



**CRI**

Centre for Regulatory Innovation

## Regulators' Capacity Fund

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Climate Change  
Canada (ECCC)

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### *Developing Foresight Capabilities Activities*

The Government of Canada has committed to ambitious and challenging environmental objectives, such as the development of clean technologies. A more responsive and forward-looking regulatory framework will be needed to achieve those objectives. Foresight is an innovative tool that can be used to identify emerging issues that may lead to future challenges and opportunities, to envision possible futures and to inform future policy.

Building foresight capacity within ECCC will enhance its ability to identify and adapt to future trends. Understanding how to adopt new foresight tools and methodologies will allow ECCC to anticipate future events and challenges, propose possible solutions, and identify long-term opportunities, which can support environmental and economic outcomes. By incorporating a foresight lens and techniques in its processes, ECCC expects to be better equipped to develop effective long-term public policies.

ECCC's project consisted of obtaining guidance materials and training for staff on how to use foresight tools and techniques. It also included an exercise applying foresight to clean technology issues. Overall, the training and guidance provided to staff contributed to laying the foundation for continued foresight application across ECCC priority areas.

Building foresight capacity within ECCC has enhanced the department's ability to identify and account for emerging issues in its work to develop regulations and other policy measures.

