

2016 Public Sector Climate Action Leadership Symposium

The Climate Action Secretariat would like to thank all those who participated in our annual symposium on climate action and helped contribute to its success! A special thanks to all those who completed our post-symposium survey. The feedback provided will help us to continue to improve and add value for all our PSOs as we plan future work and symposia.

The slides from the symposium are now available on our CNG [website](#). The videos will be made available on the same [webpage](#) early next week.

Pan-Canadian Framework

The [Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change plan](#) is now finalized and posted. This is the collective plan between Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments to grow our economy while reducing emissions and building resilience to adapt to a changing climate. It is Canada's plan to address climate change and grow the clean economy.

See pages 23 & 24 for the new actions set forth in the plan for government leadership, which are:

1. Setting ambitious targets to reduce emissions from government operations
2. Cutting emissions from government buildings and fleets
3. Scaling up procurement

BC's carbon neutral government commitment is spotlighted in the plan.

Annex 1, which starts on page 47, details the federal investments and measures to support the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Important Information for 2016 Reporting Year

All public sector organizations will receive an email in January containing the following:

1. CNAR instructions & template (or Small Emitters Form)
2. Self certification checklist template
3. A link to the CNAR Survey form online
4. A link to the 2016 guidance documents

Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information for your organization so that this important information is not missed.

UPCOMING REFRESHER WEBINARS

WHAT: CNG Program Overview & Updates

WHEN: Wednesday January 25, 10:30am-11:30am

Registration/ Agenda: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5143967673294423041>

WHAT: SMARTTool Refresher: Basics/Self-Service

WHEN: Thursday February 2, 10:30am-12:00pm

Registration/ Agenda: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/338483934291666434>

Streamlining Procurement for PSOs

We heard you! The procurement process can be complex and time consuming. To help accelerate your climate action-related procurements the Climate Action Secretariat is developing 3 centralized procurements this spring based on your feedback: Energy Studies, Renewable Energy Studies and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Want to help ensure the scope of services will meet your needs? Join the advisory group. For more information and to get involved contact us at climateactionsecretariat@gov.bc.ca

Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Internship

2017 Call for applications for Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) internship funding is now open. The deadline for applications is midnight, January 9, 2017. The PICS Internships provide support for hiring university students from one of the four PICS consortium universities. Internships serve to enhance the students' knowledge and expertise in the area of climate change, as well as to integrate that knowledge into solutions.

The Climate Action Secretariat has had great success with the PICS internship program. Most recently, Anika Bell from University of Victoria completed a project that looked at buildings resilience. For more information, including application requirements, funding amounts, and a list of previous students and their projects, go visit the PICS [website](#).

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NEW CNG TEAM MEMBERS for 2016 include ...

CNG Client Support & Capacity Building



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Darryn and Erin provide client support and capacity building services to help ensure the CNG Program's clients are able to meet their quantitative and qualitative CNG reporting needs. This includes training, user documentation, questions about scope and methodology and advice concerning business processes and SMARTTool related issues. If you have any suggestions or SMARTTool related inquiries, please contact them at Carbon.NeutralApps@gov.bc.ca.

CNG Solution Management & Analytics



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Chris and Owen are responsible for managing the CNG Program's emissions measurement and reporting tool, currently SMARTTool, to keep it up and available for your use. As the Program transitions to a new tool over the next year, they will be heavily involved in configuring it to ensure ongoing alignment with regulatory/policy requirements and Program/client needs. They're also responsible for the Program's quantification methodology and analytical services.

CNG Policy & Transformation



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Deborah and Patricia develop policy to support and facilitate emission reductions within B.C.'s public sector. They translate government's strategic priorities into viable policy and program changes and analyse the environmental, economic, social, and legal aspects of policy options. Their work includes identifying barriers to emission reductions and strategies for ameliorating them, capacity-building and stakeholder engagement.



Binaipal Gill
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Binaipal coordinates CNG Program activities and deadlines to keep the program on track. He's also available to address general questions and to provide updates to help you meet your Carbon Neutral Government requirements.

All the best to former CNG team members, Dave Aharnian, Ron Colquhoun, Michael Creekmore, and Stuart Hall as they move on to new ventures. We deeply appreciate all of their tremendous work and they will be sincerely missed. Stuart Hall will continue to provide support but from within the Ministry of Environment's IT shop.

THE CNG TEAM WORKS CLOSELY WITH CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM including ...



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The Climate Risk Management Team provides support and capacity building to stakeholders across the province to increase resilience to a changing climate. The team is currently working on a number of projects that relate to BC's public sector. Johanna is leading on resilient buildings, professional associations, and the health impacts of climate change, while Heather is leading the development of the 10-year adaptation planning policy. Please contact us to connect about any climate change adaptation related work. For more information about B.C.'s climate change adaptation work, [see here](#).