



Energizing Atlantic First Nations: Clean Energy Conference

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Regional Economic Growth through Innovation (REGI)

Two Main Streams of Activity:

- **Business Scale-Up and Productivity (BSP)**
 - Accelerate growth
 - Enhance productivity and competitiveness
 - Market expansion
- **Regional Innovation Ecosystem (RIE)**
 - Create, grow and nurture inclusive regional ecosystems
 - Foster an entrepreneurial environment conducive to innovation, growth and competitiveness.

Clean Tech and Clean Growth

- **Government Focus:**
 - Key element of Pan-Canadian Framework on Climate Change, Skills and Innovation Agenda
- **Government funding focused on commercialization and scale-up:**
 - Clean Growth Hub as one-stop shop
 - Clean tech a priority in other federal programs - Oceans Supercluster and the Low-Carbon Economy Fund
- **ACOA Goals – Atlantic Canada in Context:**
 - Strengthen and support clean tech companies
 - Ensure regional companies access/benefit from national clean tech funding
- **ACOA's Work to Date:** more than doubled investments in 2017-18

Indigenous Economic Development

- **Government Priority:**
 - To renew and deepen its relationship with Indigenous Peoples
 - ACOA works to build and maintain good relationships with each of the Indigenous communities in Atlantic Canada
- **ACOA's Approach:**
 - Help increase the number of Indigenous-owned businesses
 - Support Indigenous communities to maximize their economic assets
 - Work with local indigenous economic development group
- **Work to Date:**
 - In 2017/18, ACOA invested a total of \$12,6 million in 54 projects