

Pan-Territorial Adaptation Partnership

Moving Forward on Climate Change in Canada's North

STRENGTH IN PARTNERSHIP

The Pan-Territorial Adaptation Partnership (PTAP), a collaboration between the Governments of Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Yukon, is a mechanism for identifying and realizing climate change adaptation outcomes in the North. The three territories are working together to support communities and decision makers including establishing partnerships with researchers and funding agencies.

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ADAPTATION ACROSS CANADA'S NORTH

A changing climate requires governments to manage risks to ensure Northern infrastructure, ecosystems and cultures are resilient to future changes. While there are some significant similarities in how northern communities in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Yukon are experiencing climate change, our approaches to dealing with climate impacts are often different. Sharing diverse and creative climate change adaptation knowledge and developing collaborative activities will strengthen our approach to the impacts of climate change across Canada's North.

THE PAN-TERRITORIAL ADAPTATION STRATEGY

At the 2009 Northern Premiers' Forum, the Governments of Nunavut, the Northwest Territories and Yukon agreed to work together on climate change, with a focus on sharing practical adaptation measures. In 2011, the Territorial governments co-created and published the *Pan-Territorial Adaptation Strategy: Moving Forward on Climate Change Adaptation in Canada's North* to identify opportunities for further collaboration.

PTAP ACTION

Since 2010, the Pan-Territorial Adaptation Partnership has undertaken the following projects:

- Development of 23 information notes detailing adaptation project work across Canada's North
- Delivery of the 2013 Pan-Territorial Permafrost workshop, addressing permafrost thaw impacts across the North.

Adaptation

The process of responding to the impacts of a changing climate to prevent or reduce potential harm while building on new opportunities.

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