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# 1. Introduction to the 2023 to 2024 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy Report

The [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy \(FSDS\)](#) presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#). This is the first FSDS to be framed using the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and provides a balanced view of the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

In keeping with the purpose of the Act, to make decision-making related to sustainable development more transparent and accountable to Parliament, Global Affairs Canada supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in Global Affairs Canada's 2023 to 2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS). This Report provides a report on progress related to Global Affairs Canada's DSDS in the fiscal year 2023 to 2024.

The [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#) also sets out [7 principles](#) that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated in Global Affairs Canada's DSDS and 2023 to 2024 DSDS Report.

To promote coordinated action on sustainable development across the Government of Canada, Global Affairs Canada's departmental strategy reports on Canada's progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and advancing the SDGs, supported by the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) and Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF) targets and indicators. The Report also now captures progress on SDG initiatives that fall outside the scope of the FSDS.



## 2. Commitments for Global Affairs Canada





## GOAL 5: CHAMPION GENDER EQUALITY

### **FSDS Context:**

Canada's action in support of SDG 5 focuses on taking domestic and international action to address systemic barriers to equality for all women, girls and gender-diverse people. To advance this broader FSDS goal, Global Affairs Canada (GAC) supports targeted investments, partnerships, innovation and advocacy efforts to close gender gaps, with a particular focus on the poorest and most marginalized.

Global Affairs Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) recognizes that supporting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity is the best way to build a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous world. To help achieve this, Canada's international assistance funds projects and programs that support women, girls and gender-diverse people to achieve more equitable access to—and control over—the resources needed to secure economic and social equality and that further support active participation in the economy through education, skills training and capacity building. The department also supports initiatives that seek to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence, support women's rights organizations and feminist movements, and that enhance the public sector's institutional capacity to address gender equality and build the evidence base for gender equality action.

Below outlines 2023-2024 departmental progress on federal targets in the 2022-2026 FSDS for which Global Affairs Canada is responsible to plan and report on departmental action. For more departmental results achieved, please see Section 3: Integrating Sustainable Development.

## Target theme: Take Action on Gender Equality

**Target:** By 2026, at least 37% of employees in the environmental and clean technology sector are women (Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA'S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Invest in women's skills, employment, and leadership	Enhanced equitable provision of inclusive, gender and environmentally responsive, demand-driven Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and skills for employment through the delivery of GAC's international assistance  <b>Program:</b> Multilateral International Assistance	Number of people trained in demand-driven technical and vocational education and training (gender disaggregated)  <u>Starting point (2021-2022):</u> 20,573 By gender: ▶ 15,540 women ▶ 5,033 men	30,000  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2024 <sup>1</sup>	GAC supports FSDS Goal 5 and SDG 5, in addition to SDGs 4 (Quality Education) and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), by creating an enabling environment for individuals—particularly women—and economies to grow through the delivery of international assistance. Guided by the FIAP, the department's TVET programming aims to build individual skills and knowledge to enable meaningful employment, improved household and community health, and peace and stability. Investing in women's skills and leadership, particularly in non-traditional and better paying fields, directly supports gender equality and economic outcomes.	<b>51,076 total in 2023-2024</b>  <b>Gender disaggregation:</b> <b>30,719 women</b> <b>9,370 men</b> <b>Gender not indicated: 10,987</b>

## Initiatives advancing Canada's implementation of SDG 5 – Gender Equality

The following initiatives demonstrate how Global Affairs Canada's programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Enhanced effectiveness and influence of women's rights organizations and movements <sup>2</sup> to advance the rights and empowerment <sup>3</sup> of women and girls in all their diversity in developing countries where Global Affairs Canada engages, for example, through the Women's Voice and Leadership Program.	Indicator: Number of women's organizations and women's networks advancing women's rights and gender equality that receive GAC support <sup>4</sup> for programming and/or institutional strengthening.  Target: 2000	<b>3054 in 2023-2024</b>

<sup>1</sup> The date to achieve this target is annual and ongoing (not cumulative).

<sup>2</sup> Women's organizations are civil society organizations that are founded and led by women and girls. They are active at the grassroots, national, regional and international levels and exist to bring about transformative change in support of gender equality and the rights and empowerment of women and girls.

<sup>3</sup> Empowerment means women and girls having control over their own lives—setting their own agendas, gaining skills, building self-confidence, solving problems and developing self-reliance.

<sup>4</sup> Support can be financial or non-financial (e.g. funding for core administrative functions, program delivery or activities, technical assistance or capacity building), provided directly or through an intermediary implementing partner.

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	Date to achieve target: March 31, 2024 <sup>5</sup> Starting point (2021–2022): 1802	
Enhanced prevention of and response to sexual and gender-based violence by state, non-state actors and individuals in developing countries where Global Affairs Canada engages.	Indicator: Number of people reached by GAC-funded projects that help prevent, respond to and end sexual and gender-based violence, including child, early and forced marriage and/or female genital mutilation.  Target: 45 million Date to achieve target: March 31, 2024 <sup>6</sup> Starting point (2021–2022): 42,283,953	<b>40,969,344 total in 2023-2024</b>  <b>Gender Disaggregation:</b> <b>19,447,417 Women</b> <b>15,614,261 Men</b> <b>Gender not indicated: 5,907,666</b>  <b>Note:</b> Newly approved programming and replenishments are taking longer to report results than initially anticipated.

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<sup>5</sup> The date to achieve this target is annual and ongoing (not cumulative).

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## GOAL 10: ADVANCE RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TAKE ACTION ON INEQUALITY

### **FSDS Context:**

Canada's action in support of SDG 10 focuses on moving forward on reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. To advance this broader FSDS goal, Global Affairs Canada supports the advancement of the rights, perspectives and prosperity of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and around the world, guided by its [Action Plan on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, 2021–2025](#). The department's Action Plan is informed by the [UN Declaration Act Action Plan](#), and was developed in consultation and cooperation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis from across Canada.

The department is committed to advancing the goals and actions within the Action Plan, in close collaboration with GAC's Indigenous Peoples Network, and other self-identified Indigenous employees. One of GAC's key commitments is to work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis right holders (or their national designates) to co-develop a new distinctions-based, whole-of-government policy set of guidelines to more fully and effectively engage with Indigenous peoples on international issues that affect them.

The implementation of the Action Plan and of the UN Declaration contributes to the Government of Canada's continued efforts to break down barriers, combat systemic racism and discrimination, close socio-economic gaps, and promote greater equality and prosperity for Indigenous peoples.

Below outlines 2023-2024 departmental progress on federal targets in the 2022-2026 FSDS for which Global Affairs Canada is responsible to plan and report on departmental action. For more departmental results achieved, please see Section 3: Integrating Sustainable Development.



**Target theme:** Advancing reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis communities

**Target:** Between 2023 and 2026, and every year on an ongoing basis, develop and table annual progress reports on implementing *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)

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Implement the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>	Increase domestic Indigenous procurement to achieve the federal minimum  <b>Program:</b> Material Management	Percentage of domestic <sup>7</sup> procurement officers that have taken the course "Indigenous consideration in procurement" (COR409) from the Canada School of Public Service  <u>Starting point (March 31, 2023):</u> 90%	95%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2025	GAC supports FSDS Goals 10 and 12 and SDGs 10 and 12 by achieving the minimum target of 5% for contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses by the end of 2023–2024. To enable this, GAC will strive to ensure its procurement officers are trained on Indigenous considerations in procurement, all with the goal of advancing reconciliation and sustainable consumption and production.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>60%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> GAC is on track to meet the 95% training target for all domestic procurement officers by 2025.
		Percentage of the total value of federal domestic contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses  <u>Starting point (fiscal year 2022–2023):</u> 4.5%	5%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2024 and maintain annually thereafter		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>4.75%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> While GAC's result improved from 4.5% in 22-23 to 4.75% this year, the result fell slightly below the overall 5% target given efforts to match Indigenous suppliers with tenders related to information management and technology require ongoing improved outreach through Indigenous Services Canada.

<sup>7</sup> GAC is not in a position to identify domestic procurement officers at this time. Therefore, the 60% result for 2023-2024 is based on all GAC procurement officers, not domestic procurement officers specifically.



## GOAL 12: REDUCE WASTE AND TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

### FSDS Context:

Canada's action in support of SDG 12 focuses on reducing waste and plastic pollution, promoting a circular economy (where materials never become waste), and transitioning to zero-emission vehicles. To advance this broader FSDS goal, Global Affairs Canada works with partners to support the global advancement of responsible consumption and to collectively and collaboratively work to substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

Domestically, the department has established a team (ecoGAC) dedicated to accelerating efforts to green GAC's operations and build climate resilience aiming to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at existing buildings and move toward net-zero carbon operations by 2050. This includes achieving net-zero procurement and waste diversion targets at home and abroad (e.g. successfully diverting GAC renovation/construction waste from landfill).

The department also continues to advance the [Greening Government Strategy](#), which was drafted to ensure the Government of Canada is a global leader in low-carbon, resilient and green government operations. GAC has committed to appointing a sustainability lead to oversee green procurement and ensure departmental procurement activities fully align with established green procurement policies and guidelines<sup>8</sup>. GAC also remains committed to achieving the 100% low-emission-vehicles target by 2030 and supporting GAC's full transition to zero-emission vehicles.

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<sup>8</sup> As per standards under the Policy on Green Procurement and the [Standard on the Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Setting of Reduction Targets](#), which incentivize major suppliers to measure and disclose their GHG emissions and to adopt a science-based target to reduce them.

## Target theme: Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

**Target:** By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 75% by weight of non-hazardous operational waste (All Ministers)

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Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	Continue to analyze annual audit of operational waste to support performance measurement of waste diversion and public transparency	Percentage of waste diverted in high occupancy National Capital Region (NCR) buildings <sup>9</sup> from landfill  <u>Starting point (2022–2023):</u> 54.67%	75%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027	GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 through the diversion of waste from landfills by installing and operating on-site composting facilities at some offices, by helping employees sort waste, by reducing plastic use and through the ecoBoutique. These investments are expected to directly reduce waste and increase recycling and reusing, thus reducing haulage and GHG emissions.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>47.9%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator result represents data from 125 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage data. 111 Sussex was excluded due to an identified error in the third party waste audit. All three buildings will be included in future cycles.
	Continue the 2-year pilot project for Oscar Sort, an artificial intelligence device that helps employees sort their waste correctly	Total waste to landfill from high occupancy NCR buildings (tonnes/year)  <u>Starting point (2022–2023):</u> 43.60 (tonnes)	35 (tonnes)  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>40.98 tonnes</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator result represents data from 125 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage data. 111 Sussex was excluded due to an identified error in the third party waste audit. All three buildings will be included in future cycles.
	Continue to implement the ecoBoutique program, which redistributes surplus office supplies and raises awareness about circular economy processes among employees	Total GHG emissions (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> ) from waste from high occupancy NCR buildings  <u>Starting point (2022–2023):</u> 19.92 (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> )	13 (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> )  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>18.73 Mt CO<sub>2</sub></b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator result represents data from 125 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage data. 111 Sussex was excluded due to an identified error in the third party waste audit. All three buildings will be included in future cycles.
	Focus procurement activities on sustainable products  <b>Program:</b> Real Property (Domestic); Material Management				

<sup>9</sup> The department's high occupancy buildings in the National Capital Region are 125 Sussex, 111 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage.

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	Continue awareness campaigns to reduce the amount of plastic waste produced	Percentage of plastic diverted from landfill from high occupancy NCR buildings	50%		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> 19.57%</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Targeted measures such as the implementation of Oscar Sort (AI-enabled recycling guidance) have already proven to be effective in the diversion of plastics. These measures will continue in order to achieve the 2027 target.</p>
	Implement reusable dishware (eat-in and takeout) program at GAC cafeterias	<u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 12.3%	<u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> 7.86 tonnes</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> While the total volume of plastic sent to landfills is slightly higher than the starting point, the buildings' occupancy rate has gone up significantly in the past year. The landfill diversion rate for plastics is higher than the previous year, demonstrating the effectiveness of waste management programs.</p>
	<b>Programs:</b> Real Property (Domestic); Materiel Management	Total plastic to landfill from high occupancy NCR buildings (tonnes)	5 (tonnes)		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> 23%</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> This indicator result represents data from 125 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage data; 111 Sussex was excluded due to an identified error in the third party waste audit. All three buildings will be included in future cycles.</p>
	Continue to operate the on-site composting unit at 111 Sussex (w/ BGIS)	Percentage of organic waste diverted from landfills from high occupancy NCR buildings	35%		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> 21.24 tonnes</p> <p><b>Notes:</b> This indicator result represents data from 125 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage data; 111 Sussex was</p>
	Install and operate the on-site composting unit at 125 Sussex (w/ BGIS)	<u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 13.67%	<u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		
	Operate the installed on-site composting unit at 200 Promenade du Portage (w/ BGIS)	Total organic waste to landfill from high occupancy NCR buildings (tonnes)	13 (tonnes)		
<b>Programs:</b> Real Property (Domestic); Materiel Management	<u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 17.44 (tonnes)	<u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027			



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					excluded due to an identified error in the third party waste audit. All three buildings will be included in future cycles.
Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	Continue support of Print-Release function  <b>Program:</b> Information Management	Percentage of users who use Print-Release capability  <u>Starting point (2022):</u> NCR: 99.77% usage of Print-Release system	99%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually	GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 by reducing printing, which in turn reduces paper use and waste. The Print-Release capability ensures pages are only printed when a user is at the printer, eliminating pages that are printed and never picked up. Results in the first 3 months showed a reduction of 10-15% in unwanted printing.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>96%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator result is for the NCR only. An increase in occupancy and a few locations not yet transitioned to the print release system account for most of the remaining 4%.
		Number of pages printed per user per year in the NCR  <u>Starting point (2022):</u> 305	250 per user per year  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2025		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>642 pages per user</b>  <b>Notes:</b> The 642 pages per user is a decline from 691 pages in 2022-2023 and a significant reduction from the pre-COVID level of 2143 pages per user.

**Target:** By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 90% by weight of all construction and demolition waste (All Ministers)

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Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	Renovation of GAC's headquarters building at 125 Sussex in Ottawa, ON, Canada  <b>Program:</b> Real Property (domestic)	Percentage by weight of total construction waste diverted from landfill  <u>Starting point:</u> New initiative	95%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2028 (project completion)	GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 through the reduction of construction waste going to landfills, which directly reduces waste. Departmental action is reducing construction waste for the extensive renovation projects that are underway and is expected to make a major contribution to construction and overall waste reduction. <sup>i</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>95%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This number is reported to GAC by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), as it is the department responsible for the renovation project.

**Target:** The Government of Canada’s procurement of goods and services will be net-zero emissions by 2050, to aid the transition to a net-zero, circular economy (All Ministers)

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Transform the federal light-duty fleet	GAC domestic fleet greening initiative  <b>Program:</b> Platform Corporate Services	Percentage of vehicles that are zero-emission vehicles (ZEV)  <u>Starting point (2023):</u> 81.4% of the departmental domestic fleet is composed of low-emission vehicles	100% ZEV domestic fleet  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2030	GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 through the greening of the domestic fleet, which directly contributes to the goal of increasing the number of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV). This is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from federal government domestic fleets by 100% by 2030, directly contributing to the FSDS goal. <sup>ii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>31% of vehicles are zero emission vehicles</b>  <b>Notes:</b> 21% of the department’s domestic fleet was composed of zero-emission vehicles in 2023. The starting point was incorrectly stated as the total percentage of all low-emission vehicles. GAC remains on track to reach the 100% ZEV domestic fleet target by 2030.
Strengthen green procurement criteria	Increase capacity of departmental employees to recognize, evaluate and apply green procurement criteria in procurement processes  <b>Program:</b> Acquisition Management	Percentage of procurement officers that have taken the Canada School of Public Service’s <u>Green Procurement training</u> (COR405)  <u>Starting point (March 2023):</u> 59%	95%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027	GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 by increasing knowledge of green procurement through training and the use of green procurement criteria to better inform more sustainable procurement choices. Green procurement incorporates environmental considerations into purchasing decisions and is expected to motivate suppliers to reduce the environmental impact of their goods and services and supply chains. <sup>iii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>57.69%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> On track to meet the target by 2027.
		Percentage of administrative support staff, staff with delegated authority and accommodation support staff that have taken the Canada School of Public Service’s Procurement’s <u>Green Procurement</u> training, product code: COR405  <u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative	50%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 50% by March 31, 2025		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2025-2026.</b>

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Strengthen green procurement criteria	<p>Determine and integrate robust green procurement criteria (for example, certifications, life cycle analysis, recycled content, circularity, carbon footprint) in departmental contracts, standing offers and supply arrangements to ensure the inclusivity and sufficiency of environmental criteria, including biodiversity and social criteria</p> <p><b>Program:</b> Acquisition Management Services</p>	<p>Percentage of total departmental contracts, standing offers and supply arrangements that include robust green procurement criteria</p> <p><u>Starting point:</u> New initiative</p>	<p>100%</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2025</p>		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2025-2026</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Green procurement criteria and tracking are in development per the Greening Government Strategy, which states green criteria must be included by 2026.</p>
Strengthen green procurement criteria	<p>Encourage facilities management employees to take climate change awareness training</p> <p><b>Program:</b> Management &amp; Oversight</p>	<p>Percentage of facility management employees that have taken climate change awareness training</p> <p><u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative</p>	<p>80%</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027</p>		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2024-2025.</b></p>
OTHER	<p>Implement a Departmental Digital Support Program to reduce the number of devices and ensure all devices meet ENERGY STAR® efficiency requirements and have energy-saving features enabled</p> <p><b>Program:</b> Information Technology</p>	<p>Ratio of printers to employees</p> <p><u>Starting point (2017):</u> 12 employees to 1 printing device</p> <p>Percentage of employees converted to a single device (laptop or desktop computer)</p>	<p>25 employees to 1 printing device</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2026</p> <p>85% of employees worldwide converted to a single device</p>	<p>GAC supports FSDS Goal 12 and SDG 12 by reducing the number of devices and implementing requirements for electronic devices to be more energy efficient.</p> <p>The Departmental Digital Support Program reduces environmental impacts by increasing the use of digital platforms, thus reducing both paper use and the number of printers. The Device Allocation Policy ensures efficient use of departmental resources in order to reduce power consumption and environmental footprint.</p>	<p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>50 employees to 1 printing device</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> The 50:1 print ratio relates to the renovated portion of buildings in the NCR. GAC continues to roll out implementation to missions abroad. We are on track and, in most locations, exceeding our targets.</p> <p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>80%</b></p>

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		<u>Starting point (2018):</u> 53% employees worldwide	<u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2025		

### Initiatives advancing Canada's implementation of SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

The following initiatives demonstrate how Global Affairs Canada's programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Identify an inventory management solution for missions and establish an asset management framework	Support the domestic ambition for Canadians to consume in a sustainable manner and for businesses to adopt environmental protection activities and management practices (12.2.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultations remain ongoing to determine options for the development and implementation of a Material Management solution at mission. Further, following lessons learned from the Fleetio (a Fleet Maintenance Management Software) pilot, the intent is to integrate Fleet Reporting requirements within an existing framework (e.g. Microsoft365).</li> </ul>
<p>For domestic operations, the following additional initiatives are underway or planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appointment of a sustainability champion or chief sustainability officer to provide oversight on green procurement</li> <li>▪ Creation of a GHG emissions reporting dashboard, which will provide data on scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions for buildings at 125 Sussex, 111 Sussex and 200 Promenade du Portage</li> <li>▪ Removal of desk-side bins and increased implementation of centralized waste stations, which encourages employees to dispose of their waste at centralized stations that have compost and plastic recycling bins, in addition to white paper recycling. This helps eliminate mix stream contamination and reduce GHG emissions</li> <li>▪ Development of a communication strategy to ensure that continuous feedback is received and that employees are continually informed on the evolving strategies, targets, policies, procedures, products and services</li> </ul>	<p><b>FSDS targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divert at least 75% (by weight) of non-hazardous operational waste from landfills by 2030</li> <li>• Divert at least 75% (by weight) of plastic waste from landfills by 2030</li> <li>• Reduce greenhouse gas emission levels from federal government facilities and fleets to 40% below 2005 levels by 2030 (with an aspiration to achieve this target by 2025) and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050 (with an aspiration to be carbon neutral)</li> </ul> <p><b>SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production<sup>iv</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC remains on track to appoint a sustainability champion or chief sustainability officer within the timeline of this strategy (SDG 12, 13).</li> <li>• GAC progressed in developing its GHG emissions reporting dashboard (SDG 12, 13) currently used to report on certain types of emissions and other important data (e.g., waste management data).</li> <li>• GAC removal of desk-side bins and the increased implementation of centralized waste stations is progressing according to plan, in parallel with renovation activities at 125 Sussex to improve waste diversion and thus reducing the department's carbon footprint. (SDG 12, 13).</li> <li>• GAC improved communications to ensure proper information flows to employees on sustainability initiatives. This raised awareness for employees about their own sustainable choices and by influencing their work according to those values (SDG 12, 13).</li> <li>• GAC is establishing a biodiversity working group within the Greening Government Initiative (GGI), including TBS. Gathering expertise from</li> </ul>



PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establishment of a working group on biodiversity with the members of the Greening Government Initiative</li> <li>▪ Support for the Greening Government Initiative by increasing awareness through mission and domestic outreach, and by including information about GGI in Heads of Mission (HOM) pre-posting training and the HOM Handbook</li> <li>▪ Incorporate sensitization training on climate change, sustainability and circular economy as part of GAC's onboarding process</li> <li>▪ Review landscaping contract process and templates to ensure employment of practices that support greater biodiversity, such as use of native plants, use of permeable landscaping where possible, rainwater capture, and low-salt management of icy surfaces</li> <li>▪ Report on green procurement with specific data and analysis regarding met and unmet criteria, with recommendations for strengthening green procurement criteria. This report should also evaluate the department's adherence to environmentally sustainable procurement practices</li> <li>▪ Develop centralized databases or online platforms that provide up-to-date information on environmentally preferable products, services and suppliers. Make these resources easily accessible to procurement staff for informed decision-making</li> </ul>		<p>multiple countries to exchange best practices/case studies will inform GAC's current and future biodiversity initiatives (SDG 12, 13).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAC undertook Greening Government Initiative (GGI) outreach within the department and as a result, it is expected greening information will be included in Head Of Mission (HOM) pre-posting training and the HOM Handbook in the next few years. With ongoing outreach, it is expected that sustainability will become an even bigger priority at missions (SDG 12 and 13).</li> <li>• GAC promoted climate change, sustainability and circular economy training, including through internal sessions organized by ecoGAC or other groups or promoted courses offered by the Canada School of Public Service (SDG 12, 13).</li> <li>• GAC, through a micro-Greening Government Fund project, started to analyze procurement data to determine the highest impact categories (in terms of GHG emissions) to help develop technical sheets to support procurement officers include green criteria in procurement evaluation activities. This project will conclude March 2025 whereupon GAC will produce a lessons learned/best practices report to implement these green procurement measures (SDG 12, 13).</li> </ul>



## GOAL 13: TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

### **FSDS Context:**

Canada's action in support of SDG 13 focuses on reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and short-lived climate pollutants and building resilience. To advance this broader FSDS goal, the department supports developing countries with climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Climate change and biodiversity loss can be catalysts for instability, conflict, food insecurity and pandemics. To combat this threat, in 2021, Canada announced a doubling of its international climate finance commitment, from \$2.65 billion (2015 to 2021) to \$5.3 billion (2021 to 2026). This funding supports developing countries around the world to combat climate change and address biodiversity loss focused on four areas: 1) clean energy transition and coal phase-out; 2) climate-smart agriculture and food systems; 3) nature-based solutions and biodiversity and 4) climate governance. GAC works with a wide variety of stakeholders to deliver its portion of this funding, which is outlined under Goal 17.

The department is also continuing significant action to ensure GAC's operational emissions at existing buildings are reduced to help achieve Canada's net-zero carbon goals<sup>10</sup> and reduce risks to federal assets posed by climate change. For its assets abroad, the department collects data from missions to regularly measure energy, water and waste data in order to support internal decision-making and reporting. The department also regularly conducts Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments (CRiVAs), which help factor climate change adaptation into decision-making processes, as well as energy, water and waste audits. Further, several of GAC's missions abroad have achieved green building certifications and undertaken at-mission greening initiatives.

Below outlines 2023-2024 departmental progress on federal targets in the 2022-2026 FSDS for which Global Affairs Canada is responsible to plan and report on departmental action. For more departmental results achieved, please see Section 3: Integrating Sustainable Development.

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<sup>10</sup> The Government of Canada is committed to reducing Canada's emissions by 40% to 45% from 2005 levels by 2030 and putting Canada on a path to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

**Target theme:** Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption

**Target:** Achieve 40 to 45% greenhouse gas emission reductions below 2005 levels by 2030, and achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 (Minister of Environment and Climate Change supported by all other Ministers)

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Continue to implement Canada's climate plans and actions	Collaborate with a range of bilateral and multilateral partners, including developing country governments, non-governmental organizations in Canada and around the world, and climate finance institutions to support global reductions of greenhouse gases  <b>Program:</b> Multilateral International Assistance	GHG reductions resulting from international initiatives funded by Canada  <u>Starting point (August 2022):</u> 228 <sup>11</sup> megatonnes of GHG emissions reduced or avoided through projects supported by Canada's previous \$2.65 billion climate finance commitment	300 cumulative megatonnes of GHGs  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 by funding activities that reduce GHG emissions. While the FSDS target is domestically focused, the department's support for developing countries will help reduce global GHG emissions and contribute to implementation of the Paris Agreement. It is expected that the GHG reductions will result in the equivalent of removing nearly 67 million combustion-engine cars from roads for one year.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>28.7 megatonnes in 2022-2023</b>  <b>Notes:</b> The GHG emission target is a long-term cumulative target. Because of the nature of GHG reduction projects, including that actual GHG emission reductions take a long time to materialize and may only be fully achieved after the program has ended, and the nature of the funding program, the Climate Finance program uses expected results until actual results are available to report on the program's performance.

<sup>11</sup> This result has been updated since the publication of GAC's 2023-2027 DSDS to "over 200 megatonnes" on [Canada's climate finance for developing countries](#) website.

**Target theme:** Federal Leadership on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions and Climate Resilience**Target:** The Government of Canada will transition to net-zero carbon operations for facilities and conventional fleets by 2050 (All Ministers)

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Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations	Encourage employees to adopt the ecoCommute application  <b>Program:</b> Management and Oversight Services	Number of employees using ecoCommute  <u>Starting point (March 31, 2023):</u> 415 employees	700 employees  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2024	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 by implementing measures identified in the Greening Government Strategy that reduce GHG emissions. This includes adopting low-carbon mobility solutions, deploying supporting infrastructure in its facilities and modernizing its fleet. <sup>v</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>535</b>  <b>Notes:</b> The ecoCommute application has been extended for another year to improve the data set and attract more users. Communication activities continue to increase the user base, with significant uptake expected in the Fall of 2024 with the increase to office presence.
	Encourage employees to commute to and from the office sustainably by providing the tools and infrastructure to make more sustainable decisions  <b>Program:</b> Management and Oversight Services	Percentage of employees commuting with active or shared transportation options  <u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative	22%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2024-2025.</b>
	Provide an EV shuttle service for business travel between GAC buildings in the NCR instead of non-EV taxis.  <b>Program:</b> Management and Oversight Services	Tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> e avoided from shuttle usage in the National Capital Region  <u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 94.58 Mt CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>12</sup>	158.80 Mt CO <sub>2</sub> avoided <sup>13</sup>  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>37.77 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> avoided for 2023-2024</b>  <b>Notes:</b> The shuttle service is gaining in popularity and the number of users is projected to continue trending upward

<sup>12</sup> This starting point represents the three-year estimate, not one year as noted. The actual 2022-2023 result is 18.6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>. This will be corrected in an update to GAC's published 2023-2027 DSDS.

<sup>13</sup> This target represents cumulative emission reductions over three years, not the one year as noted. The annual target should be 53 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>. This will be corrected in an update to GAC's published 2023-2027 DSDS.



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					in the coming years, especially as in-office presence increases.
Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government's overall operations	Implement the Global Portfolio Strategy (GPS) and the Sustainable Development Strategic Framework (SDSF) with direction from the Greening Government Strategy  <b>Program:</b> Real property Planning and Stewardship	Percentage of missions reporting energy, water and waste metrics  <u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative	A minimum of 80% of missions report on energy, water, and waste  <u>Date to achieve:</u> Annually	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 by implementing measures identified in the Greening Government Strategy that reduce GHG emissions, including green building certification for all major construction and renovation projects, and is committed to reducing the demand for energy or switching to lower carbon sources of energy in order to reduce GHG emissions from real property operations. In addition, GAC will aim to pursue and complete green building certifications (BOMA BEST, LEED, TRUE, etc.) for existing buildings, operations and maintenance. <sup>vi</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>77% of missions reported energy metrics, and 68.8% reported water and waste metrics in 2022-2023.</b>  <b>Notes:</b> As per TBS GGS guidance, GAC uses RETScreen to report its energy, water and waste metrics. This function is managed through an MOU between NRCan and GAC
		Number of energy, water and waste audits completed  <u>Starting point (April 1, 2023):</u> 22 completed energy, water and waste audits	5–10 energy, water and waste initiatives  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>20 completed energy, water and waste initiatives</b>
		Percent change in GHG emissions from international crown-owned real property from fiscal year 2005–2006  <u>Starting point (2005–2006):</u> 30,922 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (estimate by NRCan)	Net-zero emission, climate resilient Crown-owned portfolio  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>35.4% change in GHG reduction</b>
	Continue to deliver projects with green building certifications (BOMA BEST, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED))	Number of completed certifications  <u>Starting point (2022–2023):</u> 10	8 new certifications  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>6 new certifications</b>

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	Continue to integrate green building certifications into major capital projects  <b>Program:</b> Real Property Planning and Stewardship				
Modernize through net-zero carbon buildings	Taking steps to design and construct net-zero carbon buildings, reducing both operational and embodied carbon emissions  <b>Program:</b> Real Property Planning and Stewardship	Percentage of new projects that are designed for and achieve net-zero  <u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 0%	100%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2026	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 by using net-zero emission construction techniques and products in new buildings and retrofits to reduce GHG emissions. Actions that allow facilities to be shared, reduce the demand for energy or switch to lower carbon sources of energy will lead to reductions in GHGs from the department's real property operations. <sup>vii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>0%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> No new build projects were completed with zero-carbon certification in 2023-2024. Six major projects with a net-zero carbon target are underway as of August 2024.
Apply a greenhouse gas reduction life cycle cost analysis for major building retrofits	All major building retrofits, including significant energy performance contracts, are the subject of a GHG reduction life cycle cost analysis to determine the optimal GHG savings  <b>Program:</b> Real Property Planning and Stewardship	Percentage of major building retrofit projects that undergo life cycle cost analysis (LCCA)  <u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 0%	100%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2026	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 through life cycle cost analyses aimed at reducing GHG emissions over the life cycle of major international retrofits. <sup>viii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>33%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> GAC is committed to having all scoped in new build and major renovation projects to have LCCAs completed as part of the target. Most are multi-year projects and will be reported only in the year of completion.
Apply a greenhouse gas reduction life cycle cost analysis for major building retrofits	Reduce non-renewable energy consumption by installing rooftop solar panels, LED lighting, triple glazed windows, heat recovery from data centres and enhanced insulation, tower	Percentage reduction in GHG emissions from building energy usage as compared to pre-retrofit usage  <u>Starting point (2018):</u>	67% by end of project  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2028	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 through the implementation of real property decisions that lower GHG emissions by reducing energy consumption, which will in turn reduce	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2027-2028.</b>  <b>Notes:</b>

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	by tower in the renovation of the Lester B. Pearson building  <b>Program:</b> Real Property (Domestic)	4852.2 tonnes of CO2		GHG emissions from energy production. <sup>ix</sup>	PSPC is responsible for collecting the data for this indicator.

**Target:** The Government of Canada will transition to climate resilient operations by 2050 (All Ministers)

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Reduce risks posed by climate change to federal assets, services and operations	Climate resilience assessment for projects and existing buildings  <b>Program:</b> Real Property Planning and Stewardship	Number of completed climate change risk assessments (CCRA).  <u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> New initiative	6 annually  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2026	GAC supports FSDS Goal 13 and SDG 13 by undertaking climate change risk assessments to understand the risks associated with climate change. By assessing the risks of climate change impacts for mission critical assets and developing plans to reduce these risks, the likelihood of disruption to critical services for Canadians is reduced. <sup>x</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>4</b>  <b>Notes:</b> GAC is committed to having all scoped in new build and major renovation projects to have Climate Risk, Impact and Vulnerability Assessments (CRiVAs) completed as part of the GGS target. Most are multi-year projects, and this will be reported only in the year of completion.
		Percentage of crown-owned mission critical assets where the risk of climate change impacts has been assessed  <u>Starting point (April 1, 2023):</u> 3%	100%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2030		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>4%</b>  <b>Notes:</b> Although GAC can report only 4% completion at this time, GAC is confident

					that, with a newly developed process and completion tool, the target will be met on time.
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### Initiatives advancing Canada’s implementation of SDG 13 – Climate Action

The following initiatives demonstrate how Global Affairs Canada’s programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
<p>Implement process and mechanism to collect data to report progress on sustainability to TBS through NRCAN RETscreen software.</p>	<p>Supports reporting on the Greening Government Strategy commitments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GAC, through an MOU with NRCAN has developed a comprehensive process to collect, analyze and report on GHG and carbon data for all Crown-owned assets across our international portfolio.</li> </ul>
<p>For domestic operations, the following initiatives are planned or underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to improve employee access to electric vehicle chargers in domestic buildings and continue to work with the local transit providers to provide electric options and to improve accessibility</li> <li>Conduct a Climate Risk, Impact and Vulnerability Assessment (CRIVA) in 2023 to inform sustainability/climate resilience priorities for the department</li> <li>Continue to contribute to the Greening Government Fund to compensate for the GHG emissions generated by the department’s domestic business travels (air travel)</li> <li>Maintain a small apiary of up to six beehives with the purpose of raising awareness on the importance of pollinators and honeybees, actively contribute to sustaining biodiversity in the NCR through pollination, promote urban agriculture/apiculture and foster discussion on its contribution to food security worldwide, foster culinary diplomacy by featuring Lester Bee Pearson honey in dishes during official receptions on the 9th floor and elsewhere, and by providing unique products for fundraising, departmental gifts and incentives</li> <li>Work with the National Capital Commission and Public Services and Procurement Canada to establish a tiny forest (roughly the size of a tennis court) to demonstrate biodiversity restoration potential</li> </ul>	<p><b>ESDS targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 2030, 22% of commuters use public transit or active transportation</li> <li>Divert at least 75% (by weight) of non-hazardous operational waste from landfills by 2030</li> <li>Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from federal government facilities and fleets by 40% below 2005 levels by 2030 (with an aspiration to achieve this target by 2025) and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050 (with an aspiration to be carbon neutral)</li> <li>Reduce risks posed by climate change impacts to federal assets, services and operations<sup>xi</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>GGS Commitments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt low-carbon mobility solutions, deploy supporting infrastructure in GAC facilities and modernize fleet</li> <li>Encourage employees to use low-carbon forms of transportation to reduce emissions from employee commuting</li> <li>Take steps to increase waste diversion</li> <li>Aid the transition to a net-zero, circular economy through green procurement that includes life cycle assessment principles and the adoption of clean technologies and green products and services</li> <li>Support departments in adopting clean technology and undertaking clean technology demonstration projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GAC advocated with OC Transpo for more accessible bus routes for its 111 Sussex and 125 Sussex buildings, which the transit provider is now seriously considering. GAC also put a ride-share program in place, as well as supports for active commuting (bike route mapping, etc.), and has been a vocal advocate of electric-vehicle chargers at its buildings, with planning underway by PSPC and Global Integrated Solutions (BGIS) for electric vehicle fleet support (SDG 12 and 13).</li> <li>GAC completed a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRIVA) for its domestic operations and a portfolio-wide one for its missions abroad. These assessments are necessary to inform the department’s sustainability/climate resilience priorities, and provide GAC’s senior management with information needed to allocate resources accordingly.</li> <li>GAC continued to contribute to the Greening Government Fund (GGF) and successfully applied for two projects under the most recent call for proposals for greening domestic procurement and greening cafeteria offerings (both tangible actions to combat climate change).</li> <li>GAC maintained beehives as part of its domestic biodiversity program. The honey produced was once again used as part of various incentive programs (e.g., Government Workplace Charitable Campaign). This on-going initiative raises awareness for employees and management about biodiversity in the NCR.</li> </ul>



PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
<p>on federal lands and to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carry out regular employee surveys to explore staff habits and develop understanding of the climate change impacts of their work and home life</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate greening priorities into the responsibilities of senior department officials so they can ensure that greening, low-carbon and adaptation objectives are addressed comprehensively in both planning and operations</li> <li>Maintain and restore wild or near-wild areas that would allow for the conservation of healthy populations of native species</li> <li>Collaborate and establish communities of practice with provincial, territorial and municipal governments; Indigenous peoples; industry; academia; and non-profit organizations to achieve common environmental goals</li> <li>Integrate sustainability planning with local communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GAC continued work with the National Capital Commission and PSPC to establish a mini-forest on federal lands in the National Capital Region. GAC advanced the consultation process by reaching out to several stakeholders and drafting letters for the Chief and Council of local Indigenous communities to invite them to help shape this initiative. (SDG 10 and 13)</li> </ul>



## GOAL 17: STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS TO PROMOTE GLOBAL ACTION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

### **FSDS Context:**

Canada's action in support of SDG 17 focuses on diverse and inclusive partnerships required at the local, regional, national, and global levels to achieve the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs. To advance this broader FSDS goal, Global Affairs Canada works with a wide variety of partners to support a green transition and sustainable development, both within Canada and in developing countries.

This includes effort that:

- help developing countries adapt to and mitigate climate change, reinforce a clean energy transition and halt and reverse biodiversity loss;
- support international collaboration on critical minerals to improve availability and resiliency of supply chains;
- promote gender equality and environmental protection in trade mechanisms, including free trade agreements with ambitious collaborative tools to support environmental protection, climate change cooperation and action on sustainable development; and
- expect and encourage Canadian companies to contribute to sustainable development and support Canada's commitments to human rights by integrating responsible business practices throughout their operations, including in international supply chains.

Below outlines 2023-2024 departmental progress on federal targets in the 2022-2026 FSDS for which Global Affairs Canada is responsible to plan and report on departmental action. For more departmental results achieved, please see Section 3: Integrating Sustainable Development.

## Target theme: Sustainable Development Partnerships

**Target:** By 2026, implement Canada’s climate finance commitment of \$5.3 billion with at least 40% of funding going toward climate adaptation and at least 20% to projects that leverage nature-based climate solutions and projects that contribute biodiversity co-benefits (Minister of Environment and Climate Change)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA’S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Increase support to and help build capacity in developing countries to adapt to and mitigate climate change	Canada continues to collaborate with a range of bilateral and multilateral partners, including developing country governments, non-governmental organizations in Canada and around the world, multilateral organizations, and dedicated climate funds and financial mechanisms to build capacity in developing countries to adapt to and mitigate climate change  <b>Program:</b> Multilateral International Assistance	Cumulative number of people in developing countries who benefitted from Canada’s adaptation financing  <u>Starting point (April 1, 2021):</u> An estimated 6.6 million people <sup>14</sup>	10 million people  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 by working with international partners to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the collective commitment to mobilize financing for developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate change. GAC also supports Partnering for Climate to fund climate change adaptation projects from Canadian civil society working in Sub-Saharan Africa and other parts of the world. <sup>xii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>3.8 million in 2022-2023</b>
		Ratio of private finance mobilized through Canada’s public sector investments  <u>Starting point :</u> New initiative	\$0.75 mobilized in private sector for every \$1 spent by Canada on projects involving the private sector.  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2026		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>Based on historical figures we expect the ratio to be \$1.10 private finance mobilized for every \$1 of Canadian public sector investments.</b>  <b>Notes:</b> These numbers are expected because of the investment cycle of projects involving private sector mobilization which is approximately 5 to 7 years.
		Number of national, regional and local governments that improve or implement their Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans with support from Canadian climate finance	19  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2026		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>8 in 2022-2023</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator also contributes to SDG 13, Target 13.2 “Integrate climate

<sup>14</sup> The starting point of 6.6 million in 2021 was achieved against the previous \$2.65 billion climate finance commitment. The results are achieved against the current \$5.3 billion commitment and its new target.

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		<u>Starting point (April 1, 2021):</u> 17 <sup>15</sup>			change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.”
Support a clean energy transition	Canada's climate finance is supporting developing countries to phase out coal-powered emissions (including through accelerated retirement of coal power assets)  <b>Program:</b> Multilateral International Assistance	Number of beneficiaries (male/female) with enhanced access to clean energy  <u>Starting point (2021):</u> 21,839 <sup>16</sup>	At least 200,000  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 through Canada's \$5.3 billion climate finance commitment aimed at enhancing the adoption of gender-responsive clean energy and energy-efficient solutions for nature-positive climate change mitigation and adaptation in developing countries. <sup>xiii</sup>	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2024-2025.</b>
		Megawatts of new clean energy capacity installed, financed by Canadian climate finance resources  <u>Starting point (2021):</u> 2,258.9	At least 10,000  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>8,939</b>  <b>Notes:</b> This indicator reflects financing by multiple donors; Canada contributed to this result along with other donors.
		Number of beneficiaries (male/female) with new employment in the renewable energy sector  <u>Starting point (2021):</u> 13,984 <sup>17</sup>	At least 70,000  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2050		<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2024-2025.</b>
Support a clean energy transition	Continue to implement GAC's International Business Development Strategy for Clean Technologies  <b>Program:</b> International Business Development	Number of outcalls related to climate finance <sup>18</sup> by the Trade Commission Service (TCS) with TCS clients, climate fund representatives and investors per region (Indo-Pacific, Africa, the Americas and Europe-Middle East)	260 outcalls per year (average of 65 per region: Indo-Pacific, Africa, the Americas and Europe-Middle East)  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 through the ongoing implementation of the International Business Development Strategy for Clean Technologies, which was designed to encourage and support Canadian firms	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>232</b>  <b>Notes:</b> Outcalls may be underreported as it is incumbent on the officer to identify that the outcall is related to the Climate

<sup>15</sup> The starting point of 17 in 2021 was achieved against the previous \$2.65 billion climate finance commitment. The results are achieved against the current \$5.3 billion commitment and its new target.

<sup>16</sup> The starting point of 21,839 in 2021 was achieved against the previous \$2.65 billion climate finance commitment. We await results from new renewable energy projects supported by the \$5.3 billion commitment.

<sup>17</sup> The starting point of 13,984 in 2021 was achieved against the previous \$2.65 billion climate finance commitment. We await results from new renewable energy projects supported by the \$5.3 billion commitment.

<sup>18</sup> An outcall is a strategic meeting with a targeted local contact in a given market to gather and assess information about an organization's capacity, strategy, interests, and business needs, with the ultimate goal being to advance Canadian commercial interests and prosperity.

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		<p><u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 174</p>		<p>in their efforts to capitalize on growing opportunities in the global market for clean technology.</p>	<p>Finance initiative in the internal tracking system.</p> <p>Ongoing economic recovery has resulted in a positive trend in outcall volume, however inflation and supply chain disruptions may still be contributing to lower demand for Climate Finance Business Development services than anticipated.</p>
		<p>Annual client satisfaction rate for TCS clean technology services received</p> <p><u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 92.1%</p>	<p>85%</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually</p>		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>94.1%</b></p>
		<p>Number of Canadian clean technology and climate finance services delivered by TCS to Canadian companies</p> <p><u>Starting point (2022-2023):</u> 6683</p>	<p>5700</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually</p>		<p><b>Indicator result:</b> <b>7011</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Of the total, clean technology services represented 6,786 services and climate finance represented 225 services.</p>



## Implementation strategies supporting the goal

This section is for implementation strategies that support the goal “Strengthen partnerships to promote global action on sustainable development” but not a specific FSDS target

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Promote responsible business conduct by Canadian companies abroad	Continue to implement the Responsible Business Conduct Abroad Strategy (2022–2027)  <b>Program:</b> International Business Development	Number of stakeholders engaged annually, including Canadian companies and associations, to promote Canada’s approach and expectations on Responsible Business Conduct  <u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative	100 stakeholders  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> March 31, 2027	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 by providing support to Canadian companies abroad that allows them to adopt world leading responsible business practices, gain a competitive advantage, mitigate risks and contribute to a strong and inclusive economy (including international supply chains), all of which support better international partnerships.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>1137</b>
Promote environmental protection in trade agreements and other engagement mechanisms	Strengthening environmental cooperation in Free Trade Agreements  <b>Program:</b> Trade Policy, Agreements, Negotiations and Disputes	Percent of Free Trade Agreements that contain ambitious collaborative mechanisms to support environmental protection, climate change cooperation and action on sustainable development  <u>Starting point:</u> New initiative	100%  <u>Date to achieve target:</u> 2030	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 through its negotiation of Free Trade Agreements. Canada seeks opportunities to engage in cooperative activities with trading partners to promote the use of goods and services related to clean growth and the transition to a low-carbon future, in addition to advancing work through partnerships that combat climate change and supporting Canada’s leadership on sustainable development.	<b>Indicator result:</b> <b>The modernized Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement, which was concluded in 2023, contains provisions recognizing the importance of mutually supportive trade and climate change policies, including through market-based approaches and trade-related climate measures to achieve green growth objectives. The chapter also includes provisions addressing specific global challenges, including the promotion of environmental goods and services and the circular economy. To support effective implementation, the Parties have committed to engage in collaborative activities.</b> <b>No new trade agreements were reached in fiscal year 2023-2024.</b>  <b>Notes:</b>

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					In on-going negotiations, such as with Ecuador, Indonesia and ASEAN, Canada will be seeking strong environment provisions, with a focus on collaborative mechanisms to support effective implementation.
Advance international collaboration on critical minerals	<p>GAC assists NRCan by providing Canadian advocacy, for example, by helping to secure a commitment on critical minerals in the 2022 G7 Climate, Energy and Environment Ministers' Communiqué. GAC also maintains and advocates for stronger bilateral action on critical materials with our major trading partners. GAC is also developing new frameworks to deepen bilateral cooperation on critical minerals with a number of commercial partners. GAC's Trade Commissioner Service also supports this commitment by connecting Canadian firms with commercial and investment opportunities.</p> <p><b>Program:</b> International Business Development</p>	<p>Actions to support international collaboration on critical minerals</p> <p><u>Starting point:</u> N/A</p>	<p>N/A – qualitative indicator</p> <p><u>Date to achieve target:</u> Annually</p>	<p>GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 by working with international partners to help secure and increase the critical minerals supply chains resilience, thereby contributing to the availability of the minerals needed for a green energy transition.</p>	<p><b>Indicator results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Efforts to build resilient global critical mineral supply chains will require international cooperation. That is why Canada is working collaboratively with allies and partners such as the U.S., the European Union, Japan, and Australia.</li> <li>-GAC served as the GoC lead on a G7 Working Group on Supply Chain Resilience in 2023, helping to steer a stress-testing exercise amongst G7 members on “critical supply chains”, including critical minerals. This exercise was subsequently led by ISED and NRCan.</li> <li>-GAC announced a \$5 million contribution to the Resilient and Inclusive Supply chain Enhancement Partnership (RISE), a G7 initiative focused on strengthening and diversifying critical minerals supply chains.</li> <li>-GAC is participating on the UN Secretary General’s Panel on Critical Energy Transition Minerals which will develop a set of common and voluntary principles to guide the energy transition and to ensure that the countries and local communities endowed with these resources are the ones to benefit the most.</li> <li>-As a key deliverable for the PM’s visit to South Korea in 2023, GAC successfully led negotiations with South Korea’s Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), and</li> </ul>

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					<p>led interdepartmental coordination to conclude a MOU on Cooperation in Critical Mineral Supply Chains, the Clean Energy Transition and Energy Security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Canada (NRCan Minister Wilkinson) and Australia (Resources Minister Madeleine King) announced a Joint Statement on Cooperation on Critical Minerals at the Prospectors &amp; Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) on March 4, 2024, set to elevate Canada's (including GAC's) existing engagement with Australia on critical minerals through multilateral fora (including the G7, the Mineral Security Partnership, the Sustainable Critical Minerals Alliance, the Conference on Critical Materials and Minerals, as well as the International Energy Agency's Critical Minerals Working Party).</li> <li>-At PDA in March 2024, Minister Champagne met with Chile's Minister of Mining Aurora Williams and signed a new MOU regarding Cooperation on Critical Minerals and the Sustainable Development of Minerals and Metals.</li> <li>-GAC's Trade Commissioner Service, in collaboration with NRCan and Invest in Canada, has promoted international collaboration on critical minerals by connecting foreign investors with Canadian critical minerals projects, contributing to the security and resiliency of supply chains.</li> </ul>
Other:	Increase support to and help build capacity in developing countries to halt and reverse biodiversity loss	Number of hectares of terrestrial, inland water, coastal and marine ecosystems under long-term active restoration and/or protection	Target: To be established in collaboration with partners by March 31, 2025	GAC supports FSDS Goal 17 and SDG 17 by supporting global work on biodiversity through international partnerships that align with the Global Biodiversity Framework's key conservation target,	<p><b>Indicator result:</b>  <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2025-2026.</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p>

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	<p><b>Program:</b> Multilateral International Assistance</p>	<p><u>Starting point:</u> New Initiative</p>		<p>which aims to conserve 30% of the earth's land and sea by 2030. Canada has committed \$350 million from 2023 to 2026 in new and additional funding to support developing countries in implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) to help halt and reverse biodiversity loss.</p> <p>Proposed projects will directly support efforts aimed at enhancing and reducing threats to biodiversity, meeting peoples' needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing, and providing tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming.<sup>xiv</sup></p>	<p>It is too soon to report given the International Biodiversity Program is at the beginning stages of implementation.</p>
		<p>Number of people (m/f) with improved capacity to implement gender-responsive solutions leading to the enhancement of biodiversity through its sustainable use</p> <p><u>Starting point:</u> New initiative</p>	<p>Target: To be established in collaboration with partners by March 31, 2025</p>		<p><b>Indicator result:</b>  <b>New data will be available in fiscal year 2025-2026.</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b>                      It is too soon to report given the International Biodiversity Program is at the beginning stages of implementation.</p>



### 3. Integrating Sustainable Development

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) continues to ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSDS goals and targets through its Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. A SEA for a policy, plan or program proposal includes an analysis of the impacts of the given proposal on the environment, including on relevant FSDS goals and targets.

Public statements on the results of Global Affairs Canada’s assessments are made public when an initiative has undergone a detailed SEA (see [here](#)). The purpose of the public statement is to demonstrate that the environmental effects, including the impacts on achieving the FSDS goals and targets, of the approved policy, plan or program have been considered during proposal development and decision making.

Global Affairs Canada completed three detailed SEAs in 2023-2024.

#### Broader contributions to sustainable development:

Each of the department’s business lines is helping to advance Canada’s progress toward the UN 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Below is a description of departmental actions and progress for all our core responsibilities. Each action is tagged to the appropriate SDG as well as to two out of the three horizontal crosscutting themes<sup>19</sup> of Canada’s 2030 Agenda implementation plan: 1) Leaving no one behind and 2) Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Given the department’s unique mandate, the bulk of the actions captured below align with the third crosscutting theme, ‘International efforts’.

<sup>19</sup> Horizontal crosscutting themes include: 1) Leaving no one behind (actions that advance gender equality, empowering women and girls and advance diversity and inclusion); 2) Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples (work in partnership to support Indigenous voices, views, and traditional knowledge) and 3) International efforts (actions that ensure coherence between domestic and international efforts to support advancing the SDGs). Source: [Canada’s Federal Implementation Plan for the 2030 Agenda - Canada.ca](#)





For additional information on GAC's broader contributions to the 2030 Agenda and all 17 SDGs, please also consult: GAC's [2023-2024 Departmental Results Report](#); GAC's [Report to Parliament on the Government of Canada's International Assistance 2022-2023](#); Canada's [2023 Voluntary National Review](#); and Canada's [2024 Annual Report on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs](#).

## International Diplomacy and Advocacy

Canada employed its diplomacy and advocacy tools to advance the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, working to ensure that sustainability stayed front and centre on the international agenda. GAC has built constructive relationships with partner countries, international institutions and a wide variety of other stakeholders to help ensure no one is left behind on the path to sustainable development. This includes the strong support and involvement of Prime Minister Trudeau, who continued to co-chair the UN SDG Advocates Group.

### Examples of key International Diplomacy and Advocacy 2023-2024 actions and progress:

- Implemented a multi-year organizational transformation initiative to ensure that the department is well equipped to serve Canadians in meeting the global challenges of today and of the future. The [Transformation Implementation Plan](#) commits GAC to enhancing its unique global networks and partnerships, including with Indigenous Peoples (SDG 10), to deliver whole-of-government approaches to climate change (SDGs 12 & 13), green transition (SDG 9) and critical minerals (SDGs 7 & 9).
- Implemented Canada's Indo-Pacific strategy through a comprehensive approach to align diplomatic, trade and development goals in the region while integrating a sustainable development lens. This included a call for proposals in (September 2023) to strengthen civil society in the region, through programming that seeks to enhance inclusive governance, promote and protect human rights, and advance gender equality and women's empowerment in support of sustainable and inclusive economic growth (SDGs 5, 8 & 17).
- Championed an intersectional approach to gender equality and Canada's feminist foreign policy by actively promoting gender equality in diplomatic engagements with other countries. This includes advocating for women's rights, representation, and participation in decision-making processes as well as encouraging trade agreements that prioritize gender equality and trying to address gender-based barriers in trade cooperation. Importantly, Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy continued to deliver strong gender results, cementing Canada's leadership in this area. For 2023-2024, 99% of Canada's bilateral international development assistance either targeted or integrated gender

equality results, and 15% of bilateral international development assistance specifically targeted gender equality results. Below are a few results from 2023-2024:

- GAC's Women's Voice and Leadership (WVL) project supported 1,105 women's rights organizations and lesbian, bisexual, trans, queer (LBTQI) organizations in more than 30 countries with flexible funding and capacity strengthening. (SDG 5, Leaving no one behind)
  - GAC announced \$195 million in new funding for the renewed WVL program (2023-2028), with \$43 million committed annually thereafter.
- The Equality Fund (supported in part by Canada) granted \$21.9 million to 126 women's rights organizations across 100 countries in the Global South, and over 500 women's rights organizations were indirectly supported through the grants channeled to feminist funds.
- Canada's third National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (2023–2029) was launched in March 2024 to reinforce its objectives of strengthening the rules-based international system; supporting lasting peace and security; fostering prosperity; and advancing human rights, gender equality, and diversity and inclusion. Coordinated by GAC, the Action Plan involves nine federal partners and was developed with guidance from peacebuilders in Canada and around the world. The Plan reflects Canada's commitment to maintain its role as a global leader in Women, Peace and Security (SDG 16) and seeks to emphasize humility and determination in advancing the agenda both domestically and internationally (SDG 17).
- Co-chaired the Steering Group of the Alliance for Feminist Movements to support and amplify the significant contributions of women's rights organizations and feminist movements globally to advance gender equality and sustainable development. (SDG 5, Leaving no one behind)
- Supported the implementation of the Framework of Cooperation between the UN and the Government of Ukraine with the goal of enhancing Ukraine's capacity to actively prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence. This support improved the capacity of the police, prosecutors, and judiciary to identify, investigate, and prosecute sexual violence cases in line with international best practices (SDG 5).
- Undertook initial consultations and interviews with National Indigenous Organizations and key federal departments – including Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to co-develop new distinctions-based, whole-of-government policy guidelines to engage with Indigenous peoples on international issues that affect them. A report is expected later in 2024 (SDG 10, Advancing Reconciliation).
- Joined the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) Task Force to develop a new partnership for action between Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and DAC members. This innovative partnership has enabled Canada to expand its network of partners and increase its engagement with SIDS (SDG 17).

## International Trade

In 2023-2024, GAC focused on expanding trade, investment, and supply chain resilience, enabling Canada to seize economic opportunities while strengthening and diversifying our partnerships to build a stronger and more secure economy. The department accomplished this through its [inclusive approach to trade](#) which integrates sustainable development and inclusivity into the heart of its trade policy. This inclusive approach seeks to ensure that all Canadians can harness the benefits and opportunities that may flow from trade and investment, including groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in international trade and investment, such as women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, 2SLGBTQI+, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). (SDGs 5, 10 & 17, Leaving no one behind, Advancing reconciliation).

### Examples of key International Trade 2023-2024 actions and progress:

- Advanced Canada's Trade Diversification Strategy and commitment to promote inclusive trade to ensure benefits from trade agreements and investments are widely shared with all, including underrepresented groups such as women in all their diversity, SMEs, and Indigenous Peoples (SDGs 5 & 10, Leaving no one behind, Advancing reconciliation).
- Continued to negotiate inclusive trade chapters (e.g., gender, Indigenous Peoples, and SMEs into all new free trade agreements (FTAs). (SDGs 5 & 10, Leaving no one behind, Advancing reconciliation)
  - Assessed the environmental and gender implications of FTAs across negotiations and undertook comprehensive gender-based analysis plus process to help remove existing barriers to trade participation.
- Ensured all trade policies, programs and initiatives were informed by meaningful engagements with a broad range of diverse partners, including underrepresented groups in international trade (SDGs 5 10 & 17, Leaving no one behind, Advancing reconciliation). Below are a few results from 2023-2024:
  - Hosted a Gender and Trade Advisory Group and an Indigenous Working Group with the goal of ensuring that the benefits of trade are more widely shared across Canadian society.
  - Organized a panel on Indigenous Business, with the trilateral Canada-US-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) Subject Matter Expert Committee during the 2024 RES Native Economic Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada, North America's largest gathering of Indigenous businesses.

- Continued to apply a gender lens on international trade fora, including in its implementation work at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and through plurilateral trade arrangements such as the Global Trade and Gender Arrangement, which welcomed Costa Rica, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, and Australia in 2023-2024 (SDGs 5 & 17).
- Engaged with multiple stakeholders (SDG 17) through GAC's Trade Commissioner Service at various events, meetings, and webinars.
  - Hosted training sessions on the [Responsible Business Conduct Abroad Strategy](#) and other related themes, such as supply chain due diligence and anti-corruption. Stakeholders included industry, civil society, academia, and other officials responsible for promoting responsible business conduct abroad.

## International Assistance and Development

In 2022-2023, GAC managed the disbursement of approximately \$7 billion in international assistance to support efforts to eradicate global poverty and contribute to a more peaceful, prosperous and inclusive world. Canada's international assistance is aligned with the department's Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) and its six Action Areas, which directly support many of the SDGs: 1) Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (SDG 5); 2) Human Dignity (SDGs 2 & 4); 3) Growth that Works for Everyone (SDG 8); 4) Environment and Climate Action (SDGs 6 & 13); 5) Inclusive Governance (SDGs 10 & 16), and 6) Peace and Security (SDG 16) (all support Leaving no one behind).

### Examples of key International Assistance 2023-2024 actions and progress:

- Provided \$678 million in long-term agriculture and food systems development assistance to address the root causes of hunger and strengthen resilience (SDG 2). These funds span various sectors with basic nutrition, agricultural financial services and agricultural development receiving the largest allocations. To further enhance our investments, GAC also launched the Resilient Agri-Food Systems Framework, which provides strategic and technical guidance to improve Canada's international development agri-food systems programming, policy and advocacy (SDG 2).
- Ensured access to inclusive and equitable quality education and learning opportunities, including through a commitment of over \$40 million to Save the Children, Right to Play, Plan International, War Child and Oxfam, all to support access to quality education for children and youth experiencing forced displacement (SDGs 4, 5 & 10).

- Continued to play an integral role in global efforts to address sexual and gender-based violence, including harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation/cutting and announced \$56 million in new programming to key international partners (SDGs 3 & 5). This included a contribution to the Joint Programme to Eliminate Female Genital Mutilation supported UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNICEF in providing prevention and protection services to more than 900 000 girls and women.
- Contributed \$5.9 million in 2024 to the UN Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to assess and address deficiencies in the care and support systems for persons with disabilities in Colombia, Kenya, Mozambique, Panama, and Tanzania. This investment was part of Canada's \$100 million commitment announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in 2021 to address gender inequalities in unpaid and paid care work in low and middle-income countries (SDGs 5, 8 & 10).
- Disbursed over \$100 million to support 16 "Partnering for Climate" projects across 25 countries in sub-Saharan Africa (SDG 13) in support of ongoing Canadian efforts to address climate change. These projects focus on implementing nature-based solutions for gender-responsive climate change adaptation and biodiversity (SDG 17).
  - Under the Indigenous Peoples Partnering for Climate initiative, partnerships between Indigenous Organizations in Canada and abroad support self-determined nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation, responding to local priorities and increasing Indigenous Peoples climate resilience in developing countries.
- Continued our commitment to reduce threats and facilitate stability and development in fragile states, including states affected by armed conflict (SDG 16). In 2023-2024, GAC's Peace and Stabilization Operations Program disbursed \$181.6 million to programming in fragile and conflict affected settings in the world, including but not limited to, Ukraine, Iraq, Colombia and Haiti.
- Partnered with the Danish Refugee Council to enhance social and economic resilience among conflict-affected young women and men in Iraq's Diyala Governorate (SDG 16). Through this work, the Diyala Governorate became an example of resilience-building, demonstrating the power of partnerships and targeted programs (SDG 17).
- Continued to support the health and rights of women and girls as part of Canada's 2019 historic 10-Year Commitment (SDGs 3 & 5) that raised our global health funding to reach an average of \$1.4 billion annually, with \$700 million dedicated each year to protecting sexual and reproductive health and rights for the poorest and most vulnerable. Preliminary figures for 2023-2024 show that we are on track to reach the target and includes:
  - Support to the Global Fund in 2023 to improve access to antiretroviral therapy, tuberculosis (TB) treatment and mosquito nets, contributing to the ongoing reduction of deaths from the three diseases across the world. Canada has been longstanding supporter of global health, sexual and reproductive health rights and nutrition (SDGs 2, 3 & 5).



- Since 2002, in countries where Global Fund invests, deaths from AIDS and TB have fallen by 72% and 16% respectively, and malaria deaths have been reduced by 27%.
- Supported Canadian Small and Medium Organizations engaged in international assistance activities to strengthen Canadian partnerships for sustainable development, as part of the Small and Medium Organization (SMO) Initiative, (SDG 17) including:
  - The Spur Change program<sup>20</sup> provided capacity-building support to 191 Canadian SMOs;
    - 36 SMOs received direct funding to implement development projects; and
    - 12 SMOs supported through the Fund for Innovation and Transformation (FIT) to test innovative solutions to development challenges.
- Invested \$200 million in August 2023 to make Canada the first country to contribute to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF) to help halt and reverse biodiversity loss and put nature on a path to recovery.

## Consular Services

GAC worked to ensure all consular services responded to the complex needs of Canadians travelling, living and working abroad. Consular services officials can also help Canadians in locations affected by a large-scale emergency such as a natural disaster and civil unrest. All consular services are informed by the 2030 Agenda and consider the SDGs by continuously adapting to respond to the needs of a diversity of clients, including those in potentially vulnerable situations (such as those with mental health issues, women and children, and those who have experienced sexual and gender-based violence). Consular services include providing timely and accurate travel information so Canadians can plan for their safety and security when travelling. Individualized services further assist Canadians in managing unexpected situations, including arrest and detention, assault, medical emergencies and child abductions.

### Examples of key Consular Services 2023-2024 actions and progress:

- Continued to issue GAC's Travel Advice and Advisories<sup>21</sup> to share credible information on safety and security conditions, including those affecting vulnerable travellers, such as women and 2SLGBTQI+ travellers (SDGs 5 & 16, Leaving no one behind).

<sup>20</sup> The Spur Change program is a 5-year initiative, funded by GAC, which aims to: increase the effectiveness of Canadian small and medium organizations (SMOs) to deliver sustainable results in support of the Feminist International Assistance Policy and the Sustainable Development Goals; increase the engagement of Canadian SMOs in international development; and to increase the engagement of Canadians youth as global citizens.

<sup>21</sup> Travel Advice and Advisories (TAAs) aim to inform Canadians of the risks involved when travelling to destinations abroad and how to best prepare. They contain important information about local safety and security, institutions, laws, and cultural traditions and expectations, as these may differ from Canadian standards. TAA updates also allow Canadians to receive real-time and potentially life-saving information and advice during international crises. The TAA program also provides access to important thematic webpages with advice for many vulnerable travellers, such as the "Advice for women travellers", "Forced marriage", and "Travel and your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics" pages.

- Waived consular fees for all Indigenous people who held a valid travel document in order to allow them to obtain a replacement document displaying a reclaimed name (SDG 10, Advancing Reconciliation). This approach will continue until May 30, 2026.
- Disbursed over \$110,000 through the Consular Advocacy Initiative Fund to support 34 targeted initiatives that contributed to the safety and security of Canadians abroad and advanced consular and departmental priorities such as combatting sexual and gender-based violence, responding to the use of the death penalty and more (SDGs 5 & 16, Leaving no one behind).
- Promoted gender parity in the nomination and renewal processes for Honorary Consuls<sup>22</sup>, who provide limited consular services to Canadians in areas that are not served by a Canadian consulate or embassy, achieving a more balanced gender distribution (47% women to 53% men) (SDGs 5, 10 & 16, Leaving no one behind).
- Announced four new endorsements this year of the Declaration Against Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations, bringing the total to 75.
  - In February, 2021 Canada launched the Initiative Against Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations, which seeks to put an end to the practice of arbitrary detention by states for diplomatic leverage. The global coalition against this practice continues to grow (SDG 16).
- Established an [Independent International Panel on Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations](#) in January 2024. The seven eminent jurists from around the world on this Panel are studying existing international laws and norms in order to provide recommendations to address any gaps, including within the multilateral system (SDG 16).
  - Through the advocacy efforts to increase support for both the Declaration and the Panel's work, the initiative helps to reaffirm well-established principles of human rights, respect for international law, and the independence of the judiciary (SDG 16).

## International Platform

GAC supports 182 missions abroad, 21 other Government of Canada departments and agencies, 3 crown corporations and 6 provincial governments all operating internationally. To keep employees and information safe, Global Affairs Canada's International Platform enables and maintains a network of infrastructure and common services delivered at missions to support the Government of Canada achieve its priorities when operating abroad.

Sustainable development considerations are incorporated to help ensure a green transition where possible for all services delivered internationally (SDGs 12 & 13).

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<sup>22</sup> The Honorary Consul Program reduces inequalities within and among countries by ensuring equitable access to assistance, promoting diverse and inclusive nominations, and reducing inequalities based on gender, race, ethnicity or economic status in international diplomacy.

The department now has several missions that have achieved green certification abroad, including one that has achieved net-zero carbon. Credible green building certifications that helped GAC achieve sustainability across our mission network include: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada (BOMA) BEST; Zero Carbon Building Standard; Total Resource Use and Efficiency (TRUE); and Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies (EDGE) (SDGs 12 & 13).

Examples of key International Platform 2023-2024 actions and progress:

- Implemented GAC's internal Sustainable Development Strategic Framework for Canada's Missions Abroad which outlines how the [Greening Government Strategy](#) will apply to greening operations and improve sustainability at missions (SDGs 12 & 13).
- Used green building certifications to assess opportunities for greater efficiencies for existing buildings and to support the design and construction of new major capital projects abroad (SDGs 12 & 13).
- Collected data from missions to regularly measure energy, water and waste data in order to support internal decision-making and reporting.
  - To collect and analyze data from missions more effectively, GAC adopted RETScreen, a clean energy management software developed by the Government of Canada that analyzes clean energy projects and helped track progress on our assets abroad (SDGs 12 & 13).
  - The department completed 20 energy, water and waste initiatives in 2023-2024 (SDGs 12 & 13).
- For additional information, please review results outlined in the Section 2 Commitments for Global Affairs Canada SDG tables for SDG 12 and SDG 13.

**ENDNOTES: ALL RELEVANT CANADIAN INDICATOR FRAMEWORK AND GLOBAL INDICATOR FRAMEWORK AMBITIONS/TARGETS/INDICATORS FOR DSDS****i Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ *CIF Ambition/Target: No specific target*
- ▶ *CIF Indicator: Canadians consume in a sustainable manner*
- ▶ *GIF Target: 12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse*

**ii Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ *CIF Ambition/Target: 12.1: Canadians consume in a sustainable manner*
- ▶ *CIF Indicator: 12.1.1: Proportion of new light duty vehicle registrations that are zero-emission vehicles*
- ▶ *GIF Target: 12.1: Implement the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries*

**iii Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ *CIF Ambition: Canadians consume in a sustainable manner*

*CIF Indicators:*

- ▶ *12.2.1: Proportion of businesses that adopted selected environmental protection activities and management practices*
- ▶ *12.5: Canadians consume in a sustainable manner*

*GIF Targets:*

- ▶ *12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse*
- ▶ *12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities*
- ▶ *12.8: By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature*

**iv CIF Indicator:**

- ▶ *12.5: Canadians consume in a sustainable manner*

*GIF Targets:*

- ▶ *12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse*
- ▶ *12.7: Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities*
- ▶ *12.8: By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature*

*GGS Commitments:*

- ▶ *Take steps to increase waste diversion*
- ▶ *Create sustainable workplaces, including through employee mobilization and action*
- ▶ *Strengthen support for green procurement, including guidance, tools and training for public service employees*

**v Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ *Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities: 11.2: By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all*
- ▶ *Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production*

- ▶ 12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

<sup>vi</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ CIF Ambitions/Targets: 3.6, 6.3, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.5, 8.6, 9.1, 9.5, 9.7, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 17.1, 17.2
- ▶ CIF Indicators: 3.6.1, 6.3.1, 7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.3.1, 8.5.1, 8.6.1, 9.1.1, 9.5.1, 9.7.1, 11.4.1, 11.5.1, 11.6.1, 12.1.1, 12.2.1, 12.3.1, 13.1.1, 13.2.1, 13.3.1, 17.1.1, 17.2.1

<sup>vii</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ CIF Ambitions/Targets: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 9.1, 9.5, 13.1, 17.1, 17.2
- ▶ CIF Indicators: 7.1.1., 7.2.1, 7.3.1, 9.5.1, 9.7.1, 13.1.1, 17.1.1, 17.1.1

<sup>viii</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ CIF Ambitions/Targets: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 9.1, 9.5, 13.1, 17.1, 17.2
- ▶ CIF Indicators: 7.1.1., 7.2.1, 7.3.1, 9.5.1, 9.7.1, 13.1.1, 17.1.1, 17.1.1

<sup>ix</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ CIF Ambition/Target: By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45%, relative to 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve economy-wide net-zero greenhouse gas emissions
- ▶ CIF Indicator: Greenhouse gas emissions
- ▶ Note: Corresponds to "Greenhouse gas emissions" from the Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators

(Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada's National Inventory Report 1990-2019: Greenhouse Gas Sources and Sinks in Canada)

<sup>x</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ CIF Ambitions/Targets: 7.3, 9.1, 13.2
- ▶ CIF Indicators: 7.3.1, 9.1.1, 13.2.1, 13.3.1

<sup>xi</sup> **GIF targets:**

**SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**

- ▶ 11.2: By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all

**SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production**

- ▶ 12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

**SDG 13: Climate Action**

- ▶ 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries

<sup>xii</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ [Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals - Canada Indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals \(sdgcif-data-canada-oddcic-donnee.github.io\)](https://sdgcif-data-canada-oddcic-donnee.github.io)
- ▶ CIF Ambition/Target: Canada fosters collaboration and partnerships to advance the SDGs
- ▶ CIF Indicator: Total official support for sustainable development
- ▶ GIF Target: [Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://statcan.gc.ca)
- ▶ SDG 17.3: Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources

<sup>xiii</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ [Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals - Canada Indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals \(sdgcif-data-canada-oddcic-donnee.github.io\)](https://sdgcif-data-canada-oddcic-donnee.github.io)



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  - ▶ *CIF Indicator: Total official support for sustainable development*
  - ▶ *GIF Target: Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals (statcan.gc.ca)*
  - ▶ *SDG 17.17: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships*

<sup>xiv</sup> **Relevant targets or ambitions:**

- ▶ *SDG 14.1: By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution*
- ▶ *SDG 15.5: Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species*
- ▶ *SDG 15.A: Mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems*
- ▶ *SDG 17.3: Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources*