Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework

A shared vision of the future where Arctic and northern peoples are thriving, strong and safe.

Who are we partnering with?

This whole-of-government, co-development process has been supported by:

- **3 territorial governments**
- **Over 25 Indigenous organizations representing Inuit, First Nations and Métis**
- **3 provincial governments**

The framework builds on 8 overarching and interconnected goals:

- **Strong, sustainable, diversified and inclusive local and regional economies**
- **Canadian Arctic and northern Indigenous peoples are resilient and healthy**
- **Canadian Arctic and northern ecosystems are healthy and resilient**
- **Strengthened infrastructure that closes gaps with other regions of Canada**
- **The rules-based international order in the Arctic responds effectively to new challenges and opportunities**
- **Knowledge and understanding guides decision-making**
- **The Canadian Arctic and North and its people are safe, secure and well-defended**
- **Reconciliation supports self-determination and nurtures mutually respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples**

Key milestones in the co-development of the framework:

- **December 2016**: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau commits to co-developing a new Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, with Northerners and Indigenous, territorial and provincial partners.
- **Spring 2018**: Roundtable engagements held with Arctic and Northern residents, youth and key experts and stakeholders, including industry, academics and non-governmental organizations.

Moving from co-development to co-implementation:

In the second phase, the Government of Canada and partners will develop:

- Governance mechanisms describing how partners will collaborate for share information and assess progress on the framework.
- An Implementation Plan outlining how new investments and other economic and regulatory levers will contribute to the implementation of the framework.

The new policy framework takes into account all of the “Arctic” and “northern” peoples of the region and those who live there, including in the territory of Nunavut, the land homeland of the Inuit.

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