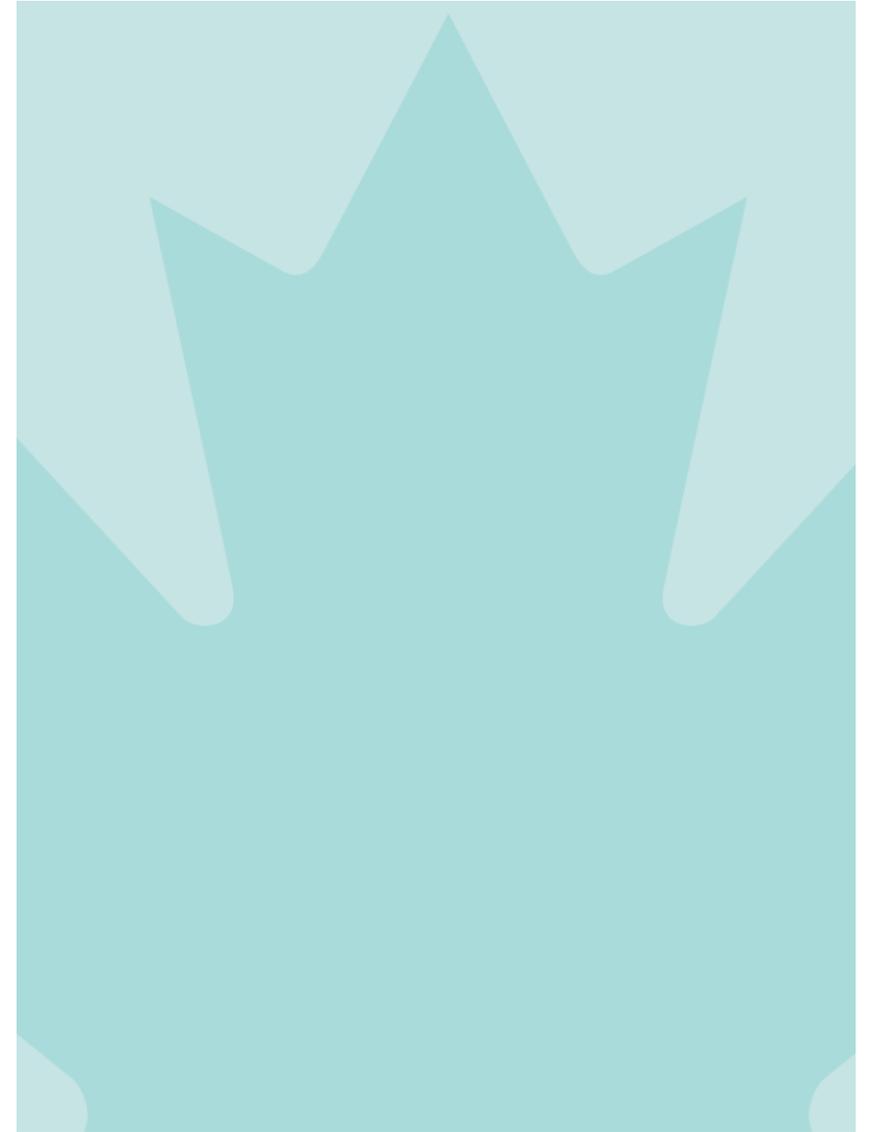




# Innovation in Policy Development in Canada

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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.

Reflects progress up to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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# Declaration

on Public Sector  
Innovation

# Déclaration

fédérale, provinciale  
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sur l'innovation  
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**T**o 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.

**A**fin 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.



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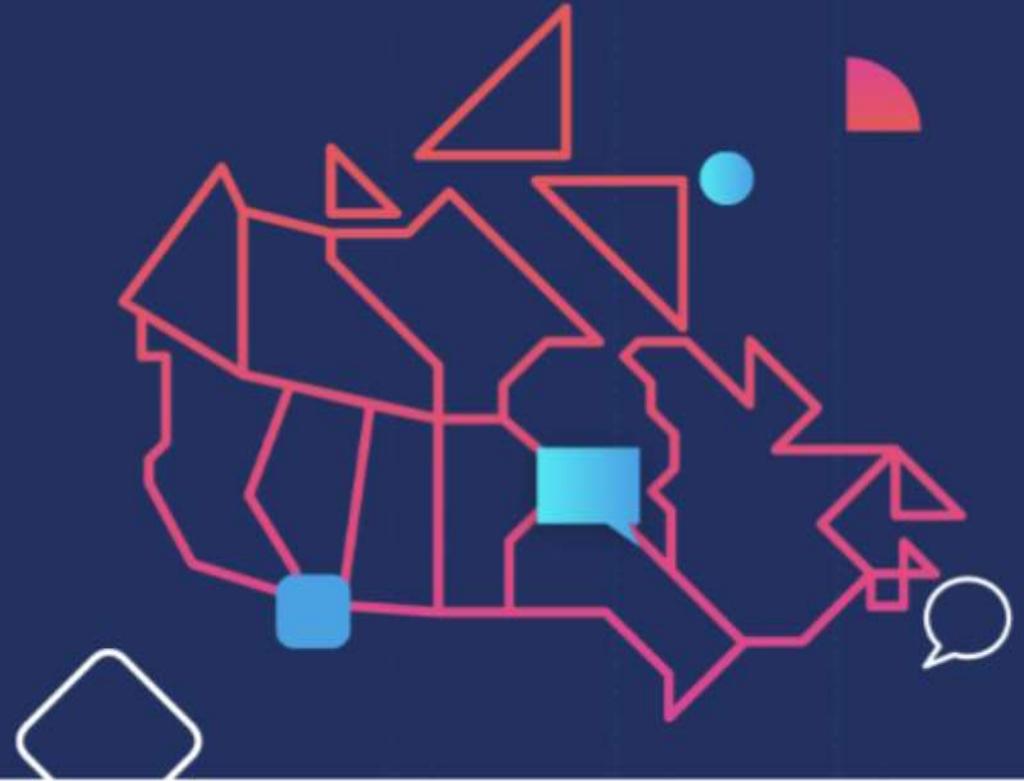
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Open challenge

Natural Resources Canada  
Crush It! Challenge



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Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative



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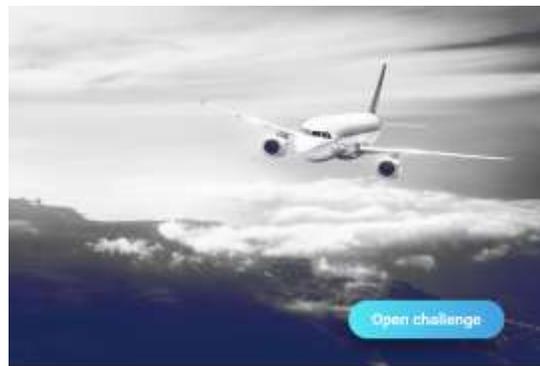
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Whale Innovation Challenge



Open challenge

Natural Resources Canada  
Power Forward Challenge



Open challenge

Natural Resources Canada  
The Sky's the Limit Challenge



Closed challenge

Natural Resources Canada  
Women in Cleantech Challenge



Closed challenge

Infrastructure Canada  
Smart Cities Challenge



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# 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.”