

Canada and Climate Change:

Climate Change Response Strategy for the Government

Recommendations on Canada's future approach to the Kyoto Protocol and/or climate change negotiations in general;

1. Take a leadership role in facilitating dialogue between the United States and China to encourage a bilateral agreement between the two of them.
2. Commit to creating binding agreements between Annex 1 countries with short-term, reachable goals with yearly progress reports, using Denmark as an example.

Recommendations on what Canada's greenhouse emissions reduction targets should be, if any;

1. Stabilization period within the next two years.
2. Significant short-term decreases in emissions with immediate results for public interest.

Recommendations as to what role the federal government should have in setting policies on greenhouse gas emission reductions, if any;

1. Cap and trade policy, strict regulatory procedure for Canadian companies abroad.
2. Increase subsidies to provincial governments for public transportation, affordable housing closer to urban centres, in order to reduce transportation emissions, and public education on climate change and environment.

3. Make a commitment to researching alternative energy sources in order to shift our economic productivity from oil revenue to renewable energy.
4. Create a sub-committee for research on renewable resources monitoring CO2 emissions.

Recommendations as to what domestic strategies for greenhouse gas emission reductions should be adopted, if any;

1. Make laws to force transparency of corporations and put stats on products, like a emissions nutrition label.
2. Individual incentives for decreasing emissions, such as lower taxes on bikes and more accessibility to compost, and subsidies for reduced energy consumption.
3. Encouraging urban agriculture.