

**PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION IN CANADA:
A COLLABORATIVE REPORT FROM AUDITORS GENERAL**

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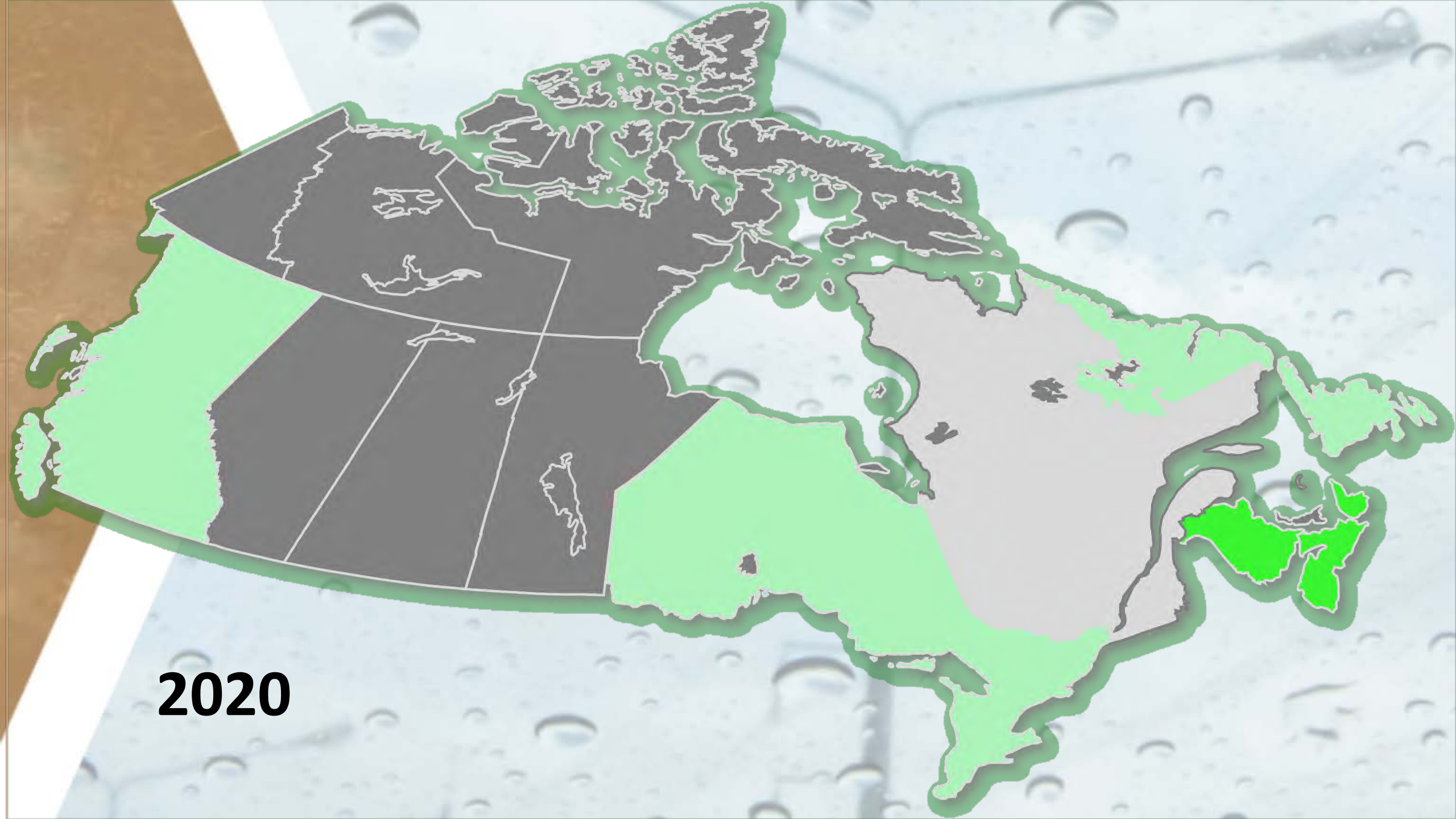
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A work in progress

- No government in Canada has met all its climate change commitments.
- Most of those who have set greenhouse gas reduction targets are not on track to meet them.
- None are fully prepared to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate.



2020



2030

Plans to reduce emissions

- Most jurisdictions have **developed high-level mitigation** strategies which included actions to reduce emissions, but they lacked detailed timelines, implementation plans, and cost estimates.

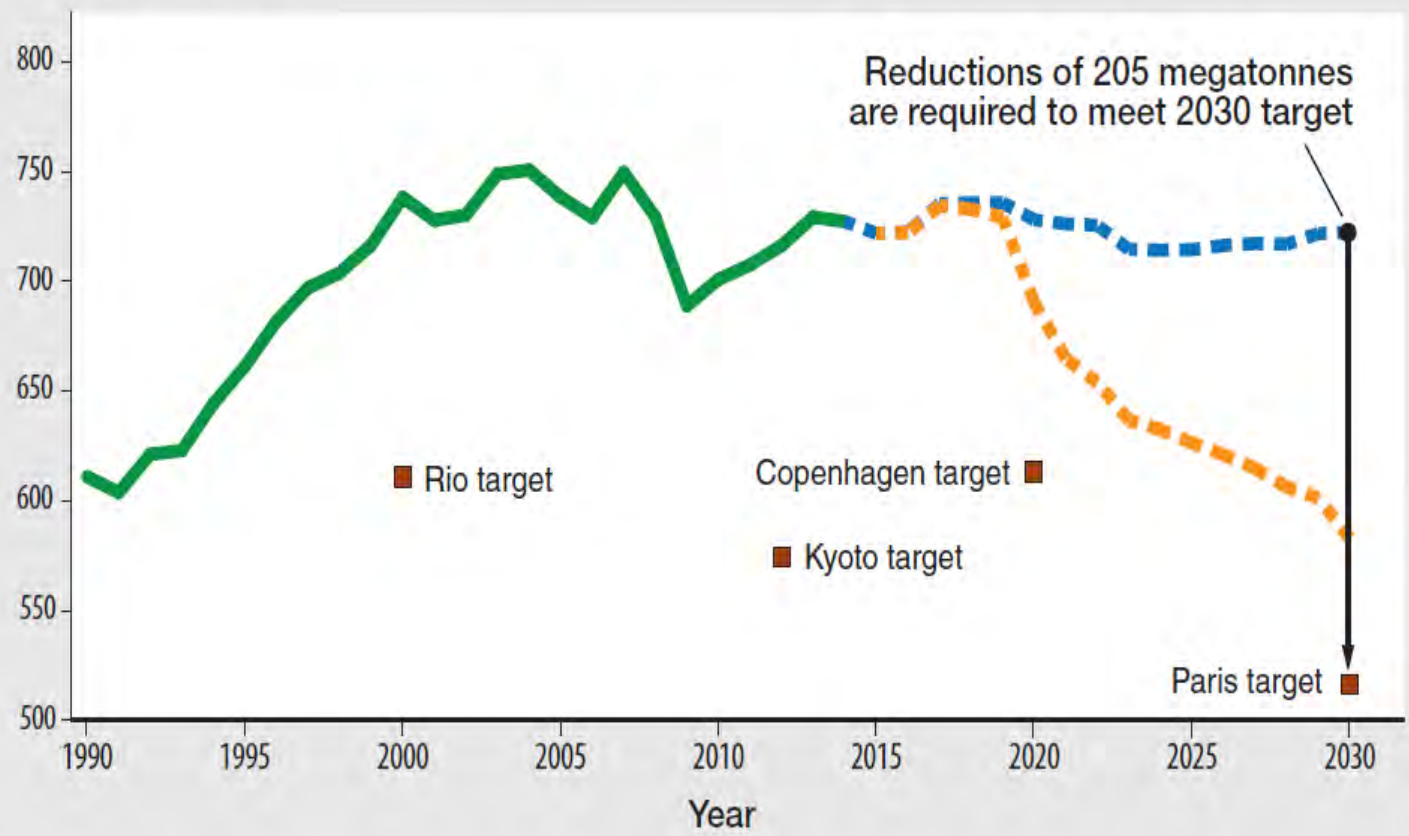
Not ready to adapt to impacts

- Most governments had not fully assessed the risks of climate change across their jurisdictions.
- Most provinces and territories had not developed detailed adaptation plans.

Limited coordination and reporting

- Coordination was limited at the federal, provincial, and territorial levels.
- Not all governments were providing elected officials and the public with regular and timely progress reports on climate change action plans.

Greenhouse gas emissions (in megatonnes)



With actions in place as of September 2017

With additional actions under development, but not yet in place (includes Western Climate Initiative)

Meeting the 2030 target will require a joint and significant effort.

Questions for the way forward

- How will federal, provincial, and territorial governments **collaborate to reach** Canada's national **2030 target** for reducing greenhouse gas emissions?
- As they dedicate resources to adaptation actions, how will governments across Canada ensure that the **most pressing risks** are being **prioritized**?
- **When** will each step be completed? How will governments ensure that **lead** departments on climate change are given the **resources and authority** they need to provide leadership to other departments and agencies?
- How will governments ensure that **policies** within different jurisdictions **are complementary** rather than redundant or contradictory?
- What measures will governments use to **assess** their **progress**?