

- \$10 million to the World Meteorological Organization for climate risk early warning systems in developing countries—These systems are intended particularly for small island developing states and least developed countries.

In August 2016, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Canada's Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, announced a \$22.6-million contribution to help train African scientists to develop climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions. This project will be delivered through the IDRC over five years. A specialized climate change program will be launched at the Rwanda centre of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences. A climate change course option will also be made available at all institute centres across Africa.



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In 2016, Canada supported Morocco in organizing the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 22) in Marrakech. Canada was the second-largest contributor to the common fund of international donors. It was recognized for its efforts and commitment to the success of that major international event. Canada was also recognized for mobilizing all climate action stakeholders, including civil society, to ensure that the voices of women and the very poor are heard.

Canada also works through multilateral channels to support global climate action. For instance, Canada contributes to various mechanisms of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to help build developing countries' capacity to participate in the convention. Annual contributions are also made to the World Meteorological Organization. This organization helps developing countries strengthen their national meteorological and hydrological services, ensuring citizens receive important climate related information. Additionally, Canada contributes to the international Group on Earth Observations. This group helps build national capacity in developing countries by enabling human, technical and institutional capacity. Canada also contributes to the Climate Risk Early Warning Systems initiative. This initiative aims to reduce human and economic losses associated with meteorological and climate-related hazards.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Global Affairs Canada considers environmental sustainability in all development assistance programming and works with partners to address environmental sustainability.

A key environmental investment is the \$233 million Canada provided to the World Bank Group's Global Environment Facility. This is the main financial mechanism to help World Bank member countries meet their global environment commitments. As of 2016, initiatives funded by the facility have:

- reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 2,700 megatons;
- introduced more than 50 climate-friendly technologies leading to energy efficiency, renewable energy generation and sustainable urban transport;
- brought 103 million hectares of land under sustainable land management; and
- protected over 50 water basins and 23 of the planet's 64 large marine ecosystems.

Canada also channels funding through various multilateral organizations to assist developing countries in environmental protection and climate change adaptation and mitigation. This helps to safeguard the livelihoods of vulnerable populations in these countries.