

# Climate Change Act

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# Current climate related legal context - International

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Why is the Bill so important?

- Paris Agreement
- National Determined Contributions (NDCs)



What's in the  
Bill?

# ARCHITECTURE OF THE BILL:

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Chapter 2: Policy Alignment and Institutional Arrangements

Chapter 3: CC Response – Municipalities and Provinces

Chapter 4: National Adaptation to impacts of CC

Chapter 5: GHG Emissions and Removals

Chapter 6: General Matters and Transitional Arrangements



# Chapter 2: Policy Alignment and Institutional Arrangements

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- Organised labour, civil society and business may advise on CC response, mitigation and adaptation towards a just transition
- PROVINCIAL FORUMS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
- MUNICIPAL FORUMS ON CLIMATE CHANGE
- PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE COMMISSION



# Chapter 3: CC Response – Provinces and Municipalities

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(pp) MEC / MAYOR MUST:

- Undertake CC Needs and Response Assessment (NRA)
- Assess extent to which mandate is affected by CC
- **Revise NRA every 5 years**
- **CC response implementation plan (revise every 5 years)**
  - Analyse CC needs and risks
  - Identify and spatially map vulnerabilities
  - Be based on best available science
  - Determine response measures and mechanisms
- Plan must form part of environmental implementation plan (province) or **integrated development plan (munic)**.



# Chapter 4: National Adaptation to CC Impacts

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(pp) MINISTER(S?) MUST (1 year after act comes into operation)

- Indicators for measuring progress

(pp) MINISTER(S?) MUST (2 years after act comes into operation) publish National Adaptation Strategy and Plan (NASP):


- Provide **integrated and coordinated approach** to adaptation management in **all spheres of government**, as well as NGOs, private sector and communities (where relevant)



# Chapter 5: GHG Emissions and Removals

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- NATIONAL GHG EMISSIONS TRAJECTORY
- SECTORAL EMISSIONS TARGETS (SETs)
- LISTED GHGs AND ACTIVITIES **No timeframe prescribed!**
- CARBON BUDGETS **No timeframe prescribed!**
- NATIONAL GHG INVENTORY **No obligation for this to be public**



# Chapter 6: General Matters and Transitional Arrangements

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## OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- Offence to fail to prepare and submit GHG mitigation plan
- Reaffirms Higher carbon tax rate