

INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA DETAILED ACTION PLAN
to the recommendations of the *Audit of Climate Considerations for Federally Funded Infrastructure*
- Spring 2022 Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development -

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32	To help ensure that it receives reliable information on the expected climate change benefits of infrastructure projects, Infrastructure Canada should require that information be prepared on the basis of clear, specific and internationally recognized quality criteria for proponents to use when preparing emissions reduction and climate resilience information for their proposed projects.	<p>Agreed. Infrastructure Canada is committed to continuous improvement of its evergreen Climate Lens guidance and to the consistent tracking of climate change benefits of funded infrastructure.</p> <p>This work will enhance clarity around the Department's general Climate Lens guidance and will include developing sector-specific guidance including introducing GHG quantification modules in priority areas.</p>	Proponents have been provided with clearer guidance to facilitate the submission of Climate Lenses.	Fall 2022	<p>Revise and make available Climate Lens General Guidance to provide clarity of Climate Lens requirements for Proponents (Fall 2022)</p> <p>Develop and make available sector specific guidance for estimating greenhouse gases for projects (Fall 2022)</p>	Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policy and Results, gerard.peets@infc.gc.ca	
52	To ensure the efficient management of climate mitigation and resilience outcomes information it receives from project proponents, and to ensure the completeness and reliability of this information, Infrastructure Canada should integrate its information management procedures, and establish effective and efficient data transfer protocols and quality controls as this information is pulled from submissions and transferred in internal systems.	<p>Agreed. Infrastructure Canada will improve the cataloguing, documentation and tracking of climate lens data throughout the project life cycle (from submission, validation, approval and implementation).</p>	Consistent labelling of climate-related data across INFC internal systems/ databases to ensure data is tracked throughout the project submission and review process.	Fall 2022	<p>Document and communicate within INFC the process for collecting and storing Climate Lens related data to establish a consistent and reliable source of data for reporting (Fall 2022)</p> <p>Document and communicate the overall Climate Lens Review Process (Fall 2022)</p>	Alison O'Leary, ADM Communities and Infrastructure Programs, alison.oleary@infc.gc.ca	
60	<p>To ensure it can consistently implement the Climate Lens and account for the expected greenhouse emission reductions and resilience outcomes of submitted projects with confidence, Infrastructure Canada should specify data completeness and comparability criteria to be met.</p> <p>Infrastructure Canada should further review its-vetting procedures to ensure that they are adequate in validating that the quality of information received</p>	<p>Agreed. Infrastructure Canada will improve the communication and clarity of the criteria and expected data required for completeness as part of the climate lens guidance, and in particular through the development of sector-specific guidance consistent with ISO standards.</p> <p>The department will review its vetting procedures to ensure validation of the assessments to allow program-level reporting on achievements.</p>	<p>Proponents have been provided with clearer guidance to facilitate the submission of Climate Lenses.</p> <p>INFC has improved its Climate Lens review process for validating project outcomes.</p> <p>Climate Lens data has undergone quality assurance</p>	Fall 2022	<p>Revise and make available Climate Lens General Guidance to provide clarity of Climate Lens requirements for Proponents (Fall 2022)</p> <p>Review greenhouse gas and resilience vetting procedures, identify and document areas for improvement, and implement any necessary changes. (Summer 2022)</p> <p>Undertake an additional Quality Assurance review to validate initial climate data reviewed</p>	Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policy and Results, gerard.peets@infc.gc.ca	

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	enables the compilation of program-level achievements.		to increase robustness in reporting.		under INFC's greenhouse gas emissions vetting procedures. This would capture potential changes in design submitted by PTs as part of progress reports. An initial QA review would be undertaken on Climate Lens submissions up to July 2022; subsequent QA reviews would be undertaken at least annually. (Summer 2022; ongoing)		
70	Building on information it collects from program applicants and processes internally on the climate change benefits of funded projects, INFC should develop and implement program-level performance indicators of estimated emissions reductions and resilience outcomes and report them publicly.	<p>Agreed. Although the departmental reporting cycle (Departmental Report on Results) fell outside the timeframe for the audit, the department has identified performance indicators for emission reductions and resilience and reported on them publicly. Infrastructure Canada reported on the GHG emissions reductions associated with its ICIP spending in its 2021 Departmental Results Report, published February 1, 2022. Please see this link. "As of March 31, 2021, 71 approved ICIP-GIS projects contribute to a net GHG emissions reduction of 2.7 MT (27% of target), based on forecasted levels for the reference year."</p> <p>Understanding that certain program performance indicators have already been established, Infrastructure Canada will explore ways to further improve measurement and public program-level reporting on estimated emission reductions and resilience outcomes.</p>	Performance measurement and reporting has been optimized for future programs.	Spring 2023	<p>Complete high-level results and indicator approach for new generation of programming (Fall 2022)</p> <p>Explore development of climate-related program-level indicators for future programs (Winter 2022 and Spring 2023)</p> <p>Performance measurement strategies for new programs take into account the findings (Winter 2022 and Spring 2023)</p> <p>Ensure data standardisation allows aggregating program level data for each indicator (Winter 2022 and Spring 2023)</p>	Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policy and Results, gerard.peets@infc.gc.ca	
77	The department should identify the targets for the Sustainable Development Goals that a federal infrastructure program will contribute to, and establish performance indicators specific to each and use them to track and report publicly on progress.	<p>Agreed. Infrastructure Canada will report on progress for relevant SDG targets through the whole-of-government Canadian Indicator Framework and the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, which continues to refine a set of indicators that aim to demonstrate progress towards the SDGs. In contributing to this work, INFC input will reflect the effect of investments from INFC programs and initiatives.</p>	INFC contributes to Canadian Indicator Framework.	Ongoing	Document and fulfil INFC's role with respect to the whole-of-government Canadian Indicator Framework, and efforts to update and/or advance reporting on contributions to federal targets that are relevant for INFC investments (Ongoing)	Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policy and Results, gerard.peets@infc.gc.ca	

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24 (new, Excerpt, comes at Paragraph 69 in PX Draft)	The GBA Plus tool helps federal departments identify unintended effects of their programs on vulnerable or equity-seeking communities and mitigate the barriers these groups may face in accessing federal funding. We expected that the department considered GBA Plus in the design and delivery of the 4 programs examined and reported on in their respective GBA Plus results.	Agreed. For existing programs, Infrastructure Canada will work with partners around the department on reporting on gender, diversity and inclusion, within established processes and reporting requirements such as Community Employment Benefits. Infrastructure Canada will explore opportunities to improve the measurement and reporting of its new programs toward gender, diversity and inclusivity.	The approach and plan for more consistent reporting of GBA Plus results has been defined. An approach and plan for improved measurement and reporting of new programs toward gender, diversity and inclusion has been defined.	Spring 2023	Identification and assessment of critical gaps, including knowledge, tools, and process challenges that impact GBA Plus measurement and reporting (Winter 2022/23) Establishment of an internal GBA Plus Working Group to strengthen the use of GBA Plus, improve processes, and support departmental actions to improve the measurement and reporting of programs toward gender, diversity and inclusion (Fall 2022) Assessment of lessons learned and gaps, including knowledge, tools, and process challenges that impact GBA Plus measurement and reporting, as government transitions to the Integrated Climate Lens (Winter 2022/ongoing)	Gerard Peets, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Policy and Results, gerard.peets@infc.gc.ca	