

Submission by Canada

New collective quantified goal on climate finance

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Canada is pleased to share its first submission on setting a new collective quantified goal on climate finance, as a first step in beginning the work on the three-year deliberations under the CMA.

Canada is looking forward to constructive and collaborative exchanges that are open, inclusive and transparent, and ensure participatory representation as outlined in decision [-/CMA.3](#), “New collective quantified goal on climate finance”. Canada remains steadfast in its support for a respectful process that is open to a variety of stakeholders, and respectful of human rights and gender equality.

Acknowledging the outcomes of [-/CMA.3](#) at COP26, we underscore the importance of the iterative nature of this process. Canada will work together with Parties and stakeholders to ensure that political and technical views are exchanged cyclically and that dialogues and factual inputs inform the work programme, such that the goal benefits from and reflects this three-year process. Clear communication in annual reports, technical papers, and summaries of deliberations will be key, in order to accurately capture and disseminate information on the various components of this process.

The climate finance landscape has evolved since Parties agreed to the USD100 billion goal in 2009. We now have lessons learned from that process including in, for example, the [Climate Finance Delivery Plan](#), and a better understanding of what will be needed to mobilize new levels of finance. The new collective quantified goal needs to reflect this contextual evolution, and be forward-thinking and progressive about further changes to come.

A key milestone that has taken place since 2009 is the entering into force of the Paris Agreement, under which we conduct these negotiations. Canada looks forward to a new goal that supports all three objectives of the Paris Agreement, on mitigation, adaptation and ensuring financial flows are consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. Indeed, paragraph 15 of decision [-/CMA.3](#) “decides that the new collective quantified goal aims at contributing to accelerating the achievement of Article 2 of the Paris Agreement of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels”. A new goal must take into consideration the context of meaningful mitigation actions towards the Paris temperature target. Adaptation finance will also need to be prioritized in order to increase the ability of individuals and communities to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience.

Canada is eager to see a new goal that, while setting expectations that are realistic, mobilizes more finance than ever before and directs flows to where they are needed most. In order to reach higher levels of finance, the new goal needs to include climate finance from a wide variety of sources, instruments and channels that go beyond what was envisioned in the USD100 billion goal, including through new and innovative ways to mobilize private finance and a broadened donor base – reflecting in part, the evolution of the global financial landscape since the goal was first established. Specific attention will also need to be paid to how Parties can ensure that all financial flows are consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, and how to change the financial landscape in this regard to achieve the objective outlined in Article 2.1c of the Paris

Agreement. These inclusions are needed to reflect the notion of a 'global effort' included in Article 9.3 of the Paris Agreement.

We acknowledge that innovative approaches to increasing finance, such as methods to improve private finance mobilized, will require important reflection and analysis. It is for that reason it will be important to take advantage of the three years of deliberations.

Canada is committed to a new collective quantified goal that seeks strategies to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of climate finance, particularly by improving access, with a particular focus on those who are at risk of climate-related emergencies. Similarly, Canada is supportive of elements that will simplify the global climate finance architecture.

Canada looks forward to working collaboratively with Parties and interested stakeholders over the next three years to establish this new collective quantified goal on climate finance.