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• Speak with a Unified Voice
• Multi-State Strategies
• Inspire Action at Home and Abroad
• Support Implementation of State Climate Change Policy Priorities

To drive down the emission of these harmful pollutants, Canada and Mexico accept the SLCP Challenge issued by the U.S. Climate Alliance, and we each agree to develop and implement ambitious SLCP strategies.
Support Implementation of State Climate Policy Priorities

- Working Groups
- Tools
- Webinars, Learning Labs, Workshops

- Playbooks, Roadmaps, and Guidebooks
- Project Grants
- Climate Leadership Grant Program
State Climate Governance & Planning

Best Practices for Structure, Process, & Engagement
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Working Groups and Subcommittees

Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience, Equity & Environmental Justice

- Buildings
- Electricity
- Transportation
- Natural & Working Lands
- Industrial
- Technology
- Innovation
- Infrastructure
- Economic Transition,
- Public Health & Safety
- Science & Technology
- Cross Sector
- Non-energy
- Food Systems
- Forests
- Rivers,
- Wetlands
- Cultural Heritage
- Financing
Stakeholder Engagement

- Public comments
- Meetings open to the public
- Community roundtable discussions
- Surveys
- Topical webinars
- Written comments
- Schedule meetings w/ governance member
- Community or organization presentations
- Workshops
Climate Change Planning Best Practices

✓ Recommendations are specific, provide clear and concise direction with measurable outcomes.

✓ Include implementation timing (near-, -medium, long-term).

✓ Identify the responsible party for implementation.

✓ Commitment to a regular progress report (annual, biannual, every 3 years).

✓ Commitment to re-evaluate recommendations and adjust as new information and science emerges.

✓ Assessment of economic costs and benefits (REMI, IMPLAN)

✓ Integrate climate change planning into existing planning and policy requirements/plans (Energy, Conservation and Development, Integrated Resource, Statewide Transportation, Economic Development plans)
Thank You!

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