

The North South Climate Change Network

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The **North South Climate Change Network (NSCCN)** is a collaboration between the Ontario Centre for Climate Impacts and Adaptation Resources (OCCIAR) at MIRARCO-Laurentian University in Sudbury and the Clean Air Partnership (CAP) in the City of Toronto. This project has been made possible through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Future Fund, which was created to enhance the future of Ontario's communities.

The NSCCN is striving to improve the province's knowledge of, and preparedness for climate change. Through the creation of partnerships with stakeholder groups, the network will foster a learning environment where participants within Ontario will learn about climate change impacts, share strategies and solutions.

The NSCCN aspires to transform the piecemeal nature of climate change response planning in Ontario by identifying common strategies, sharing regional progress and updating the group on best practices and other activities. By identifying participants' common climate change goals, the NSCCN intends to enhance existing, and foster new relationships with a variety of stakeholder groups.

The presentation will summarize the results of a Climate Change Needs Assessment Survey involving various sectors throughout Ontario. It will also include a short interactive demonstration of the network's extranet site, which is used by members for online interaction such as discussions calendars and document posting.