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Introduction to the 2023 to 2024 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy Report

The [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy \(FSDS\)](#) presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#). This is the first FSDS to be framed using the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and provides a balanced view of the environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

In keeping with the purpose of the Act, to make decision-making related to sustainable development more transparent and accountable to Parliament, National Security and Intelligence Review Agency Secretariat (NSIRA Secretariat) supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in NSIRA Secretariat's 2023 to 2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS). This Report provides a report on progress related to the NSIRA Secretariat's DSDS in the fiscal year 2023 to 2024.

The [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#) also sets out [7 principles](#) that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated in NSIRA Secretariat's DSDS and 2023 to 2024 DSDS Report.

To promote coordinated action on sustainable development across the Government of Canada, NSIRA Secretariat's departmental strategy reports on Canada's progress towards implementing the 2030 Agenda and advancing the SDGs, supported by the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) and Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF) targets and indicators. The Report also now captures progress on SDG initiatives that fall outside the scope of the FSDS.



Commitments for National Security and Intelligence Agency Secretariat





GOAL 10: ADVANCE RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TAKE ACTION ON INEQUALITY

Target theme: Advancing reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis communities

Target: Between 2023 and 2026, and every year on an ongoing basis, develop and table annual progress reports on implementing *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA'S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS	RESULTS ACHIEVED
Implement the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i>	Support the Government of Canada's commitment to ensure a minimum 5% target of the total value of contracts are held by Indigenous businesses on an annual basis.	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>Starting point: In 2022-2023, 3% of NSIRA Secretariat's total contracts were awarded to Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>Target: 5% by March 31, 2025.</p>	NSIRA Secretariat's goal is to invite Indigenous suppliers to bid on goods and services where capacity exists in industry to provide ongoing opportunities to Indigenous businesses.	<p>Indicator result: In 2023-2024, 3% of NSIRA Secretariat's total contracts were awarded to Indigenous businesses.</p> <p>Notes: NSIRA Secretariat has identified an additional supplier that is an Indigenous business and anticipates meeting the target of 5% by March 31, 2025.</p>



GOAL 12: REDUCE WASTE AND TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

Target: The Government of Canada’s procurement of goods and services will be net-zero emissions by 2050, to aid the transition to a net-zero, circular economy (All Ministers)

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<p>Support for green procurement will be strengthened, including guidance, tools and training for public service employees.</p>	<p>Integrate environmental considerations into procurement management purchasing decisions, processes and controls.</p> <p>Ensure decision-makers have the necessary training and awareness to support green procurement.</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of procurement specialists trained on Green Procurement.</p> <p>Starting point: In 2022-2023, 0% of NSIRA Secretariat’s procurement specialists were trained on Green Procurement.</p> <p>Target: 100% are trained the year they are hired.</p>	<p>NSIRA Secretariat will continue to reduce GHG emissions by incorporating environmental considerations into its purchasing decisions.</p>	<p>Indicator result: In 2023 – 2024, 100% of NSIRA Secretariat’s procurement specialists were trained on Green Procurement.</p> <p>Notes: In 2023 – 2024, one procurement specialist was hired and has received training on green procurement.</p>



GOAL 13: TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

Target theme: Federal Leadership on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions and Climate Resilience

Target: The Government of Canada will transition to net-zero carbon operations for facilities and conventional fleets by 2050 (All Ministers)

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Promote sustainable travel practices.	<p>Promoting the use of the Department's video conferencing, teleconference facilities.</p> <p>When video conferencing and teleconference facilities are not available, ensure travel policies and guidance promote sustainable travel practices.</p> <p>Establish a program to offer employees access to OC Transpo/LRT tickets for NCR travel.</p>	<p>Performance indicator: Percentage of NCR travel completed using public transportation.</p> <p>Starting point: In 2022-2023, 0% of NSIRA Secretariat's travel used public transportation.</p> <p>Target: 20% of total travel by March 31, 2025.</p>	NSIRA Secretariat will take action to reduce travel or switch to less GHG intensive modes of transportation that will reduce GHG emissions.	<p>Indicator result: No result available.</p> <p>Notes: NSIRA Secretariat has not begun to track this information.</p>

Integrating Sustainable Development

The integration of sustainable development within the NSIRA Secretariat revolves around strategic initiatives aimed at meeting government commitments while adopting responsible operational practices. First, we support the Government of Canada's commitment to ensuring that at least 5% of the total value of contracts is awarded to Indigenous businesses each year. This approach reflects our desire to promote the economic inclusion of Indigenous communities and to strengthen their participation in national economic development.

The NSIRA Secretariat plays a key role in this initiative by actively inviting Indigenous suppliers to bid for goods and services. At the same time, we systematically integrate environmental considerations into our procurement processes, enabling informed choices that promote sustainable practices. To this end, we provide training for procurement specialists, ensuring they can make informed decisions regarding eco-friendly procurement.

Thus, the NSIRA Secretariat is committed not only to adhering to sustainable development standards but also to embodying values of social and environmental responsibility across all its internal policies and operational processes.

NSIRA Secretariat will continue to ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSDS goals and targets through its Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. An SEA for a policy, plan or program proposal includes an analysis of the impacts of the given proposal on the environment, including on relevant FSDS goals and targets.

Public statements on the results of NSIRA Secretariat's assessments are made public when an initiative has undergone a detailed SEA. NSIRA Secretariat did not complete any detailed SEAs in 2023-24.

