



# Joint Committee on Climate Action

## An Overview

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## Conference Context

- Atlantic Policy Congress' Clean Energy Conference is in part sponsored by the Assembly of First Nations
- Part of my responsibility as a Regional Climate Change Coordinator was to help organize this conference
- APC's Fisheries and Integrated Resources website: <https://fisheries.apcfnc.ca/>



## JCCA Experience

- I have sat on the JCCA as an observer and alternate member 4 times
- The table is a bi-lateral group composed of First Nations and Federal Government officials



# Overview

- How did we get here?
- What have we talked about?
- Where are we going and how can you participate?



# AFN Resolutions

- 97/2016, *First Nations Full and Meaningful Inclusion in Climate Action*
- 22/2017, *Joint Committee on Climate Action*
- 60/2018, *Positioning First Nations as Climate Leaders*



# Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA)

- Established in 2016 by a Process Document and Joint Statement from the National Chief and Prime Minister.
- Composed of First Nations technical representatives (10 regions) and Federal Officials.
- Met 6 times, most recently in Edmonton.
- Unique opportunity to present an annual report directly to the Prime Minister and the National Chief





## JCCA TIMELINE

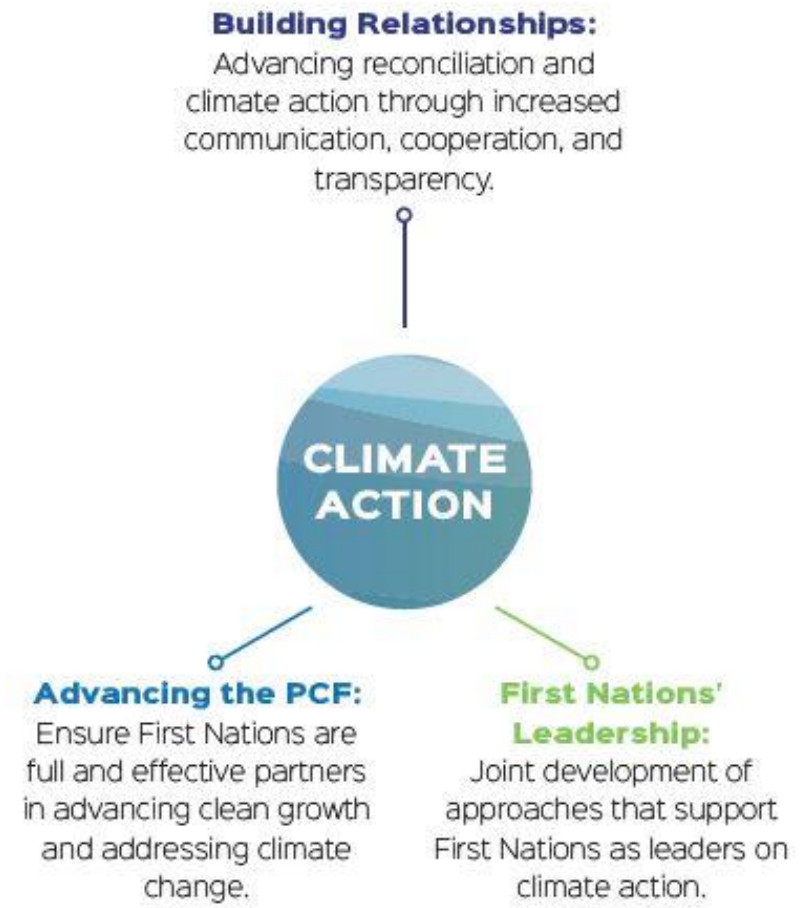




# Topics of discussion

- Traditional Knowledge:
  - Elder Albert Marshall presented the concept of Two-Eyed Seeing, and
  - Elder Reg Crowshoe presented the concept of Ethical Space.
- Federal funding accessibility (Funding Placemat and Best Practices Guide).
- Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GHGPP).
- First Nations Climate Hub.

Figure 1: Objectives of the First Nations – Canada Joint Committee on Climate Action







# Annual Report

- **Renewing Our Relationship on Climate Action:**
  - Highlighting the urgency to act on the climate crisis; reconciliation; weaving knowledge systems.
- **Advancing Joint Climate Action:**
  - Redesigning certain federal climate-related programs; better communications tools; greenhouse gas pollution pricing.
- **Our Path Forward:**
  - Building on current climate actions to outline activities the JCCA will pursue to advance Canada's climate plan.



## Looking Ahead

- First Nations experience problems accessing climate-related funding sources, including the GHGPPA:
  - Program changes are helpful but not systemic enough to solve this issue.
- Increase the resiliency of First Nations in the face of a changing climate:
  - First Nations often experience disproportionate impacts of climate change.
- Explore new funding mechanism(s) that would allow First Nations to self-determine how they:
  - Adapt to and mitigate the impacts climate change, and Develop and implement their own plans in response to climate change.



## What's next?

- Advancing the work and the priorities that are identified.
- Improving two-way communication of policies and programs to Regions.
- Examining how we can learn from your expertise and create an iterative feedback loop.