



# Sovereign Canada: Strong, Free and Ready

Building Canada's  
present and future

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# Change all around us, it's a five-alarm fire...

A full-on, war-footing type response is needed to reposition Canada

- high cost of living and debt
- health and drug crisis
- weak economic growth / GDP per capita falling
- aging population
- immigration system falling short
- U.S. tearing down current world order / uncertain Canada-U.S. relations
- new technologies like AI
- inequality, intergenerational rift
- intangible economy now dominant
- environmental challenges
- national security/defence not assured
- misinformation and disinformation / trust in media

## ...but we can build from Canada's many strengths

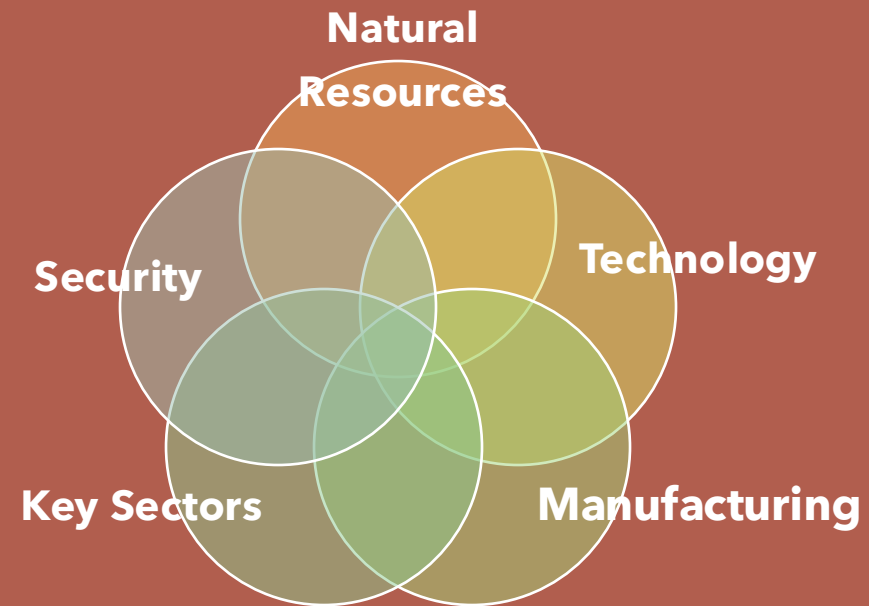
- From our Indigenous heritage to our vast resources, people and infrastructure, Canada is well positioned for sovereign prosperity
- To rise to the challenge, we need to drive and implement a national strategic vision that builds our core competencies and strengthens sovereignty
- The vision must combine our comparative advantages in natural resources and other sectors with building skills, new technologies and security
- We need new value-added products to buy Canadian and export (including dual-use products)

# Combining Canada's strengths with new directions will drive innovation, prosperity, and national security

Align our clear advantages on natural resources and key sectors like health and education with the realities and opportunities of new technologies and national security imperatives.

Use an integrated framework to focus strategy and action in Canada.

## Integrated framework



# Focus strategy on key areas and fully deploy levers and actions

**INTEGRATED  
FRAMEWORK**

**FOCUS  
AREA  
(examples)**

Natural Resources		Technology		Manufacturing		Security		Key Sectors	
Energy	Water	AI, data, cloud	Crypto, blockchain	Medical / Pharma	Clean tech	Defence forces	Cyber	Health	Education
Minerals	Forests	Satellites	Quantum	Military	Agri-food	Air, land, water	Arctic	Finance	Culture
Agriculture	Fisheries	Radar, etc.		Value-added: hydrocarbons, critical minerals, etc.		Drones, etc.		Transport, construction, tourism, etc.	
Other		Other		Other		Other		Other	

**POLICY  
LEVERS/  
ACTIONS**

At federal and other levels of government, working with private sector, civil society and Indigenous groups



# Next steps

- Convene a small group of non-partisan thought-leaders
- Prepare a set of key 2-pager policy briefs
- Post briefs on open-source website and make available to key Government of Canada officials