



ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS
OF FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SECRETARIAT
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2017 Highlights

Strategic Plan for Sustainable Economic Development

ONE ATLANTIC VOICE

This Strategic Plan for Sustainable Economic Development is a living document that guides the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat (APC) in supporting member communities toward the achievement of socio-economic development goals. Living documents are ever evolving to meet community needs, adapt to external changes and report on progress. The plan the Chiefs endorsed promotes a common vision of success for member communities to build a sustainable economy. Based on integrated input from a wide range of sources, the plan outlines goals, outcomes for success, monitoring and evaluation tools and success stories associated with each goal.

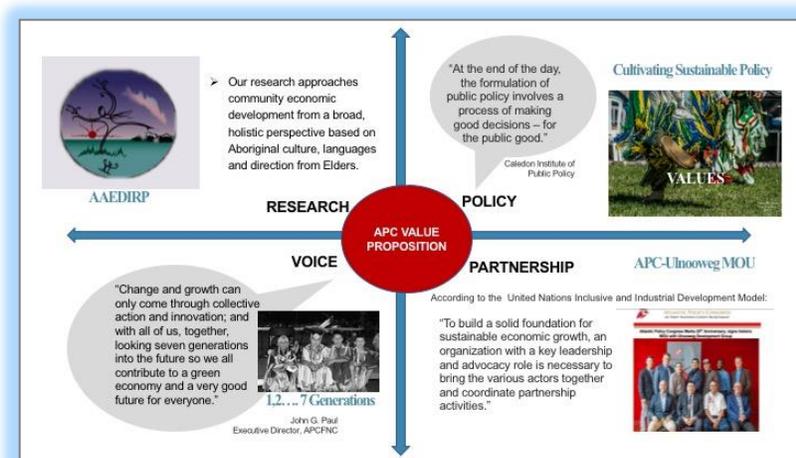
This plan has been and will continue to be informed by the collective thoughts and experience of Chiefs, economic development officers, native employment officers and member communities across the region. AAEDIRP facilitated a wide range of complementary community based action research projects across the region and the country with regard to sustainable economic development. Finally, the plan also proposes new vehicles that can be used to properly evaluate the success of the full plan to ensure ongoing accountability for progress.

This document is designed to help the reader understand the APC Strategic Plan for Sustainable Economic Development.

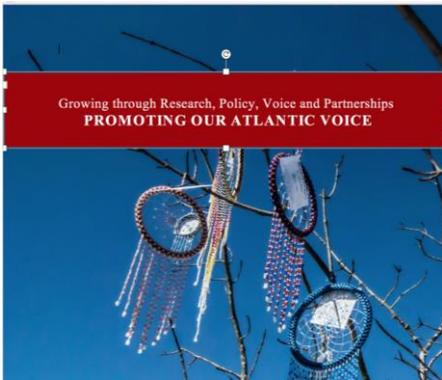
Critical success factors discussed in this plan include:

- APC facilitates research partnerships that value community voice to benefit member communities.
- The role of policy in strategic planning (to inform) good decision-making focused on APC member community well-being.
- The promotion of One Atlantic Voice to increase our reach and participation in broad economic forums.
- The importance of partners and networks to generate successful collaborations.

APC VALUE PROPOSITION: RESEARCH-POLICY-VOICE-PARTNERSHIP



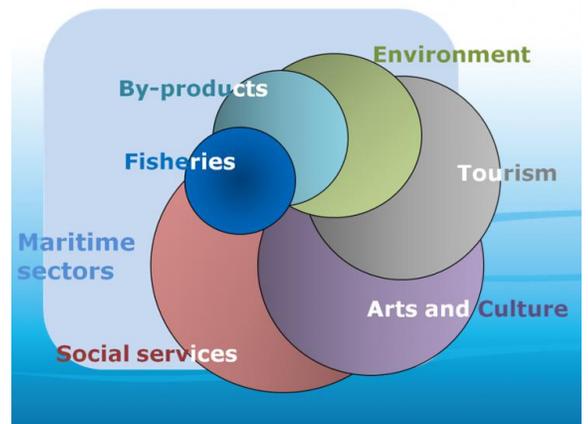
OUR VISION: ECONOMIC-ENVIRONMENTAL-SOCIAL-CULTURAL & SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING



Our communities have strong **self-sustaining** economies that generate wealth for our peoples who are now **self-sufficient**. We have businesses in diversified sectors and corporations come to us to develop partnerships that recognize member communities' knowledges, lands, resources and governance. Our members are motivated to work, are increasingly educated and trained, and actively participate in ever higher paying jobs. Our governments work together to negotiate **self-determined** resource arrangements and identify future opportunities for the **long-term stability** of our economy all the while ensuring the environmental, social, cultural and spiritual **well-being of our communities** and protecting our basic rights.

OUR GOALS: SUSTAINABLE & HOLISTIC GROWTH IN A DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

1. Build net wealth in the forms of knowledge, traditions, land, equipment, resources and partnerships.
2. Increase ownership, income and employment from businesses so as to be comparable to national rates.
3. Create sustained employment and culturally inclusive workplaces.
4. Monitor and evaluate regional socio-economic progress and opportunities.



Introducing our new hashtag: ***#oneatlanticvoice***

A core strength of our value proposition to key stakeholders is the ability to have one voice representing the Atlantic. With members from First Nations communities reaching across Canadian-defined borders of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, the Gaspé region of Québec, Newfoundland and Labrador, we collectively have knowledge that unifies the diversity of the land, the people, and the traditions to inform policy for the Atlantic Region.