Innovation in Policy Development in Canada

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Diagnostique

**Persistent Problems**
Government spending and programs to address *persistent public policy challenges* are not always yielding the best value and not keeping pace with a constantly changing environment.

**Implementation Gap**
Gap between policy intention and policy impact.

**Inconsistent Measurement**
Challenges in measuring and tracking outcomes and relative merits of current and new solutions.

**Taking to Scale**
Inability to take innovations through a structured process toward operationalizing at scale.

**Capacity**
Need to develop modern skillsets across government to ensure sufficient capacity to execute initiatives that will disrupt traditional ways of working.

**Internal Barriers**
Need to overcome risk aversion, organizational culture and real/perceived barriers/Processes that can inhibit new approaches.

**Communicating Impact**
Challenges in driving a policy narrative and communicating the impact resulting from innovative approaches.
Canadian Ecosystem
Innovation for Public Good
Ministerial Mandate Letters: Placing a Focus on Experimentation and Results

“Responsible governments rely on sound evidence to make decisions to ensure we obtain good value for our money.”

“You should work with your colleagues to ensure that they are devoting a fixed percentage of program funds to experimenting with new approaches to existing problems and measuring the impact of their programs.”

- President of the Treasury Board Mandate Letter (November 12, 2015)

“To ensure that we have a strong focus on results, I will expect Cabinet committees and individual ministers to: track and report on the progress of our commitments; assess the effectiveness of our work; and align our resources with priorities, in order to get the results we want and Canadians deserve.”

- Included in all Ministerial Mandate Letters
Mandate Letter Tracker: Delivering results for Canadians

See the detail and review the progress of the government commitments tracked by the Government of Canada. Commitments are described in the mandate letters sent from the Prime Minister to each cabinet minister. They represent action on 12 top priorities identified by the government.

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Current Status

- All commitments

Completed - fully met: 116
Completed - modified: 2
Actions taken, progress made: 258
Actions taken, progress made toward ongoing goal: 28
Actions taken, progress made, facing challenges: 20
Not being pursued: 3

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To achieve meaningful and lasting results for the people we serve, governments need to work in new and inventive ways with a greater focus on what works and what doesn’t. Innovation can do more than just drive strong economic growth. It has the potential to solve the big challenges that we face as Canadians.

Afin d’obtenir des résultats concrets et durables pour les populations qu’ils servent, les gouvernements doivent trouver des façons nouvelles et créatrices de travailler, en portant une attention à ce qui fonctionne et à ce qui ne fonctionne pas. L’innovation n’est pas un simple moteur de croissance économique, elle a le potentiel de résoudre les grands défis auxquels nous sommes confrontés en tant que Canadiens.
Help us solve Canada’s biggest challenges.

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REPORT TO THE CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL:
A DATA STRATEGY ROADMAP
FOR THE FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE

Fall Economic Statement 2018: Social Finance Fund

“To encourage innovative approaches to persistent and complex social challenges, the Government is creating a Social Finance Fund.”

“...the Government proposes to make available up to $755 million...over the next 10 years for a new Social Finance Fund and an additional $50 million over two years for social purpose organizations to improve their ability to successfully participate in the social finance market.”

“The proposed Social Finance Fund could generate up to $2 billion in economic activity, and help create as many as 100,000 jobs over the next decade.”