

# Climate Change Workshop Planning for Climate Resilience

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# Presentation Objectives:

- Understanding the urgency of planning for climate resiliency for FA signatories
- Climate-informed planning: International and Canadian context
- Climate-informed planning: Integrating community, land-use and environmental planning within the context of the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management



Think positive!

# Key terms: Mitigation vs. Adaptation



Climate change **Mitigation** refers to actions that seek to prevent climate change from happening by reducing human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.



Climate change **Adaptation** refers to actions that seek to minimize damage caused by climate change, such as making improvements to flood prevention or stormwater infrastructure.



1. Why do we need to plan for climate change?

# Speed of Warming

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Climate Change is no longer centuries or decades away, but is happening now due to human activities and our influence on Earth's climate system





# Severity of Climate Change

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Global warming of 1.5 to 2 degrees C will have serious consequences for millions of people and will exacerbate existing environmental issues.

# Scope of Impacts

The impacts and effects of climate change can't be compartmentalized into a single type of event, such as flooding.

As the crisis deepens, the changing climate will have more and more of an all-encompassing effect on our daily lives.





# Making sense of climate denial

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Social and psychological drivers for climate science denial



Common techniques and fallacies that deniers use to distort climate science.

Only collective  
action can  
prevent  
catastrophic  
climate change

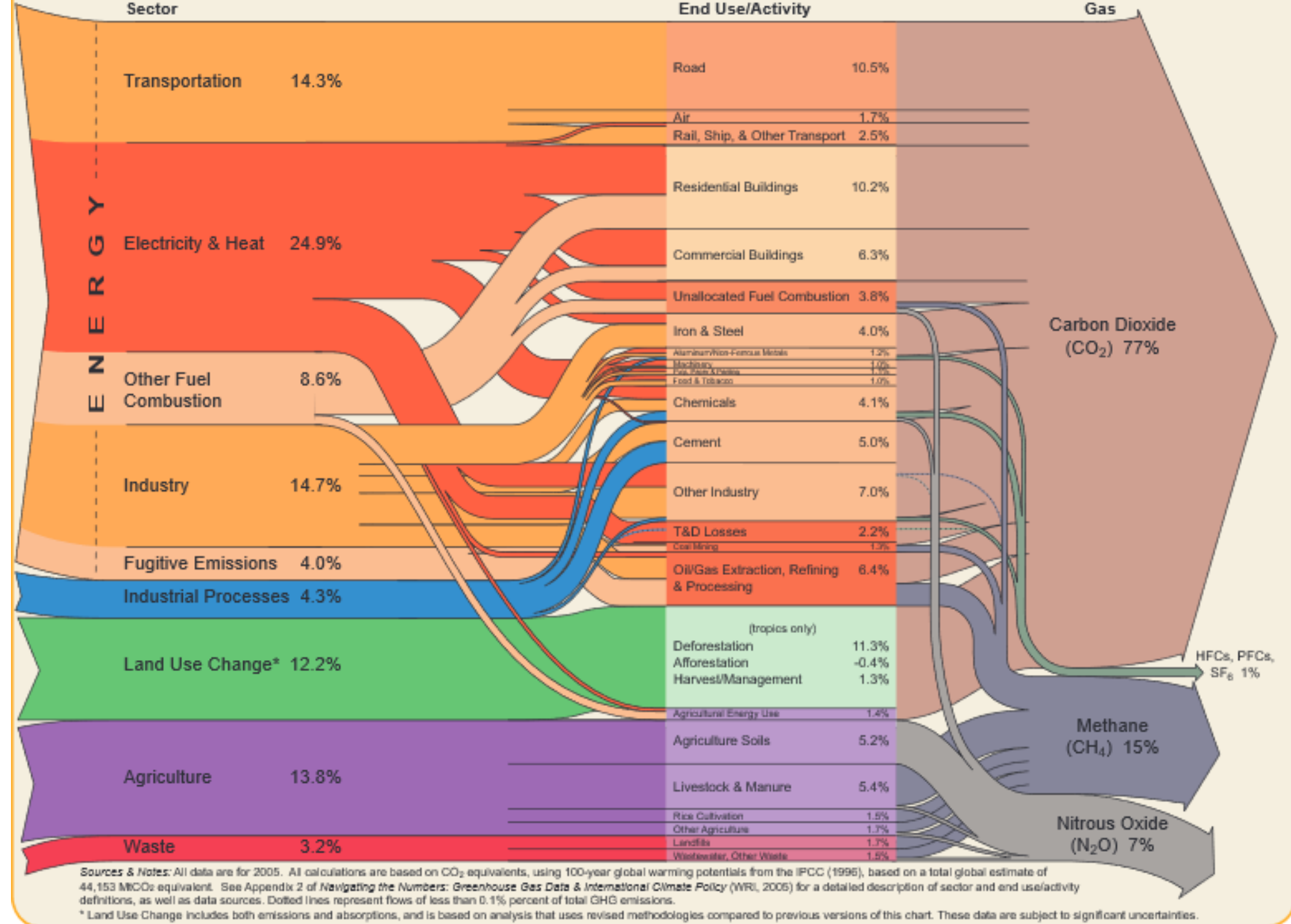
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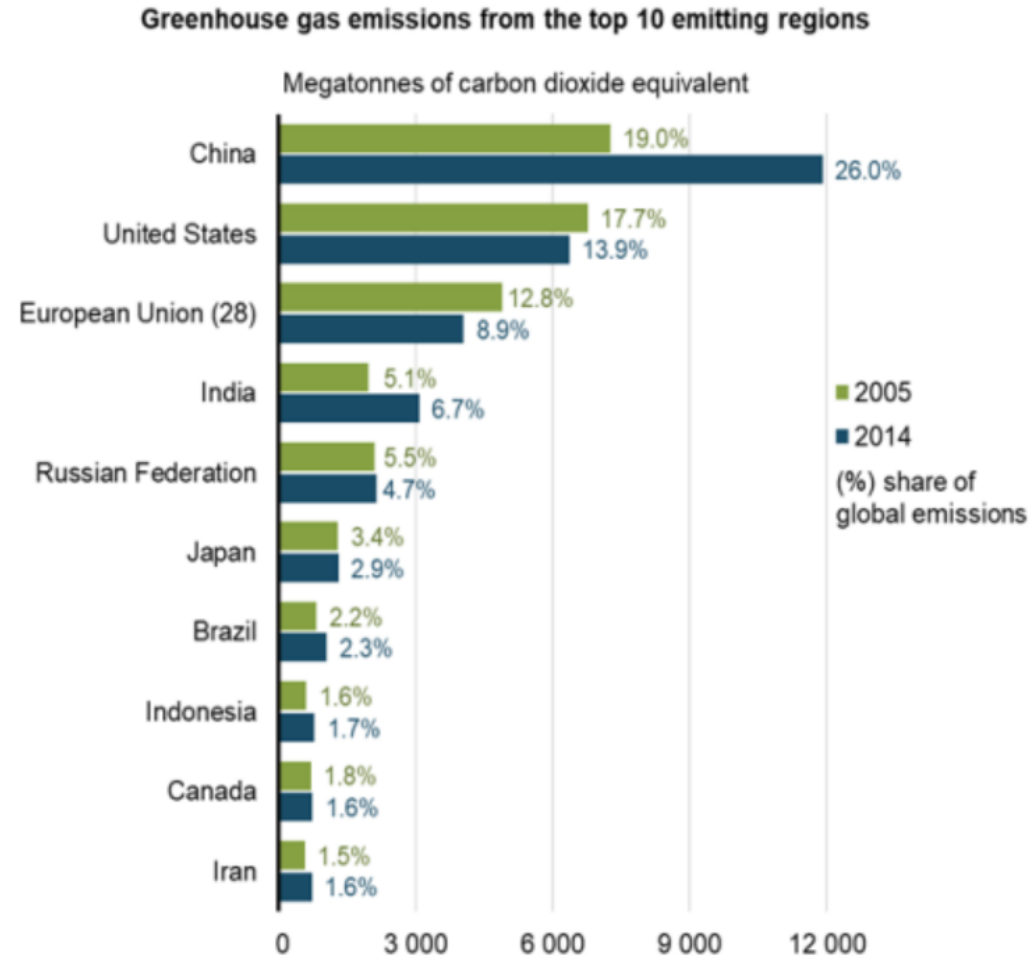
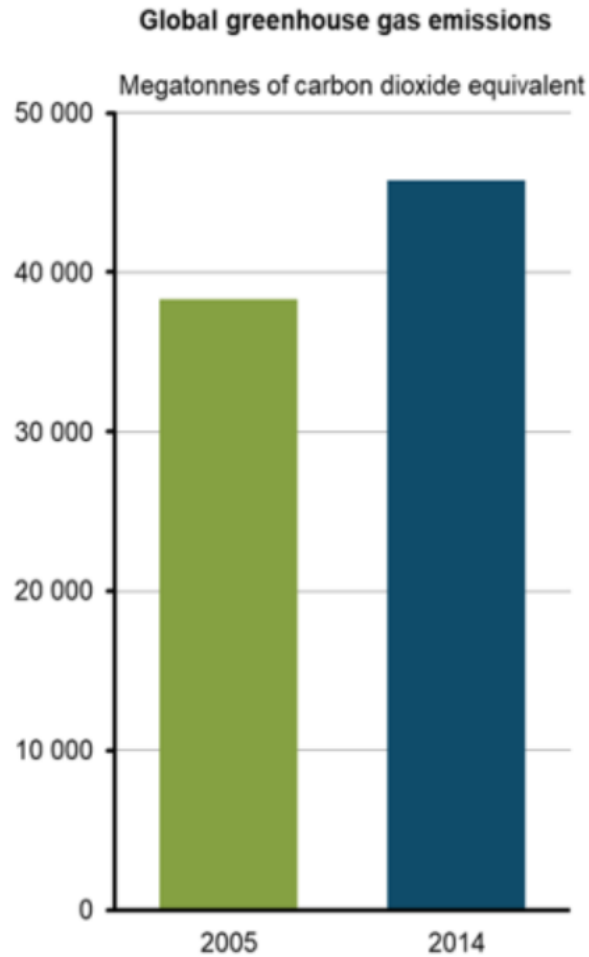
International  
cooperation  
on this scale  
is rare!



## 2. International and Canadian Context of Climate Change



# Greenhouse gas emissions for the world and top 10 emitting countries and regions, 1 2005 and 2014



# Who has contributed most to global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?

Cumulative carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions over the period from 1751 to 2017. Figures are based on production-based emissions which measure CO<sub>2</sub> produced domestically from fossil fuel combustion and cement, and do not correct for emissions embedded in trade (i.e. consumption-based). Emissions from international travel are not included.

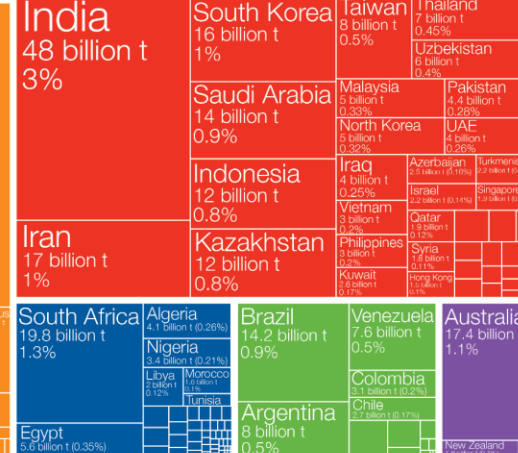
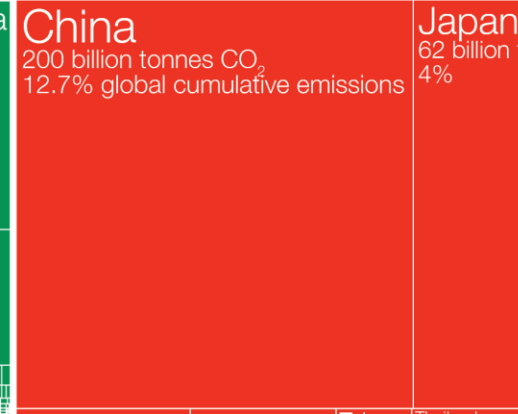
## North America

457 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>  
29% global cumulative emissions



## Asia

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29% global cumulative emissions



Europe  
514 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>  
33% global cumulative emissions

Africa  
43 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>  
3% global emissions

South America  
40 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>  
3% global emissions

Oceania  
20 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>  
1.2% global emissions

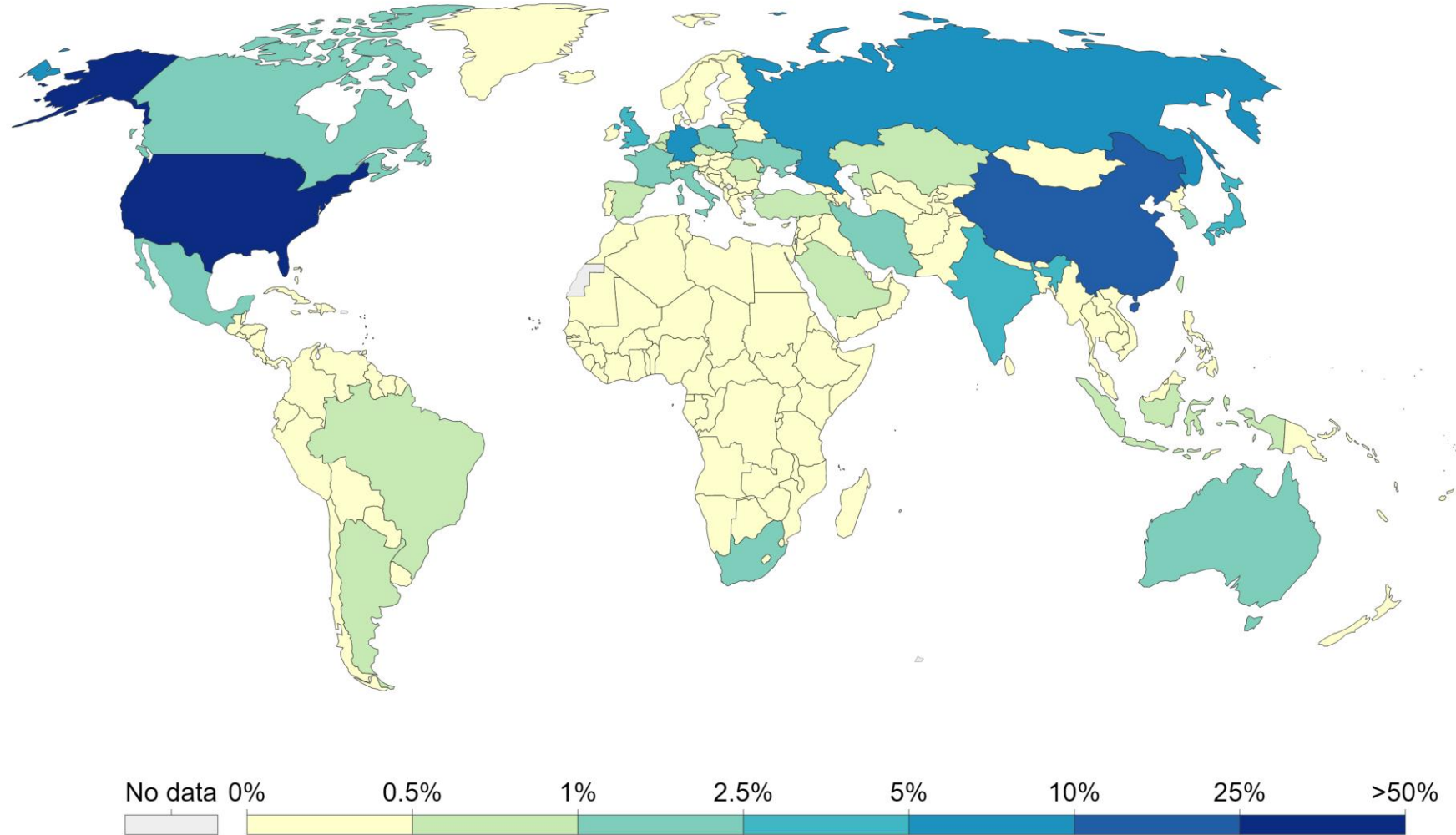
Figures for the 28 countries in the European Union have been grouped as the 'EU-28' since international targets and negotiations are typically set as a collaborative target between EU countries. Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Data source: Calculated by Our World in Data based on data from the Global Carbon Project (GCP) and Carbon Dioxide Analysis Center (CDIAC). This is a visualization from [OurWorldinData.org](https://ourworldindata.org), where you find data and research on how the world is changing.

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# Share of global cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2017

Each country or region's share of cumulative global carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. Cumulative emissions are calculated as the sum of annual emissions from 1751 to a given year.



Source: OWID based on CDIAC & Global Carbon Project (GCP)  
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## Observer Organizations

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# UNFCCC

## United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- Came into force in 1994
- Near universal membership
- Canada is a signatory

Purpose is to prevent humanity's dangerous interference with Earth's climate system



Regular Reporting on Climate Policies and Measures

Annual GHG inventories

## Signatory Nations

### Annex 1 & 2

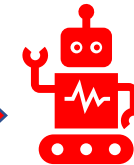
Industrialized Countries, members of OECD and Economies in Transition (EiT)

### Non-Annex

Developing Countries and Least Developed Countries (LDC's)

Financial Resources

Technology



# Climate Resilient Development Pathways (Sustainable Development)



# Principles of Climate Justice



UNITED NATIONS  
**PARIS CLIMATE  
AGREEMENT**  
SIGNING CEREMONY  
— 22 APRIL 2016 —



Commits signatory Nations to strengthen the global response to climate change by limiting the global temperature increase to less than 2° C, and to make substantial commitments to try to limit warming to 1.5° C

# 1.5° vs 2° C global warming: What's the difference?



A limit of 1.5° C global warming means less extreme weather where people live

By 2100, sea level rise would be 10cm lower with 1.5° C of warming as compared to 2°. This means that 10 million fewer people exposed to sea level rise



1.5° C warming has a lower impact on biodiversity and species extinction, with lower risk to fisheries and the livelihoods that depend on them

There would be a smaller reduction in crop yields with a limit of 1.5° C warming



Global population exposed to water shortages would be 50% less with global warming of 1.5° compared to 2° C

Several hundred million fewer people would be exposed to climate-related risk and be susceptible to poverty by 2050 with a limit of 1.5° C warming



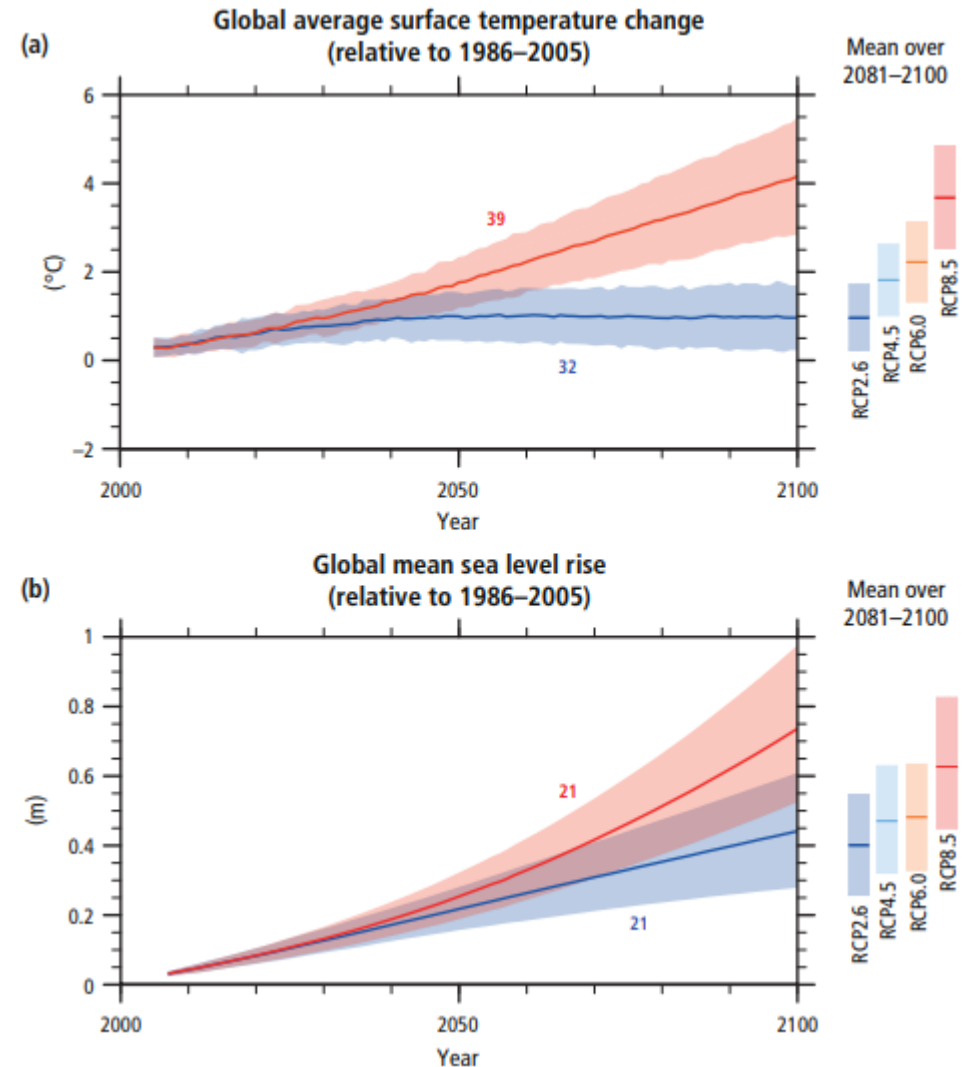


Climate change is sad,  
no matter how you  
dress it up.

# Why does this matter?

There is uncertainty when it comes to climate change. Planning adequately for a changing climate depends on what scenario you're planning for. What scenario of climate change takes place really depends on the global response.

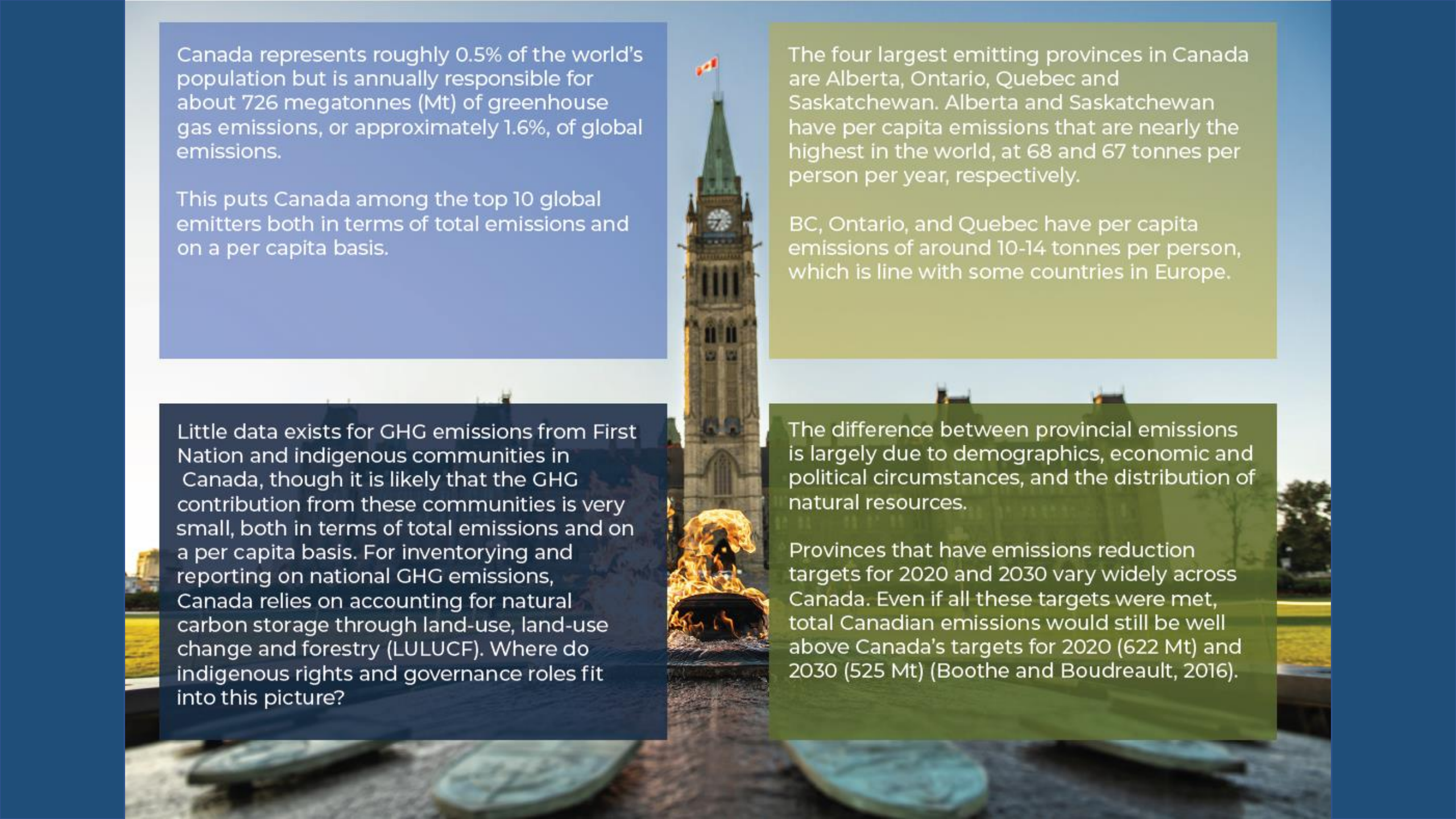
Based on our current emissions trend, we're heading for a global temperature increase of between 2.5° to 5° C by the year 2100, and up to 13° global warming by the year 2300.



# Climate Change in Canada

A photograph of the Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, with a large fire burning in a fountain in the foreground. The text "Climate Change in Canada" is overlaid on the image. The scene is set during dusk or dawn, with the sky in shades of grey and blue. The Parliament Hill building is a large, historic stone structure with a prominent clock tower. The fountain in the foreground is a large, circular structure with water flowing outwards. A large fire is burning in the center of the fountain, with flames rising high into the air. The overall mood is somber and urgent, highlighting the impact of climate change.





Canada represents roughly 0.5% of the world's population but is annually responsible for about 726 megatonnes (Mt) of greenhouse gas emissions, or approximately 1.6%, of global emissions.

This puts Canada among the top 10 global emitters both in terms of total emissions and on a per capita basis.

The four largest emitting provinces in Canada are Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan. Alberta and Saskatchewan have per capita emissions that are nearly the highest in the world, at 68 and 67 tonnes per person per year, respectively.

BC, Ontario, and Quebec have per capita emissions of around 10-14 tonnes per person, which is line with some countries in Europe.

Little data exists for GHG emissions from First Nation and indigenous communities in Canada, though it is likely that the GHG contribution from these communities is very small, both in terms of total emissions and on a per capita basis. For inventorying and reporting on national GHG emissions, Canada relies on accounting for natural carbon storage through land-use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF). Where do indigenous rights and governance roles fit into this picture?

The difference between provincial emissions is largely due to demographics, economic and political circumstances, and the distribution of natural resources.

Provinces that have emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2030 vary widely across Canada. Even if all these targets were met, total Canadian emissions would still be well above Canada's targets for 2020 (622 Mt) and 2030 (525 Mt) (Boothe and Boudreault, 2016).

# Climate Change is projected to intensify in Canada...



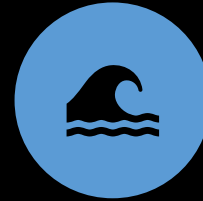
WARMING IN CANADA ON AVERAGE OCCURS AT DOUBLE THE RATE OF GLOBAL WARMING



WHILE PRECIPITATION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE, INCREASED RISK OF DROUGHT AND WATER SHORTAGES IN THE SUMMER (COMBINED WITH HEAT WAVES)



INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS



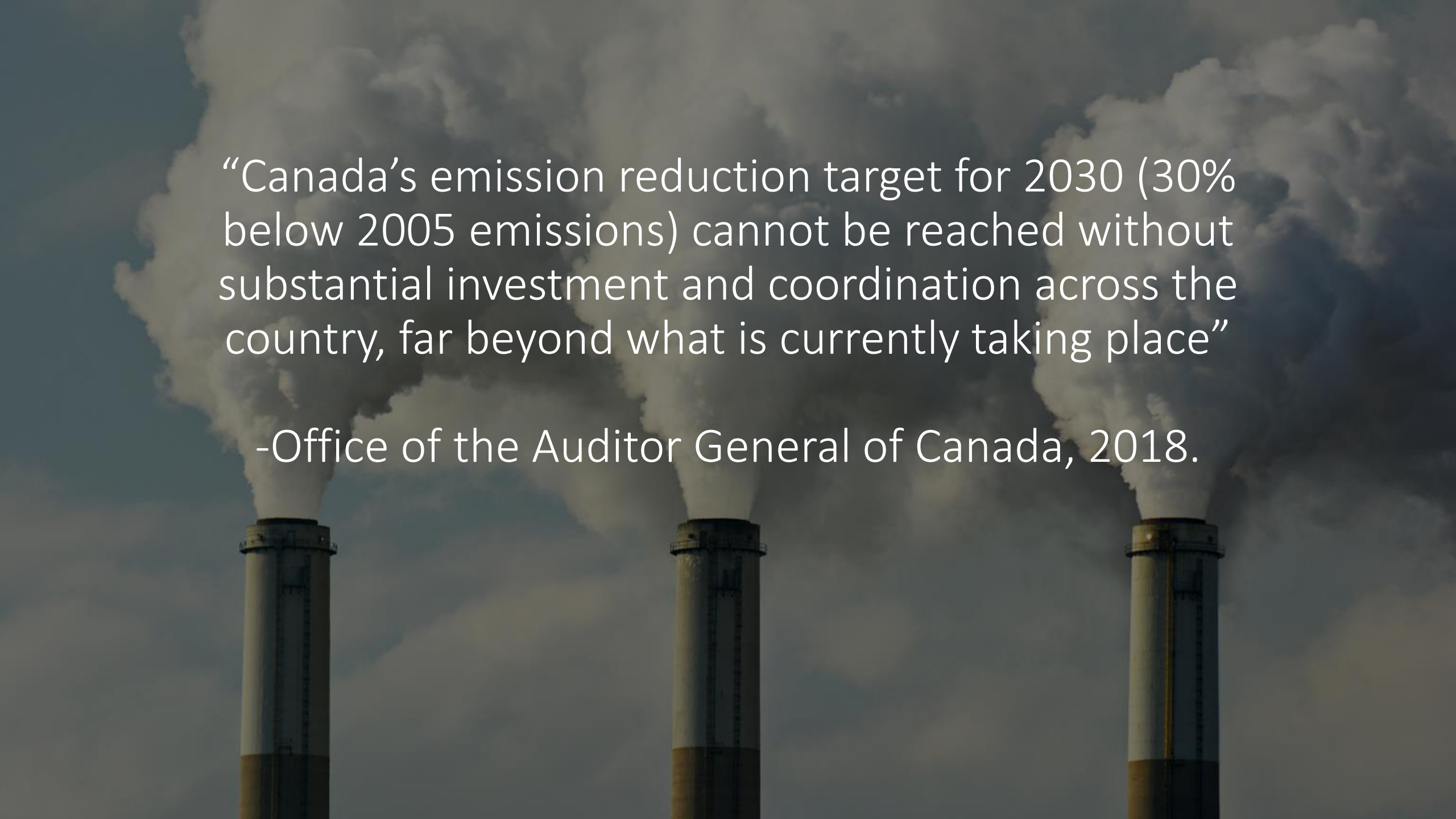
COASTAL FLOODING WILL INCREASE DUE TO SEA-LEVEL RISE;



AREAS OF THE ARCTIC AND ATLANTIC OCEAN WILL EXPERIENCE LONGER AND MORE WIDESPREAD ICE-FREE CONDITIONS



THREATENING INDIGENOUS WAYS OF LIFE



“Canada’s emission reduction target for 2030 (30% below 2005 emissions) cannot be reached without substantial investment and coordination across the country, far beyond what is currently taking place”

-Office of the Auditor General of Canada, 2018.

Climate change will impact all aspects of  
community life...



...so how do we plan for it?

# Common Principles for Climate Resiliency Planning



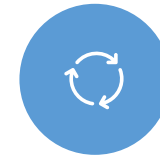
Self-governance



Planning



Holistic



Implementation



Collaborative



Equitable

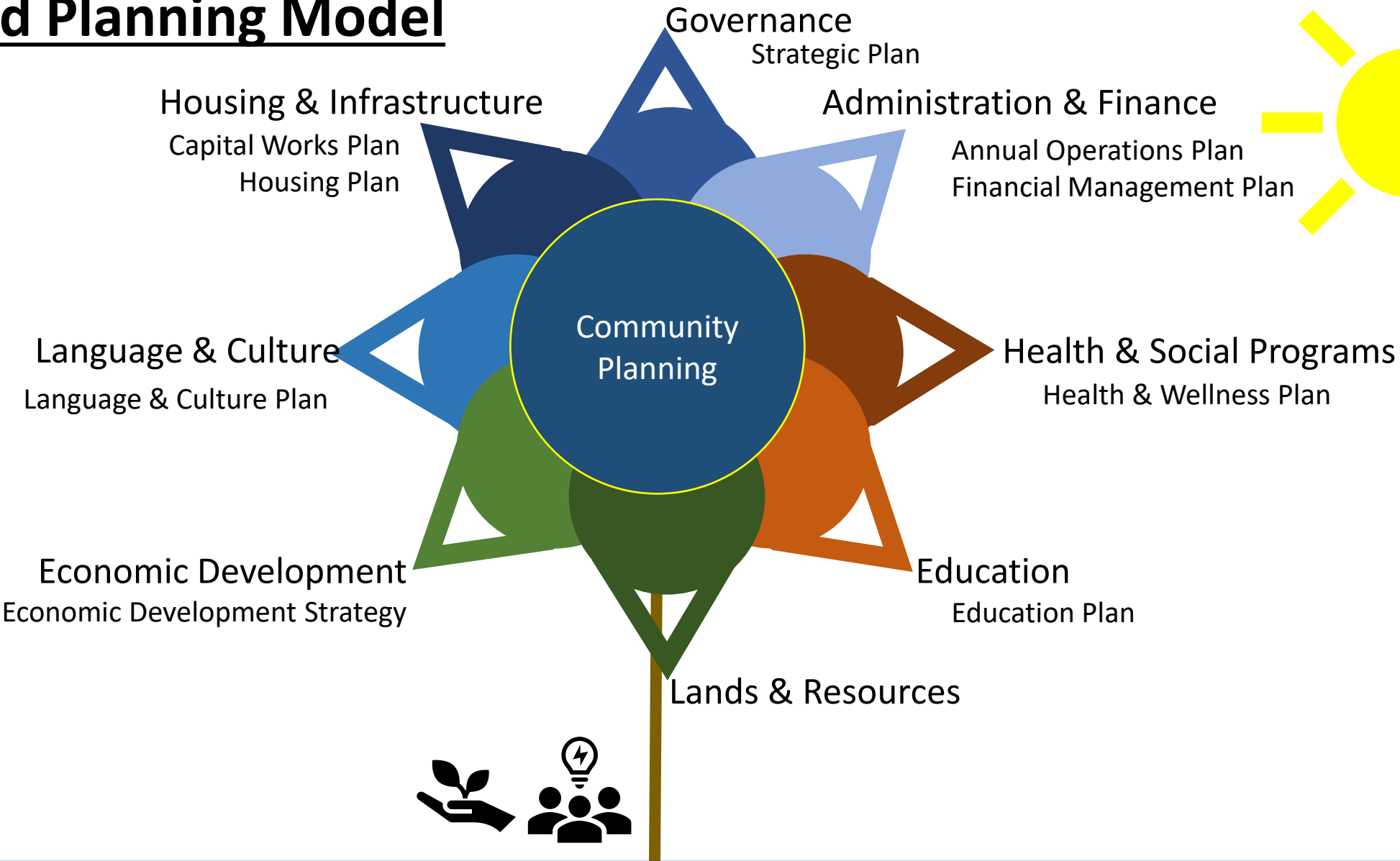
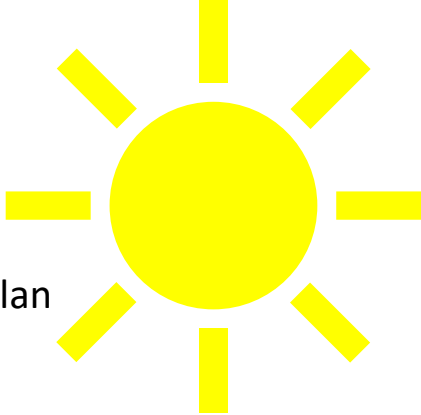


Place-based



Integrated Planning

# Integrated Planning Model



Lands Governance Planning (Land Code, LUP, EMP)

**Aboriginal Rights & Title**

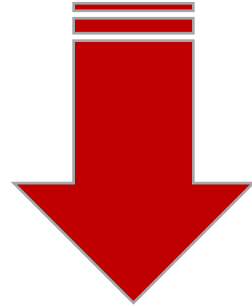
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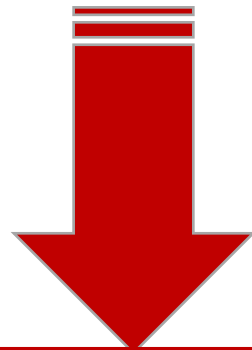
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# Climate Vulnerability Analysis



- Identify hazards, risks and vulnerability and what areas are most likely to be impacted by climate change
- Understand why these areas are vulnerable
- Assess existing coping strategies
- Develop and apply future climate scenarios, estimate future vulnerability

# Climate Adaptation Strategy



- Engage your community and set priorities. Utilize TEK!
- Develop adaptation options to help reduce or eliminate vulnerabilities and risks
- Evaluate and select adaptation options
- Ongoing monitoring
- Period re-assessment with new climate data

# Updates to Community, Land Use and Environmental Plans



# 15 climate related planning goals and actions

GHG REDUCTION  
TARGETS

CARBON  
NEUTRALITY

COMMUNITY  
ENERGY AND  
EMISSIONS PLANS

WATER  
CONSERVATION  
AND EFFICIENCY

IMPROVED  
INFRASTRUCTURE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

RENEWABLE &  
INTEGRATED  
ENERGY SYSTEMS

IMPROVED  
STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT

FLOOD  
PROTECTION

EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

GREEN  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND NATURAL  
ASSETS

PLANNING FOR  
COMPLETE  
COMMUNITIES

PARTNERSHIPS,  
COOPERATION &  
COLLABORATION

ENVIRONMENTAL  
ASSESSMENT LAW

DEVELOPMENT  
PERMITTING



What do you think?

Breakout Activity:

What is Sustainable Development?

