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# NORTH AMERICA 2050:

## *A Partnership for Progress*

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### Mission

North America 2050: A Partnership for Progress (NA2050) facilitates state and provincial efforts to design, promote and implement cost-effective policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create economic opportunities.

### Objectives

1. Coordinate efforts to design, promote and implement effective and cost-effective policies;
2. Advocate for the most appropriate roles for federal, state, and provincial governments;
3. Achieve meaningful emission reductions; and
4. Demonstrate the economic and job creation benefits of policies.

This partnership also serves as a forum for states and provinces to interact with federal officials, share success stories, and identify new leadership opportunities as climate and energy policy in North America continues to evolve.

### Partnership Profile

NA2050 is open to all U.S. States, Canadian Provinces, and Mexican States committed to policies that move their jurisdictions toward a low-carbon economy while creating jobs, enhancing energy independence and security, protecting public health and the environment, and demonstrating climate leadership.

NA2050 may also invite stakeholders and other experts from the private sector, NGOs or academic/research institutions to assist with the working groups or to help provide needed information or expertise.

The strength of this collaboration lies in the diversity of both the jurisdictions and the strategies they will use to achieve complementary goals. Each jurisdiction is free to collaborate in any of the working groups that align with its own priorities. Through NA2050, states and provinces reap the advantages of collaboration while ensuring latitude to pursue different paths towards a low-carbon economy and its economic benefits.

## Working Groups

NA2050 accomplishes its objectives through working groups that focus on different aspects of the energy, climate, and economic challenges facing each jurisdiction.

- **Benefits Working Group:** Evaluating the benefits of policies and programs for moving to a low-carbon economy
- **Power Sector 2050 Working Group:** Understanding, influencing and preparing for section 111 Clean Air Act requirements for electricity generation
- **Industry 2050 Working Group:** Developing benchmarking approaches to encourage industrial energy efficiency, beginning by understanding, influencing and preparing for section 111 Clean Air Act requirements for refineries
- **Sequestration Working Group:** Exploring regulatory, technical and policy issues surrounding carbon capture and sequestration
- **Sustainable Biomass Working Group:** Understanding and supporting the use of sustainably harvested biomass fuels which have the potential to displace high carbon fuels used by stationary and industrial sources
- **Offsets Working Group:** Participate in the development and implementation of high quality offsets that may be used in emissions trading programs or for other purposes
- **Linking Working Group:** Work on issues related to administrative and policy linking of emissions trading programs as needed in the future

## History

NA2050 has its origins in the 3-Regions Collaborative, which began in 2009. State and provincial representatives from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), the Western Climate Initiative (WCI), and the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord (Midwest Accord) collaborated to share information, engage federal agencies on policy matters, and make progress on energy and climate topics at the state and provincial level. These states and provinces have formed NA2050 to carry on this work and also expand into other areas of interest for existing jurisdictions as well as additional jurisdictions who would also like to get involved.

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