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QUÉBEC AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Objectives/priorities

- Contribute to the international effort to reduce GHG emissions by adopting ambitious targets:
 - » 6% below 1990 levels by 2012 – objective achieved
 - » 20% below 1990 levels by 2020
- Increase the resilience of the population of Québec to the impacts of climate change

Highlights/measures/actions

- **Carbon pricing:** Implementation of a GHG cap-and-trade system and linking with California's system within the framework of the Western Climate Initiative (WCI)
 - » Six auctions held so far, including two jointly with California
 - » Estimated revenues of nearly 3 billion dollars by 2020
 - » All revenues invested in measures to fight climate change
- **2013-2020 Climate Change Action Plan/Climate Change Adaptation Strategy:**
 - » Many initiatives already under way, including 15 financial assistance programmes in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, the electrification of transportation, public, active and alternative transit, intermodality of transport, new technologies and sustainable agriculture
- **Development of international partnerships** to promote carbon pricing and the role of Federated states:
 - » Co-chair of the Climate Group's States and Regions Alliance
 - » Co-chair of the International Carbon Action Partnership
 - » Technical partner of the World Bank's Partnership for Market Readiness
- **Prospects for the future:**
 - » Expansion of the WCI carbon market to other North American partners
 - » Adoption of post-2020 GHG emission reduction objectives
 - » Adoption of a new energy strategy
 - » Adoption of a new action plan for the electrification of transportation

Opportunities for sustainable economic development

- Business environment favorable to innovation – carbon pricing and financial incentives (2013-2020 Climate Change Action Plan)
- Development of promising industrial sectors – electrification of transportation and clean technology
- Creation of green and sustainable jobs – energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Production and exportation of clean and renewable energy
- Reduced energy costs for households and businesses

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