

THE ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY'S DETAILED ACTION PLAN

To the recommendations of the 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.	CESD 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)
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>The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's response.</p> <p>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 Atlantic Canada.</p>	For future program delivery in support of just transition initiatives to a low carbon economy, the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency 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 the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency's program delivery.	Ongoing	<p>The mandate of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency is to work with businesses and communities to develop opportunities and support the diversification of local economies. The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, where mandated, will assist in the design and delivery of new federal programs, to support a just transition to a low-carbon economy.</p> <p>The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency will work with implicated federal departments on future 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 its significant networks across Atlantic Canada to build stakeholder relationships to understand regional priorities as they transition to a low carbon economy. This includes working closely with impacted 	<p>Name: Hélène Robichaud</p> <p>Title: Director General, Programs</p> <p>Email: helene.robichaud@acoa-apeca.gc.ca</p> <p>Mobile: (506) 850 3641</p>	

					<p>communities to identify and address their unique challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing guidance on the overall design and delivery of programs that will foster an understanding of the economic reality in Atlantic Canada, emphasizing the need for economic diversity that will attract new sector and business investments to foster economic growth. • Leveraging its knowledge and experience garnered from working with communities to inform the federal government’s approach. 	
1.63	<p>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.</p> <p>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 	<p>Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency’s response.</p> <p>Agreed. The Agency agrees that for future programs that it is mandated to deliver, it will work with other federal departments and agencies on performance measurement, monitoring and reporting on just transition. A planned program evaluation for both the Canada Coal Transition Initiative and the Canada Coal Transition Initiative - Infrastructure Fund will help inform future program design and delivery.</p>	<p>The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency will work with other Regional Development Agencies, Employment and Social Development Canada, and Natural Resources Canada to establish reporting mechanisms for future just transition programming to measure outcomes. Responsibility for developing these measures will reflect the mandates of implicated federal departments and work towards a comprehensive understanding of overall just transition outcomes.</p>	Ongoing	<p>The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, where mandated, will assist measuring, monitoring, and reporting on outcomes for new federal programs in support of just transition to a low-carbon economy. In addition, ACOA will enhance its reporting on current initiatives, as follows:</p> <p>Coal Phase-Out Measuring, Monitoring and Reporting</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>Name: Wade Aucoin</p> <p>Title: Director General, Policy</p> <p>Email: wade.aucoin@acoa-apeca.gc.ca</p> <p>Mobile: (506) 381-0324</p>

	<p>transition to a low-carbon economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing a reporting schedule to publicly report on the outcomes of the just-transition programs 			<p>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>Canadian Indicator Framework for the Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>New strategies will ensure indicators framework are aligned with the Canadian Indicator Framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and links will be made in the next three-year Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy in 2023.</p> <p>Evaluation of CCTI/CCTI-IF Programs</p> <p>Measuring and monitoring overall program outcomes is achieved by multiple measures, including using the existing performance framework and the numerous indicators at the program level. The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency conducts program evaluations with independent evaluators to assess the relevance, efficiency, and impact of a program's objectives. Qualitative and quantitative evidence can be brought to bear on outcome-related questions such as whether communities were able to diversify their economies.</p> <p>The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency will be</p>		
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					<p>conducting a program evaluation of CCTI and CCTI-IF in 2023-24.</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. • Effectiveness of the Initiatives – Measurement of the intended effects in the target communities by assessing the progress in the outcomes or objectives that the initiatives set out to achieve. Impact of initiatives will be determined using a combination of quantitative and qualitative evaluation methods. <p>Reporting Schedule</p> <p>ACOA will establish a reporting schedule to publicly report on the outcomes of the just-transition programs:</p> <p>Annually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACOA Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy • ACOA Departmental Results Report • ACOA Departmental Plan • Horizontal reporting, led by other federal department(s), as applicable <p>Quarterly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan reporting for CCTI-IF 		
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