



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

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**Real Action**

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## Dear Friends:

Our government campaigned on a promise to take real action on climate change. We specifically committed to strong national leadership on this important issue, and working collaboratively with the provinces and territories to put a price on carbon and reduce carbon pollution. I am pleased to provide you with an update on this significant commitment.

As promised, Prime Minister Trudeau led a delegation of Canadian leaders to the Paris Climate Summit in December. This delegation included the Premiers of Canada's four most populous provinces, Mayors from across our country, Indigenous leaders, young people, environmental NGOs, labour, businesses, entrepreneurs, and investors. Canada advocated for an ambitious and balanced agreement, one where countries are setting targets, are reporting on them in a transparent manner, and where everyone has to review and improve their pollution reduction targets every five years.

We are very pleased that an agreement was reached in Paris—between 195 countries—that puts the world on the right path. Every country will adopt concrete measures to limit the rise of the global average temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius to avoid the harshest impact of climate change on our geography, livelihoods, and health.

We now need to embark on the difficult but important task of tackling climate change at home. The Prime Minister and the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will work with the provinces and territories to establish a pan-Canadian framework for combatting climate change. Our plan and actions will build on the many positive and concrete measures already put in place by the provinces and territories.

Responsible governments do not walk away from challenges or pretend they do not exist—they meet them. We were elected on a promise to tackle climate change, and we have not shied away from that commitment. We will support our communities and our economy by making significant new investments in green infrastructure and clean technologies. Not only will these strategic investments help us tackle climate change, they will also create good quality jobs for Canadians. The shift to a green economy and to clean technologies is a major opportunity for Canadian ingenuity and entrepreneurship. There is a huge potential market—and the demand will only increase—to export Canadian green technology and knowledge. In India alone, the green revolution will require an investment of \$2.5 trillion dollars.

## Investing in Green Infrastructure

A major factor in confronting climate change will involve our government making large-scale investments into green infrastructure, clean technologies, and innovative research. Recent announcements include:

- Boosting green infrastructure investments by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years.
- Adding 305 new Canada Research Chairs in post-secondary institutions, accounting for a total investment of over \$260 million.
- Allocating \$75 million in new funding to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), to help local governments reduce their emissions and build climate resiliency at the municipal-level.
- Investing \$206 million in 36 clean tech projects funded through Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC).
- The launch of a \$5.4 million Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada's Strategic Partnerships Initiative, funding renewable energy projects that will help First Nation communities reduce their dependency on conventional diesel power generation.

## Building on the Momentum

London West constituents and business leaders continue to tell me at events and in meetings that making the transition to a low-carbon economy is necessary for our health, security, and prosperity. I agree that making these changes is essential for our children's and grandchildren's futures. Our collective efforts in the months and years ahead will be key and I look forward to hearing your suggestions and creative ideas in that regard. Together, we can do this!

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