



Release of 'For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report'

Webinar

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Outline

Assessment process and context

For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report

- Introduction
- Overview of key messages

Open Q&A

Climate change assessments inform decisions

*Credible, useful and **decision-relevant products** that synthesize existing knowledge on climate change risks, opportunities and adaptation*

Assessment goals:

- **Raise awareness** of issues
- **Provide a foundation** for decision-making
- **Build capacity** on adaptation through the assessment process

Our decisions today will determine the degree of future climate changes and our resilience to climate risks.



NRCan-CCIAD has been leading assessments on climate change impacts and adaptation since the mid-2000's.

Final Report in the current Assessment process



The *For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report*

- **Elders and Indigenous leaders** encourage this report be read within a **context of urgency**.
- The Report offers a **guiding framework** and aims to inspire and stimulate conversations that must continue into the future.
- Co-led by **Graeme Reed** and **Shari Fox**, the author team is almost entirely Indigenous.
- The Report contains **5 broad key messages** and **12 key principles** grounded in the teachings of First Nation, Inuit and Métis Elders and Knowledge holders



Key Principles



Agency

Diversity

Hope and Love

Indigenous knowledge and lived experience

Indigenous-led approaches

Legacy of colonization and dispossession

Natural laws

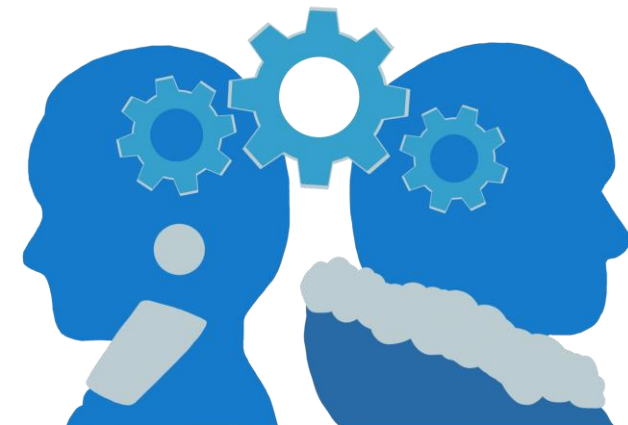
Relationships

Rights holder and lands

Self-determination and governance

Urgency

Valuing youth



KEY MESSAGE 1

Indigenous Peoples have unique strengths for responding to environmental and climate changes

- First Nations, Inuit and Métis have responded to the impacts of environmental and climate change before, are **actively responding today**, and will continue to do so in the future.
- Indigenous communities have **unique strengths** to address the climate crisis, despite facing **disproportionate impacts** from climate change and challenges related to the ongoing legacy of colonization.



KEY MESSAGE 2

Climate change is one of many crises that First Nations, Inuit and Métis face

- Climate change causes serious disruption not just to the environment and economy, but also to **culture, language, knowledge transfer, ceremony, identity, health and well-being.**
- These impacts are **interrelated and intersect with other crises** that First Nations, Inuit and Métis face.



KEY MESSAGE 3

Indigenous Knowledge Systems and lived experiences are essential components of climate action

- To effectively address the impacts of climate change, it's **crucial to include Indigenous observations, knowledge systems and diverse lived experiences**, especially those of gender-diverse individuals, women and youth, **in all aspects of climate change research, strategies and decision-making processes.**
- First Nations, Inuit and Métis have **unique and diverse indicators** and methods for observing, monitoring and assessing change.



KEY MESSAGE 4

The food, water and energy nexus is central to First Nation, Inuit and Métis climate leadership

- **Food sovereignty** is at the heart of First Nation, Inuit and Métis cultures. The **nexus of food, water and energy sovereignty** is a key priority for First Nations, Inuit and Métis.
- Reasserting authority and decision-making is enabling a **redistribution of power** towards First Nations, Inuit and Métis.
- The revitalization of **meaningful Indigenous economies** based on relationships with the Land, Water and Ice are central to this redistribution and to Indigenous-led climate action.



KEY MESSAGE 5

Self-determination is critical to Indigenous-led climate action

- Self-determination and governance are **key rights and aspirations** for First Nations, Inuit and Métis in the face of climate change.
- We must recognize and address how the impacts of climate change affect First Nations, Inuit and Métis ability to **determine** their futures, **govern** themselves and **adapt** their governance structures to the impacts of climate change.



Thank you!

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