expertise and input that considers the specific challenges faced by impacted communities/regions and their unique economic challenges. 	<p>Prairies Economic Development Canada Policy and Strategic Direction Assistant Deputy Minister Anoop Kapoor 613-513-6931</p>	

	<p>1.63 Natural Resources Canada, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and Prairies Economic Development Canada, with the support of Employment and Social Development Canada, should work together to measure, monitor, and report on just-transition outcomes. This would include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing indicators and determining data requirements to measure and monitor the long-term effects of the coal phase-out on affected workers and communities • tracking progress against indicators that align with the Canadian Indicator Framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and reflect the diversity of directly and indirectly affected workers and communities • establishing results to be achieved for workers and communities that support a just transition to a low-carbon economy • establishing a reporting schedule to publicly report on the outcomes of the just-transition programs 	<p>Prairies Economic Development Canada’s response. Agreed. The agency agrees that for future programs it is mandated to deliver, it will work with other federal departments and agencies on performance measurement, monitoring and reporting on just transition.</p>	<p>Prairies Economic Development Canada will work with other Regional Development Agencies, Employment and Social Development Canada, and Natural Resources Canada to establish monitoring and reporting mechanisms for future just transition programming. Responsibility will reflect the mandates of implicated federal departments and work towards a comprehensive understanding of overall just transition outcomes.</p>	<p>Ongoing Evaluations of CCTI and CCTI-IF in 2023-24</p>	<p>Prairies Economic Development Canada will, within its mandate, assist in the development of measurement, monitoring, and reporting metrics on just-transition outcomes for new federal programs in support of just transition to a low-carbon economy.</p> <p>Coal Phase-Out Measuring, Monitoring and Reporting Relevant government departments will collaborate through Director and Director General-level Interdepartmental Working Groups, which have as one of their tasks the establishment of indicators and data requirements to measure and monitor the effects of the transition to a low carbon economy on workers and communities, utilizing expertise found through available data, CCTI and CCTI-IF program evaluations, and the Government of Canada’s definition of Just Transition. The DG level group started meeting in the Spring of 2022 and the director level group will be formally established in June 2022.</p> <p>Prairies Economic Development Canada will continue to provide CCTI and CCTI-IF project information and results data to NRCan for public reporting.</p> <p>Evaluation of CCTI/CCTI-IF Programs Measuring and monitoring overall program outcomes is achieved by multiple measures including Prairie Economic Development Canada’s existing performance measurement framework.</p> <p>Prairies Economic Development Canada will be conducting a program evaluation of CCTI and CCTI-IF in 2023-24. The final evaluation report will be released publicly on the department’s website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Delivery – Assess the design and delivery of the initiatives including any implementation issues. This will include a determination of whether program activities have been implemented as intended. 		
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