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Investing in Regional Innovation and Development



Regional Innovation Ecosystems



Investment in and Scale-Up of Firms



Clean Growth



Community Economic Development & Diversification

Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario

- Will serve to guide federal activities and investments in Northern Ontario.
- Will help determine how the government's Innovation and Skills Plan fits in the region.
- A framework is being prepared to guide engagement efforts with stakeholders – input will help finalize the strategy.

Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario

Northern Ontario Overview

- Approx. 811,000 residents dispersed across almost 90% of Ontario's landmass
- Over half (54.5%) of population resides in five larger cities
- 93% of municipalities have population less than 6,000; 74% have less than 2,000
- 105 of Ontario's 127 Indigenous communities, including 31 remote reserves, 25 diesel dependent



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Economic Overview

- Diverse resource-based economy
- Growing clusters and partnerships
- Established business support infrastructure and partnerships
- Strong Federal-Provincial engagement

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Challenges

- Geography/Demography
- Economy
- Infrastructure
- Business development

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Opportunities for growth

- Innovation and clean technology
- Entrepreneurship, trade and digital economy
- Building stronger communities

Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario

Four areas of focus for prosperity and growth in the North:

- Building a diverse, skilled and educated workforce;
- Promoting the adoption of advanced technologies, including clean technology;
- Encouraging business to start-up and scale up to compete globally;
- Helping municipalities and Indigenous communities better respond to opportunities and challenges.

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