



Management Response and Action Plan

A - For inclusion in the report

The findings and recommendations of the Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Technology Fund were provided to the Clean Technology and Clean Growth Branch of the Science and Research Sector (SRS) at ISED, as well as to Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC). Management of these partners have been consulted and agree with the findings included in this report and will take action to address all applicable recommendations by May 2020.

B - For follow-up purposes - Detailed actions to address the recommendations in the report

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CTCGB should encourage SDTC to continue to work with other partners to develop relationships to enhance the identification of opportunities for cleantech producers to progress towards commercialization, including connecting firms with international opportunities/supply chains and sources of follow-on funding.	<p>The Clean Growth Hub, which includes SDTC as a member, will explore ways to better connect companies with commercialization supports, international markets and targeted sources of international project funding.</p> <p>The Clean Growth Hub will identify strategies to help cleantech producers make progress towards commercialization.</p>	Director General, Clean Tech and Clean Growth Branch	<p>July 2018</p> <p>February 2019</p>

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<p>CTCGB should encourage SDTC to work with the Clean Growth Hub to address some of the limitations of the administrative data, including developing standards to enable consistency of the data and collecting information related to key performance indicators, as well as environmental and economic benefits.</p>	<p>The Clean Growth Hub is undertaking a scan of a number of clean technology oriented programs to assess existing information being collected related to administrative data and performance indicators. This work is one of the components of the Clean Technology Data Strategy, established to provide the foundation for measuring the economic, environmental and social impacts of clean technology in Canada.</p> <p>Using this information and with input from federal clean technology programs, including SDTC, the Clean Growth Hub will develop guidance and standards to enable consistent collection of comparable information across the federal government to support whole-of-government results reporting on clean technology.</p> <p>The Clean Growth Hub will work with SDTC to implement the administrative data guidance and standards.</p>	<p>Director General, Clean Tech and Clean Growth Branch</p>	<p>May 2018</p> <p>May 2019</p> <p>May 2020</p>
<p>CTCGB should encourage SDTC to fully implement the recommendations stemming from a recent review of program governance.</p>	<p>SRS will encourage SDTC to fully implement the outstanding recommendations.</p>	<p>Director General, Clean Tech and Clean Growth Branch</p>	<p>September 2018</p>

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<p>CTCGB should work with SDTC to identify opportunities to streamline the application and contracting process to improve contracting timelines.</p>	<p>SRS will encourage SDTC to identify steps and associated timelines to further streamline the application and contracting process, building on recent improvements, including moving from periodic calls for proposals to a continuous intake model, with a view to reduce the duration of the process and the administrative burden on companies.</p> <p>This could include exploring opportunities and examining options for efficiencies, as well as implementing service standards.</p>	<p>Director General, Clean Tech and Clean Growth Branch</p>	<p>October 2018</p>
<p>CTCGB should encourage SDTC to investigate other information-sharing and streamlined reporting options, including collaboration with other data collection and funding entities, with the aim of minimizing duplication and reducing the administrative burden on companies.</p>	<p>SRS will encourage SDTC to identify actions and the associated timelines that could be taken to reduce duplication of requests for information from and other administrative burden on companies.</p> <p>This could include exploring opportunities for collaboration with other federal programs and agencies and non-governmental agencies as appropriate, via the Clean Growth Hub and building on the work that the Hub has initiated under the Clean Technology Data Strategy.</p>	<p>Director General, Clean Tech and Clean Growth Branch</p>	<p>October 2018</p>