

# Canada's Voluntary National Contribution to Implementation of the UNSPF

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Canada's forest sector is an important source of jobs and growth for more than 100 communities across the country, directly employing almost 210,000 people and contributing more than \$24 billion to the Canadian economy in 2017.

In April of 2019, the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers

growth in the bioeconomy and technological advancements that are boosting the demand for wood fibre in markets around the world, such as greener construction materials for use in high-rise and non-residential construction and the use of wood-based by-products to replace more carbon-intensive materials.

The investment of up to \$251 million over three years will support programs dedicated to:

- forest-based economic development for Indigenous communities across Canada.

- pre-commercial research and development in the emerging bioeconomy.
- the industrial commercialization and adoption of innovative technologies and processes that contribute to clean economic growth and jobs.

- expanding wood use in non-residential and mid-rise construction.

These commitments directly support global forest goals 1, 2 and 3 and SDGs 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 15. What's more, we will revise the project selection criteria and results tracking for this suite of programming to include requirements to address gender and other representation gaps within the forest industry thereby