

some examples of national information networks and partnerships supporting sustainable development.

Health

The Canadian Health Network is a national, bilingual Internet-based health information service. The network, which includes more than six hundred nonprofit organizations across Canada and links to more than six thousand Internet-based resources, connects Canadians to high quality local, regional, and national health information and resources. Information currently relates to health promotion and disease prevention. Information on self-care and how the Canadian health system is performing is expected to be added.

The Network for Health Surveillance in Canada is designed to build the relationships, tools, and connections needed so that public health decision makers anywhere in Canada can access, via the Internet, the information they need to better meet national, provincial/territorial, and regional/local public health needs. The network allows for the collection, integration, and analysis of data from diverse sources to provide information for risk management.

The Rural Health Pilot Project enables people from selected rural communities across Canada to look up or download map-based information from federal departments and provincial and municipal bodies and use it to manage health and environmental issues in their own communities.

Northern Information

The Northern Information Network (NIN) encourages information sharing about Canada's northern territories for more effective decision making in areas such as resource management and economic development. NIN supports a variety of research initiatives in and about the North, including project impact assessments, wildlife management planning, land use planning, emergency preparedness, and sustainable development strategies. Components of the site include a directory of geographically referenced databases, a discussion forum, documents, and links to related sites.

Weather Forecasting

The Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) is Canada's source for meteorological information, including weather forecasts and warnings. The MSC monitors atmospheric conditions and water quantities and provides information and conducts research on climate, atmospheric science, air quality, ice, and other environmental issues.