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# ONTARIO AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## Objectives/priorities

- Establish Ontario as a leader in climate change action and science. Our targets are:
  - » 6% below 1990 emission levels by 2014
  - » 15% below 1990 levels by 2020
  - » 80% below 1990 levels by 2050
- Build a strong carbon-neutral economy, communities, infrastructure and energy.
- Manage risks of climate changes in our province and improve our resilience to these changes.

## Highlights/measures/actions

- **Key climate change actions include:**
  - » Based on current data, we have exceeded our 2014 carbon emissions reduction targets
  - » Ending coal-fired electricity generation
  - » Major investments in transit, roads and bridges to fight congestion and improve transportation options
  - » Changes to the Building Code to boost energy efficiency
  - » Electric Vehicle Incentive Program and Renewable Fuel Volume requirements
  - » Protecting land through land-use planning
  - » Clean energy initiatives, including the Feed-In Tariff program
  - » Support for a growing clean-tech sector
  - » *Climate Ready: Adaptation Strategy & Action Plan for 2011-2014* includes 37 actions to help the province adapt to climate change impacts
  - » Ontario to establish a cap and trade program as a key component of a comprehensive climate change strategy to be released Fall 2015
- **Subnational collaboration to align action on climate change:**
  - » Ontario is hosting the Climate Summit of the Americas in Toronto on July 7-9, 2015
  - » International compact committing to public reporting on GHG emissions
  - » Memorandum of Understanding with Quebec on climate change
  - » Joint statement on climate change with California, Quebec and British Columbia
- **Moving forward:**
  - » Ontario's Climate Change Discussion Paper, released February 2015, proposed guiding principles for climate change action and sought input from the public and stakeholders on transforming the province to a low-carbon economy
  - » Climate change strategy and action plan, including key measures such as putting a price on carbon, to be released by the end of 2015

## Opportunities for sustainable economic development

- Fighting climate change offers an opportunity to forge a stronger, low carbon economy by:
  - » Harnessing innovation and productivity
  - » Investing in public infrastructure
  - » Promoting growth based on the productive use of our human, natural, social, manufactured and financial capital
  - » Building up advanced manufacturing, technologies and skilled workers in Ontario
  - » Meeting increased global demand for new technologies, goods and services to serve a low-carbon and climate resilient global infrastructure
  - » Avoiding subsidization of the high carbon, low productivity economy

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