



First Nations Climate Initiative

Media Backgrounder

The First Nations Climate Initiative (FNCI) is an Indigenous-led collaborative forum dedicated to the fight against climate change, alleviating First Nations' poverty, restoring ecosystems in First Nations' traditional territories, and enabling Indigenous people to be leading actors in the decarbonized economy.

By bringing together First Nations, other governments, climate experts, industry, and other key stakeholders, FNCI is accelerating the development of climate solutions and growing economic opportunities for First Nations.

Our Priorities

The FNCI member Nations believe that coordinated policy development and significant public and private sector investment are needed in British Columbia to transition to a net-zero economy that benefits First Nations communities.

Among FNCI priorities:

- Driving investment in nature-based projects that restore ecosystems in First Nations' traditional territories as well as act as carbon sinks
- Promoting hydrogen as an important component of the global energy transition
- Electrifying natural gas infrastructure across northwest BC
- Pursuing bi-lateral agreements with jurisdictions that are high GHG emitters and gas importers to ensure displacement of thermal coal
- Establishing options for First Nations equity ownership, partnerships and/or other avenues for First Nations communities to benefit from projects

The FNCI believes that by working together, we can restore the legacy of industrial disturbance with natural carbon sinks; attract billions of dollars in investment in renewable energy infrastructure; and, enable Indigenous communities to be leaders in developing the net-zero economy.

Be part of the solution

The FNCI hosts a variety of information sessions (in person and virtual) and shares research about the opportunities and challenges associated with a net-zero economy in BC. To learn more about the FNCI, visit fnci.ca

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