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Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

NEWSLETTER

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FROM ACROSS ATLANTIC CANADA & BEYOND

Funding

Wolastoq/Saint John River Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative, Government of Canada. Up to \$200,000 per project is available for projects in New Brunswick that will improve the water quality and ecological health of the Wolastoq/Saint John River Watershed. This includes understanding the impacts of climate change on the watershed. [Learn more and apply](#) by February 13th.

Climate Action Grants, Clean Foundation. Up to \$500 per project is available for youth-led projects in Nova Scotia supporting climate change adaptation or mitigation in their communities. [Learn more and register](#) by February 28th.

Wawanesa Climate Champions: Youth Innovation Grants. Up to \$30,000 per project is available for youth enrolled at specific Canadian colleges to fund climate change adaptation or mitigation projects. Eligible colleges in Atlantic Canada include Holland College, Nova

Scotia Community College, and New Brunswick Community College. [Learn more and apply by March 13th.](#)

Upcoming Events

February 4th-6th - The Summit on Mental Health and Climate Change. Join the Mental Health and Climate Change Alliance for this online event that features a variety of presentations, workshops, and discussions on the intersection of climate change and mental health. [Learn more and register](#) for free.

Feb 12th - Research-Based Lessons for Climate Change Communication. This webinar will explore key research-based lessons in climate change communication with presenter Prof. Mark Stoddart from Memorial University of Newfoundland. [Learn more and register.](#)

February 12th - Precipitation Projections: Understanding the latest climate data. In this free webinar, Alex Cadel, our Nova Scotia Climate Services Specialist, explains how to find, understand, use, and communicate the latest climate change data for water resources work. [Learn more and register.](#)

Integrating Nature-based Solutions in your community: 4-Part Webinar Series. Interested in green infrastructure and want to see more of it in your community? Register for this unique and free 4-Part “Lunch-and-Learn” webinar series providing participants with the knowledge and tools needed to successfully implement nature-based solutions. Happening Wednesdays (11:30am to 12:30pm) for 4 weeks this February 19, 26, March 5 and 12. [Register for one or more events in the series here.](#)

March 3rd-6th - CAFÉ Climate & Health Conference 2025. This virtual, multi-day event explores topics and research in climate change and health through workshops, presentations, collaboration opportunities and more. [Learn more and register.](#)

March 19th - SAVE THE DATE: Adapting to Climate Change: A Focus on Carbon Sequestration—Conference. This year’s Climate Change Adaptation Conference will take place in Caraquet, NB, and will focus on how climate adaptation can tie into carbon sequestration. More details, including an agenda and registration information, will be released soon. [Stay tuned for more info.](#)

Hiring

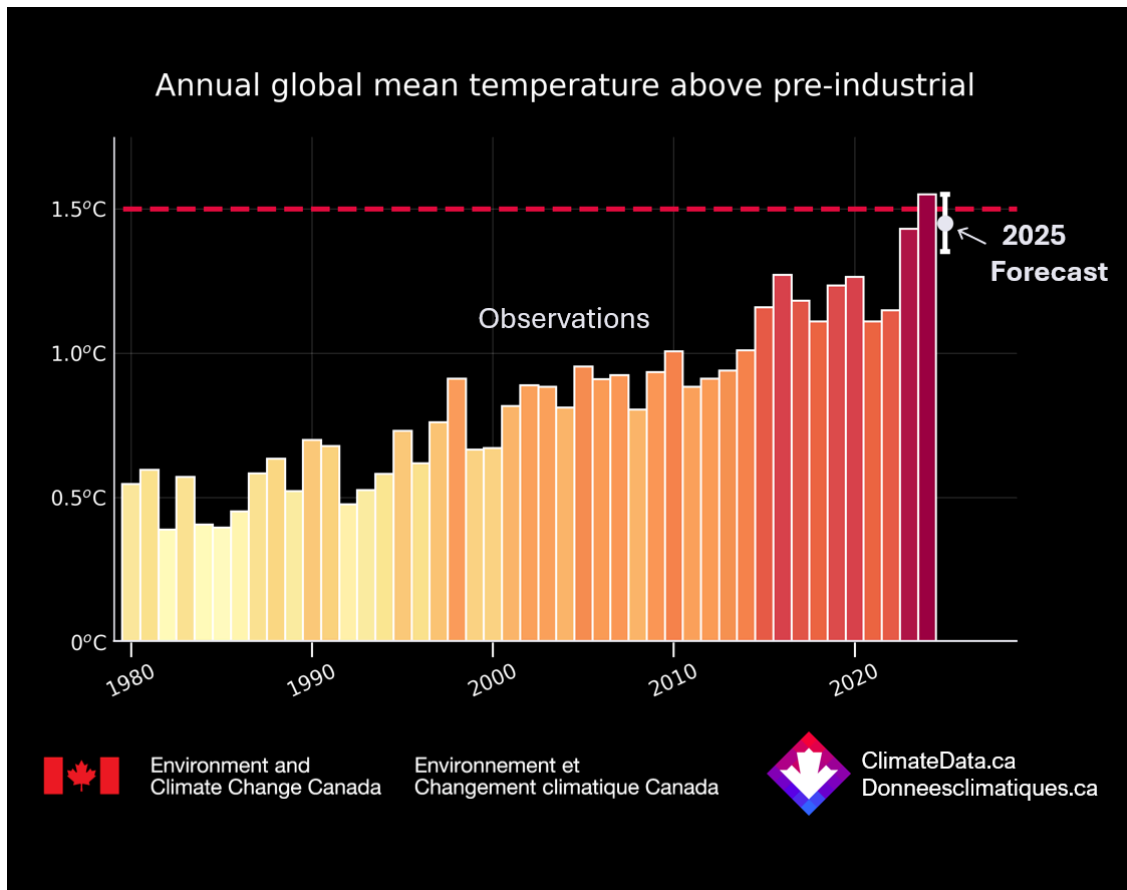
CLIMAtlantic is hiring! We are looking for a Communications Specialist to support all of CLIMAtlantic’s communication needs such as social media, website, newsletter, and a number of projects to develop communications materials and tools. [Learn more and apply](#) by February 10th.

DATA HIGHLIGHT

From Record Heat to Future Challenges: 2024 in Review, 2025 Ahead

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) highlights a historic milestone: 2024 officially became the warmest year on record, with global temperatures averaging 1.55°C above pre-industrial levels. This record underscores the intensifying impacts of climate change, from severe heatwaves to unprecedented weather extremes. Understanding these trends is essential for shaping adaptation strategies. Explore WMO's comprehensive analysis of 2024 and its key findings [here](#).

Looking ahead, [ClimateData.ca](#) highlights the possibility that 2025 could also bring record-breaking temperatures. This outlook considers the ongoing influence of several factors expected to drive further warming trends, which will make 2025 to be the 12th consecutive year that temperatures have reached at least 1.0°C above pre-industrial levels. These projections emphasize the importance of climate adaptation planning in addressing challenges across Canada. Read more about the 2025 forecast and its potential implications [here](#).



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NOTEWORTHY TOOLS & RESOURCES



Unthinkable - Climate Mental Health Resource Hub

“Unthinkable” offers a new curated library of resources for understanding the impacts of climate change on mental health, and building resilience. [Explore the Hub](#) to find tools, stories, community groups, service providers, and more.

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LEARN MORE

Getting Nature into Financial Reporting: Natural Asset Disclosures for Local Governments

This guide, released by the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation and the University of Waterloo, supports local governments in natural asset management by outlining recommendations for how to integrate natural assets into their financial reporting. [Read the report here.](#)

READ THE REPORT

WHAT'S NEW FROM CLIMATLANTIC

Our events

CLIMAtlantic Webinar Series

Our monthly webinar series continues on Thursday, February 27th with a presentation by Emily Cowin of [How We Thrive](#). Learn about *How We Thrive*'s work in building community resilience through providing people with resources to help them learn about, and have conversations about, climate change.

You can [register for the webinar here](#).

We have also published the recording of our October webinar about the living shoreline project at Banook Lake in Dartmouth, NS, featuring speaker Shauna Doll. [Watch the recording here.](#)

February 21st - Change Network Event, PEI

Impactful and accountable engagement in adaptation has been an area of innovation and continuous improvement. The upcoming Change Network event in PEI will bring together

practitioners to learn, share, and explore how engagement could better support nature, communities, and sectors. This free event will take place on Friday, February 21 at the Charlottetown Library Learning Centre. [Please register here](#). Space is limited. This event is funded in part by the Government of Canada.

News

CLIMAtlantic receives Natural Resources Canada Funding

CLIMAtlantic is delighted to receive funding from [Natural Resources Canada](#) through the Climate Change Adaptation Program and the Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities Programs. Through the funding, we will support Atlantic communities by delivering a comprehensive and foundational [Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training \(CART\) Program](#) and work one-on-one with stakeholders and rightsholders through our Making Adaptation Count: Implementing Adaptation Pathways across the East Coast project.

We also want to congratulate our co-recipients. We look forward to innovating with the Canadian Red Cross Society, Passamaquoddy Recognition Group Inc. and our continued collaboration with Clean Foundation, AIMNetwork, Government of NL, CSRPA (Acadian Peninsula Regional Service Commission), and GPEI to improve adaptation in the Atlantic Region.

CLIMAtlantic's Yearly user survey

Your feedback is important to us! If you have used our services in any capacity over the last year, please complete this 10-minute survey to help us to evaluate how we can improve our support and services to Atlantic Canadians.

Please [fill out the survey](#) by end of day, Sun. Feb. 16, 2025. Thank you!



FILL OUT OUR YEARLY SURVEY

Community of Practice - Nature and Climate - Atlantic Canada: Expression of Interest

CLIMAtlantic is supporting a new Community of Practice (CoP) focused on nature and climate. This community of practice will be a network of people working in Atlantic Canada with and in nature (biologists, ecologists, conservation practitioners, knowledge holders, etc) whose work requires consideration of climate change and its impacts.

Please [fill out this form](#) if you are interested in learning more about this community of practice.

FILL OUT THE FORM

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

On January 17th, we hosted the first Nova Scotia Electricity Adaptation Community of Practice. The event marked the start of the electricity sector adaptation needs assessment, with 25 participants joining in-person and online. The discussion focused on how to share and use information about climate change adaptation in the electricity sector, and included a panel with the Ecology Action Centre, HalifACT, and Nova Scotia Power. If you work in the electricity sector in Nova Scotia, please take our [10-15 minute survey](#) by February 7th.



On January 28th and 29th, Adrian Prado, our Adaptation + Innovation Manager, attended the 2025 Ouranos Symposium in Montreal, Quebec. Ouranos is the Quebec climate services organization. This was the first time that the symposium was open to a broader audience. With 540 presenters, panelists and participants from diverse professions and sectors, discussions throughout were interesting. It was a great opportunity to meet existing collaborators and create new relationships within the space.



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid with 15 participants arranged in a 3x5 grid. Each tile shows a video feed of a person with their name and affiliation at the bottom. The participants are:

- Row 1:
 - Norika Jaganath (Shepherd) - New York, NY
 - Alexandra Wells, CLMatters (Shepherd)
 - Rahima Perwez
 - Anna Jamieson-Guth (Shepherd), C.L.
 - Mariana Llanos-Rivera, CLMatters
- Row 2:
 - Alexandra Llanos-Rivera
 - Abida Burhan
 - Rafiq Chaudhary
 - Samir M. Hossain
 - Alison Williams
- Row 3:
 - Jessica Goh
 - Eva Händel (Frederick)
 - Neil Burman of Gulf Free, Wellness Co.
 - Paul Morris (Frederick) - Clean Eng.
 - Michael Vignati
- Row 4 (partial):
 - Riley
 - Maylene Espinoza
 - LITTY THOMAS



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BROWSE OUR TOOLS

CLIMAtlantic's Help Desk

Looking for help accessing or interpreting climate data? Need help to figure out your adaptation options? Not sure where to find projections, or need guidance on how to use them? CLIMAtlantic is here to help!

[Email us](#) or give us a call at **1-506-710-2226**

HELP DESK

Kindest Regards,

- The CLIMAtlantic Team



The Government of Canada launched the Canadian Centre for Climate Services (CCCS) in October 2018, and as part of the program's mandate, began supporting the establishment of regional hubs to build capacity across the country and provide access to localised information and support needed to make communities and the economy more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

This project was undertaken with the financial support of:
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RÉSEAU ENVIRONNEMENTAL
DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK



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CLIMAtlantic works throughout Atlantic Canada, all of which is part of the unceded and traditional territories of the Mi'kmaw, Wəlastəkwiyyik, Peskotomuhkati, Innu, and Inuit Peoples.

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