



## Canada's Intervention at the Third Biennial High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance, COP24

### Key Messages

- Firstly, I would like to thank the Standing Committee on Finance for their hard work on assembling the Biennial Assessment, which shows that global flows of finance to support the implementation of the Paris Agreement are increasing at a steady pace.
- Canada is committed to working with other donors to jointly scale up climate finance to fulfill the US\$100 billion goal by 2020.
- This goal is well within reach. Since committing to this joint goal, developed countries have been significantly scaling up the level of financial support for developing countries.
- In fact, according to analysis recently undertaken by the OECD, climate finance continues to ramp up year-over-year. In 2017, developed countries delivered US\$54.5 billion in public climate finance alone, up from US\$37.9 billion in 2013. That is a 44 percent increase since 2013.
- As part of this effort, Canada is delivering CA\$2.65 billion over five years, scaling up to CA\$800 million in 2020, to help developing countries transition to low-carbon, sustainable, and resilient growth.

### Points on Session I: Mobilizing Climate Finance to Translating Needs into Action

- Beyond the collective climate finance commitment, further action will be needed to meet the broader Paris Agreement objectives of making financial flows consistent with low carbon development and limiting the global average temperature increase to “well below” 2 degrees Celsius, with efforts to pursue 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- Canada recognizes that in order to help set the global economy on this trajectory, governments and the financial community will need to shift capital flows on a massive scale and at unprecedented speed.
- The level of investment needed to address climate change will not be met by public finance alone. This will have to be a joint effort.
- The private sector plays a key role in this shift towards a low-carbon and climate-resilient path.
- This is why a key priority of Canada's climate finance is to mobilize private sector investors to drive the kinds of investments we need to achieve our Paris commitments.
- In doing so, Canada is taking an innovative approach to mobilizing private sector financing and partnering with multilateral development banks and bilateral partners to help remove barriers to private investment.

- This means using targeted amounts of public funding to demonstrate the commercial viability of projects and to unlock future private investments in similar initiatives.
- For example, Canada is proud to have launched the second phase of the Canadian Climate Fund for the Private Sector in Asia at the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- The Canada-International Finance Corporation (IFC) Blended Climate Finance Program that aims at mitigating risks that deter private investment in key areas such as resilient infrastructure, climate-smart agriculture, and renewable energy is another example of the concrete actions Canada is taking to support developing countries in addressing the impacts of climate change.

### **Points on Session II: Enhancing Access to Climate Finance**

- Partnerships like these are also helping to build capacity and enhance access to climate finance by demonstrating the viability of climate change projects to private investors and to promote effective policies and incentives to better attract investments that have impacts at the local level.
- For example, as part of the Canadian Climate Fund for the Private Sector in Asia, Canada is providing US\$17 million to support a 47.5-megawatt floating solar photovoltaic power station in Vietnam. This project is the first private sector utility-scale solar power project in Vietnam and the first floating solar installation in the country.
- This project is helping Vietnam diversify their energy to reach their renewable energy targets and demonstrating the commercial viability of solar energy. Canada's support to this project is expected to mobilize an additional US\$45 million from other public and private sources.
- We recognize the barriers and challenges that developing countries face in accessing climate finance support. Canada will continue to take action in that regard, including by supporting international initiatives with the aim of making finance more accessible.
- For example, Canada is proud to renew its support to the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Global Network, which is helping countries develop ambitious climate action plans.
- These initiatives are just a few examples of how Canada is delivering on our international climate finance commitment. Canada looks forward to working with new partners to build sustainable prosperity as we collectively implement the Paris Agreement.
- Thank you and I look forward to working with you here at COP24 as we collectively define the rules that will guide the implementation of the Paris Agreement.