

## OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR 2020

- » A society that is well-informed, innovative, attentive to everyone's welfare and respectful of its natural heritage
- » A civil service ever-more committed to fighting climate change and ensuring that Québec is more resilient to climate disturbance
- » Economic development that is greener, low-carbon and socially responsible
- » An energy sector that targets efficiency, optimized production of renewable energy and clean technology

### Initiatives to enable the necessary shift...

Provide tools to public organizations and spread sustainable development throughout Québec society. These initiatives will assist public organizations, communities and private citizens in acting concretely.

#### Health, social solidarity and adaptation to climate change

- » Prevent and reduce the consequences of air pollution and climate change on vulnerable populations by strengthening our actions

#### Innovative communities and committed citizens

- » Sensitize the population to sustainable development issues and mobilize the citizenry by highlighting the importance of social innovation as a way of fostering creativity

#### A green and responsible economy

- » Update our practices in order to increase the size of ecoresponsible procurement within the public service and foster the use of clean technology
- » Foster the improved use of green taxation to achieve our objectives in the areas of sustainable development and the fight against climate change

#### Sustainable development education

- » Support and mentor schools in their implementation of Québec's sustainable development measures

#### Sustainable development governance

- » Adapt legal frameworks and public policies to foster sustainable projects

# GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2015-2020

The Strategy is aimed at energizing public bodies to **achieve a coherent program of government action**. Reaching the objectives set out in the strategy will require commitment on the part of public bodies and counts on the strength of the complementarity of their missions.

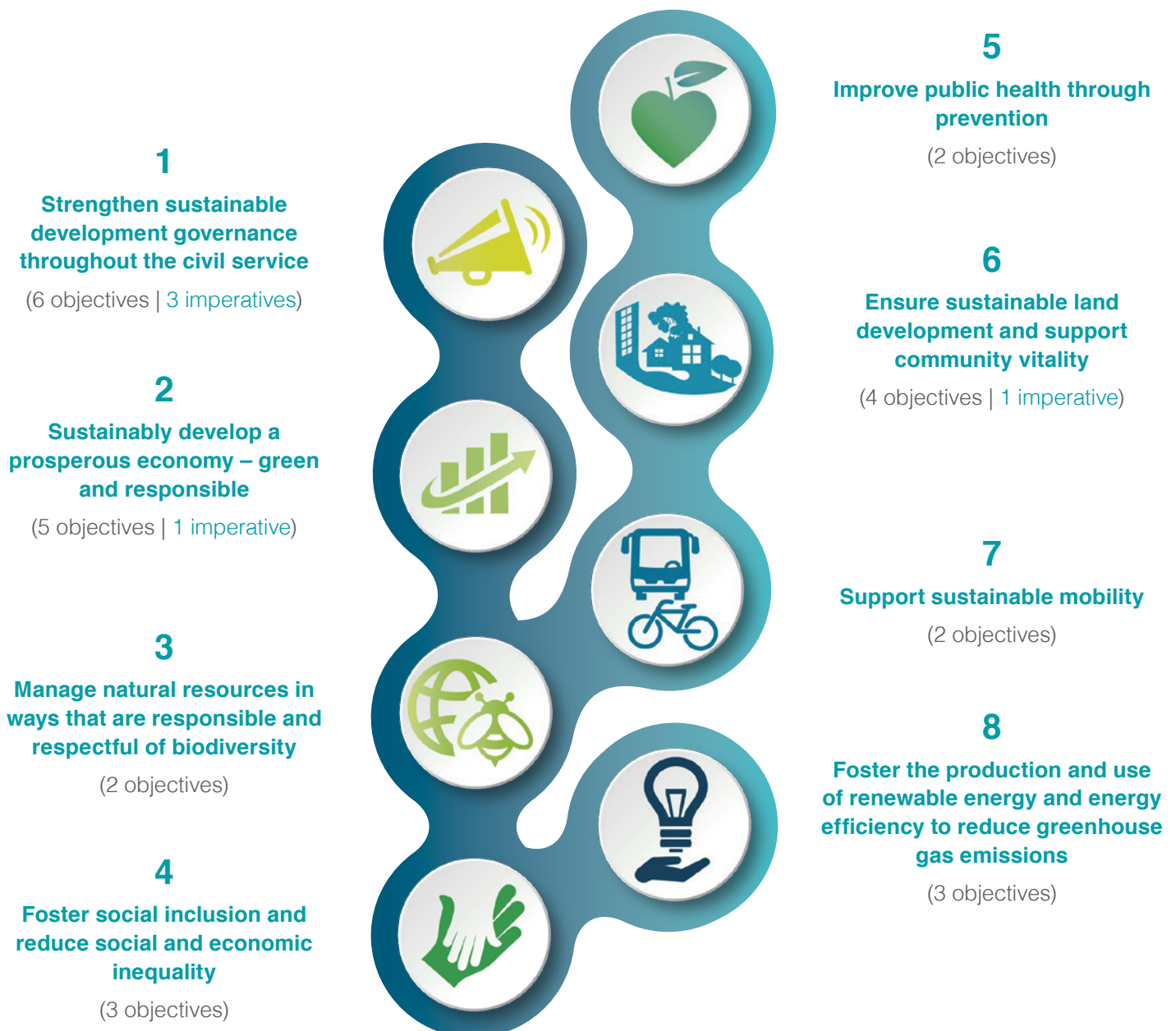
## Help achieve international commitments

Once again, Québec affirms its will to contribute to the achievement of international sustainable development commitments stemming from the 1992 United Nations Rio de Janeiro Conference and reaffirmed twenty years later in the Rio+20 conference's *The Future We Want* declaration.

In the wake of the 2015 Paris climate conference, Québec intends to mobilise its public bodies more than ever to foster the transition to a greener economy and help reach its goals in the fight against climate change.

## Tackle the issues of the day

Taking inspiration from the Rio+20 international commitments, the 2015-2020 Strategy sets **8 directions** and **27 objectives** to tackle issues that are fundamental for Québec, particularly in regard to fighting climate change.





## Imperative action for an exemplary public administration

The government intends to count on the strength of numbers to reinforce sustainable development governance in the public administration. To that effect it has prepared a list of five imperatives to which its ministries and public

bodies (MPB) are to contribute. The imperatives were selected on the basis of the major contributions provided by the MPBs, as well as their structuring nature and social scope.

### Ecoresponsible management



1. Help achieve desired ecoresponsible management results in six areas that are important for MPB functioning:

#### Current management

Expected result:

- 95% of MPBs use ecoresponsible practices in managing their material resources and residual materials

#### Employee transportation and travel

Expected results:

- Reduce GHG emissions by light vehicles in the government's fleet by 9% by 2020 as compared to their 2009-2010 level
- 90% of MPBs take action to reduce employee travel and foster the use of public and active transportation by staff

#### Buildings and infrastructures

Expected results:

- Reduce MPB building GHG emissions by 10% as compared to their 2009-2010 level
- Ensure that construction and renovation projects are ecoresponsible

#### Information and communications technologies

Expected result:

- 70% of MPBs improve ecoresponsible management of computer equipment and systems

#### Government communications and event organization

Expected result:

- 50% of MPBs have ecoresponsible products, communications and events

#### Government procurement

Expected results:

- MPBs incorporate ecoresponsible considerations in their internal contract management policy or develop an ecoresponsible procurement procedure by 2020
- Significant increase in MPB ecoresponsible procurement

### Sustainable development principles



2. Take account of the principles of sustainable development: Every MPB will be required to take at least one action to strengthen the way the principles of sustainable development are taken into account in its structuring actions.

### Culture



3. Contribute to the government's cultural initiative: Every MPB will be required to implement at least one action that stems from Québec's cultural Agenda 21.

### Businesses



4. Mentor the sustainable development of businesses: MBPs to invest resources in businesses that implement at least one action in order to increase the proportion of companies that initiate a sustainable development measure to 30% by 2020.

### Dynamic land development



5. Mentor public actors that support dynamic sustainable land development: MPBs to invest resources in municipal, educational, health and social services organizations that implement at least one action to increase the proportion of these organizations that have implemented at least one sustainable development measure.

**2006**

The **Sustainable Development Act**, which includes 16 principles to guide and foster coherent action within the public administration, comes into force.

The Act defines sustainable development as follows:

“Within the scope of the proposed measures, sustainable development means development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainable development is based on a long-term approach which takes into account the inextricable nature of the environmental, social and economic dimensions of development activities.”

**Autumn 2015**

The 2015-2020 Strategy is adopted.

**2018**

Information and sharing forum on sustainable development is held with representatives of civil society.

**Winter 2021**

The five-year report on the implementation of the 2015-2020 Strategy is published.

**2008**

The first **governmental sustainable development strategy** is launched.

**2014**

Publication of the five-year report on the implementation of the first, 2008-2013 Government Sustainable Development Strategy.

**2015**

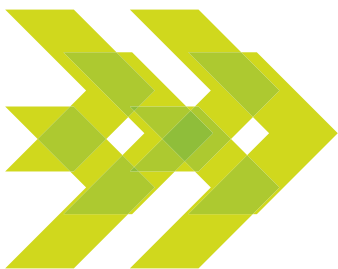
Publication of the draft **Government Sustainable Development Strategy 2015-2020** and **public hearings** before the National Assembly’s Standing Committee on Transportation and the Environment.

**March 2016**

No later than March 31, 2016, ministries and public bodies publish their **sustainable development action plans** to help achieve the goals set out in the 2015-2020 Strategy.

**Autumn 2018**

The **first report on the implementation of the 2015-2020 Strategy** is published.



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