

Environment Canada Sustainable Development Strategy 2004-2006

Environment Canada's Sustainable Development Strategy 2004-2006 highlights for Canadians key commitments that the department will undertake over the next three years to further our sustainable development objectives, to participate in building a government-wide approach to sustainable development, and to address our international sustainable development agenda.

Environment Canada's mission is to make sustainable development a reality in Canada by helping Canadians live and prosper in an environment that needs to be respected, protected, and conserved.

Sustainable Development Strategy Themes

Information for Decision Making

Innovative Instruments

Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Managing for Sustainable Development

Long-term Outcomes

Canadian institutions and individuals make decisions that support sustainable Development.

An optimal mix of instruments is used to achieve environmental and sustainable development goals.

Environment Canada's partnerships effectively support the implementation of sustainable development.

Federal operations are managed sustainably and transparently and Environment Canada is a model for others inside and outside government.

Intermediate-term Outcomes

Environment Canada contributes to a strong, integrated environmental science system in Canada that supports sustainable development.

Environment Canada effectively integrates socio-economic, natural capital and environmental information and indicators and disseminates this information to influence decision makers.

Strengthened predictive capacity and information sharing reduce the impact of environmental threats on the health and safety of Canadians.

Innovative economic instruments are developed and applied to support sustainable development.

Innovative agreements are negotiated with industry to further sustainable development goals.

Effective partnerships promote the sustainable development of Canadian communities.

Environment Canada's partnerships with the corporate sector enhance productivity and the environment performance of Canadian industry.

Environment Canada's partnerships with other government departments and other levels of government support implementation of the department's environmental agenda and build toward a coordinated sustainable development agenda for Canada.

Environment Canada employees and managers understand sustainable development and incorporate its principles into their day-to-day decisions. These are further reinforced through the integration of the environmental management system into Environment Canada's operations and management framework.

Environmental performance in federal operations has demonstrably improved.

Sustainable development is about how to meet the needs of Canadians today, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. It is not an end point, but an approach to decision making. It recognizes that social, economic, and environmental issues are interconnected, and that decisions must incorporate each of these aspects if they are to be good decisions in the longer term. It is an approach that will help Canadians achieve a healthy environment, a prosperous economy, a high standard of living, and a vibrant and just society for current and future generations.

To learn more about the Strategy and to view the entire document, please visit the departmental SDS website at: www.ec.gc.ca/sd-dd_consult/

For information on the federal government's approach to sustainable development, please visit SDInfo at: www.sdinfo.gc.ca