Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor)

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CanNor

 CanNor created by Prime Minister in August 2009, as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan

 Key deliverable under Economic and Social Development pillar of Canada's Northern Strategy

 Mandate to foster economic development in Canada's North

CanNor's Goal:

 A strong, diversified,
 sustainable and dynamic
 economy for all Northerners





Northern Advantages

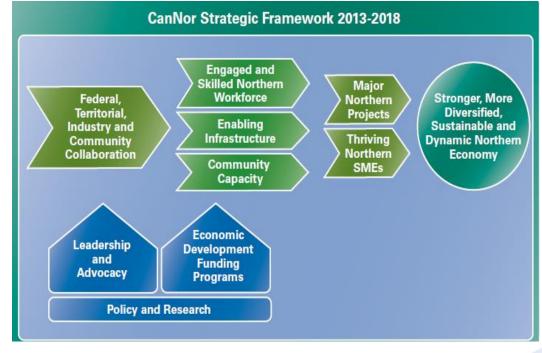
- 40% of Canada's land mass and the Arctic Ocean
- Settled Land Claims
- Young and growing population
- o Tremendous potential in natural resource development
- Fastest growing GDP in Canada

Northern Challenges

- Cost of doing business
- Infrastructure gaps
- Skills shortages
- Comprehensive regulatory environment
- Small, isolated communities with housing limitations



- CanNor five-year Strategic Framework addresses key challenges and opportunities
- 3 key priorities for 2013-2018:
 - An engaged and skilled northern workforce;
 - Enabling infrastructure; and
 - Community capacity



Partnerships are key to success



CanNor's building blocks to acheive its priorities:



- **Business and community development** through contribution programs and services
- Leadership and advocacy to align and leverage opportunities among partners and stakeholders, and advance major projects
- Socio-economic research and policy development to ensure evidencebased programs, services and activities



Programs and Services



- Program: Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development Program
- 2013-2014 Budget: \$18.2 Million
- This program suite focuses on strengthening key sectors such as: resource development, tourism, fisheries, cultural industries, and community and business development.

Programs and Services

- Program: Aboriginal Economic Development
- 2013-2014 Budget: \$10.8 Million
- Under the Federal Framework for Aboriginal Economic Development, CanNor's AED programming:
 - provides business development support to Aboriginal entrepreneurs and organizations
 - provides project-based support to First Nation and Inuit communities for community economic development
 - builds capacity through support for Aboriginal communities and businesses





Northern Success Stories

- Advancing community capacity, strengthening local economies:
 - Yukon College Permafrost Research
 - Nunavut Roads and Bridges
 - NWT Road Development



Leadership & Advocacy



Working with partners, CanNor serves as a centre of expertise on economic development in Canada's North

The Agency promotes Northern interests both within and outside the federal government – in Ottawa, across Canada and around the world

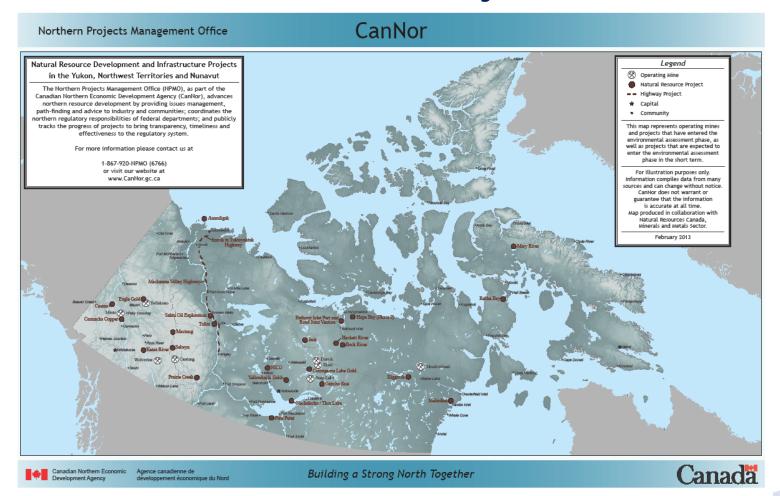
CanNor brings a Northern lens to national policies and strategies, while advancing a coordinated and planned approach to economic development in the North

Northern Projects Management Office

- NPMO established in 2010 with offices in each territorial capital
- Works directly with industry, government partners and Aboriginal groups to advance major projects in the North:
 - provides technical advice and resolves issues among various parties to remove regulatory roadblocks
 - coordinates and tracks federal government activities to streamline environmental assessment and permitting processes
 - prepares communities to participate in and benefit from local resource development projects



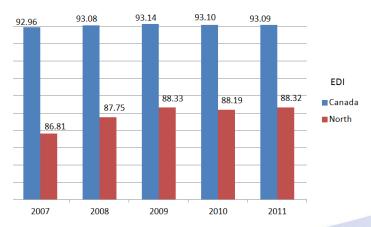
Northern Projects



Policy & Research

- Policy and research provides empirical evidence and analysis to guide all of CanNor's activities, programs, services
- Effective performance measures to demonstrate value for money
- What's new:
 - Northern Economic Index measures the state of economic development in Canada's three territories.
 - Northern Economic Diversification Index (NEDI) measures the state of economic diversity in Canada's three northern territories.

Economic Diversity in the North and Canada – A Comparison 2007-2011



Northern Infrastructure

- Infrastructure has been recognized as one of the keys to unlocking the economic potential of the North
- CanNor uses its programs, services and advocacy role within the federal family and with key partners in territorial governments, business and communities to advance infrastructure development
- Key infrastructure for northern economic development
 - Telecommunications / Broadband
 - Transportation Networks
 - Traditional and Alternative Energy
 - Water and Waste Infrastructure





Northern Infrastructure

- Important factors to consider in Northern infrastructure:
 - Enhancing the labour market
 - Serving more than one purpose (public and private)
 - Enabling Aboriginal ownership / direct partnerships
 - Promoting sustainable building practices
 - Closing the geographic gap between infrastructure pieces



- CanNor is delivering on its priorities
- Partnerships are key to success
- Focus programs, services and activities on three priority areas:
 - an engaged and skilled workforce,
 - enabling infrastructure, and
 - community capacity



 Facilitate resource opportunities and foster strong, sustainable northern businesses



CanNor – Building a Strong North Together

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