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# Organics Management: Updates from Environment and Climate Change Canada

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# Presentation Outline

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## National Initiative

- Canadian Council of the Ministers of the Environment
- Pan-Canadian framework for clean growth and climate change

## North American Initiatives

- *North American Initiative on **Organic Waste Diversion and Processing***
- *North American Initiative on **Food Waste Reduction and Recovery***



# Canadian Council of the Ministers of the Environment (CCME)

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- Adopted in September 2014 a vision for Canada to be a world leader in waste management
- Committed to taking action within their jurisdictions and through CCME to, notably:
  - improve Canada's record on reducing and recycling waste
  - increase consumer, municipal and industry awareness of and support for waste reduction and recycling
- One of current priorities in support of this vision:
  - Developing tools and best practices to achieve substantial reductions in waste disposed from the ICI sectors, CRD sector and organic waste.



# National Initiative: Canada's Way Forward on Climate Change

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- Paris Agreement (Dec 2015)
- Vancouver Declaration (March 2016)
- Pan-canadian framework for clean growth and climate change; four working groups:
  1. Clean technology, innovation, and jobs
  2. Carbon pricing mechanisms
  3. **Specific mitigation opportunities**
    - **Examining policy options for the Waste Sector**
  4. Adaptation and climate resilience



# National Initiative: Canada's Way Forward on Climate Change (cont'd)

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- ECCC portal for comments from Canadians on GHGs
  - Submit your ideas at [www.letstalkclimateaction.ca](http://www.letstalkclimateaction.ca)



- Report on specific mitigation opportunities (likely Nov.2016)



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# CEC - Background

## Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)

- Origin: NA Agreement on Environmental Cooperation
- Mission: Environment
  - Regional concerns, trade conflicts, law enforcement
- How CEC works:
  - Collaboration between the 3 countries
  - Formal public participation mechanism: Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)



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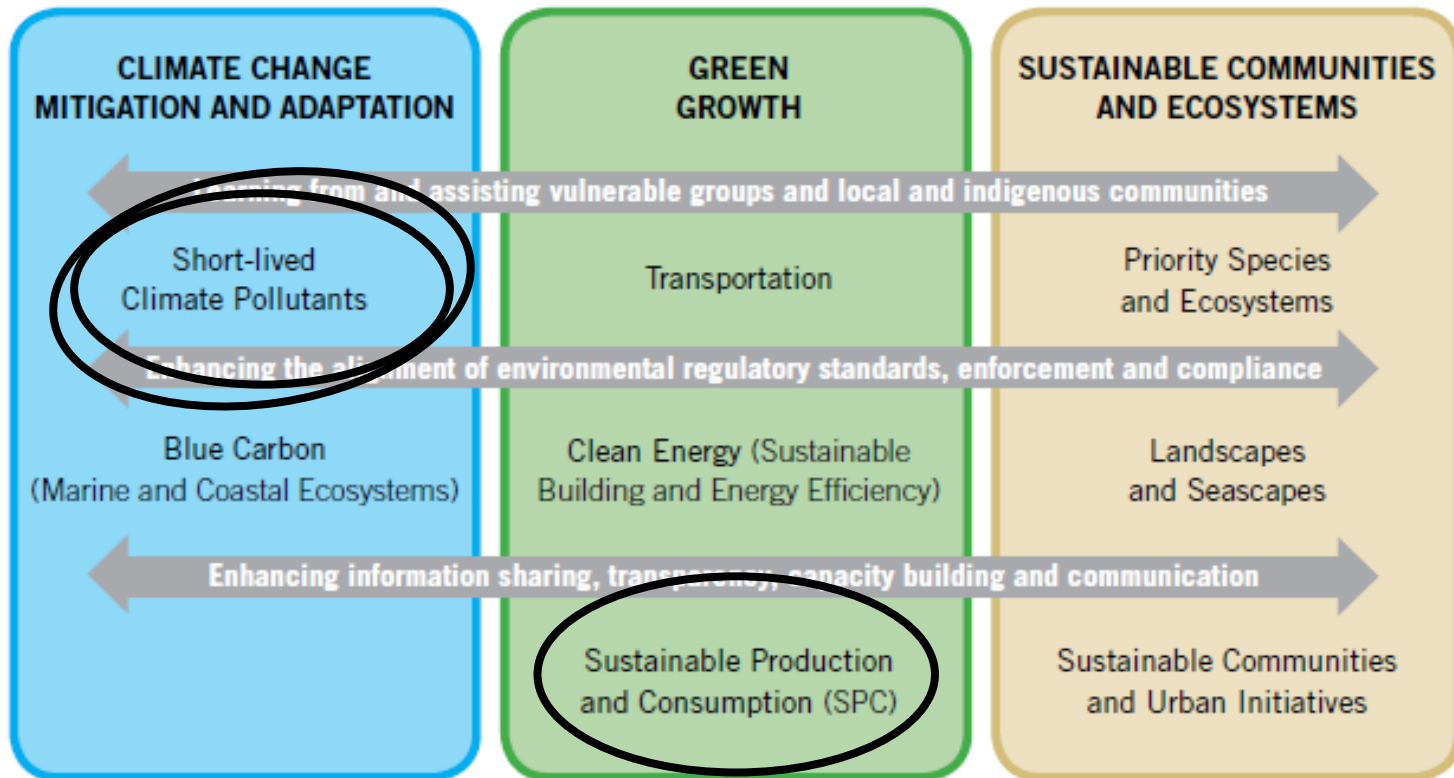
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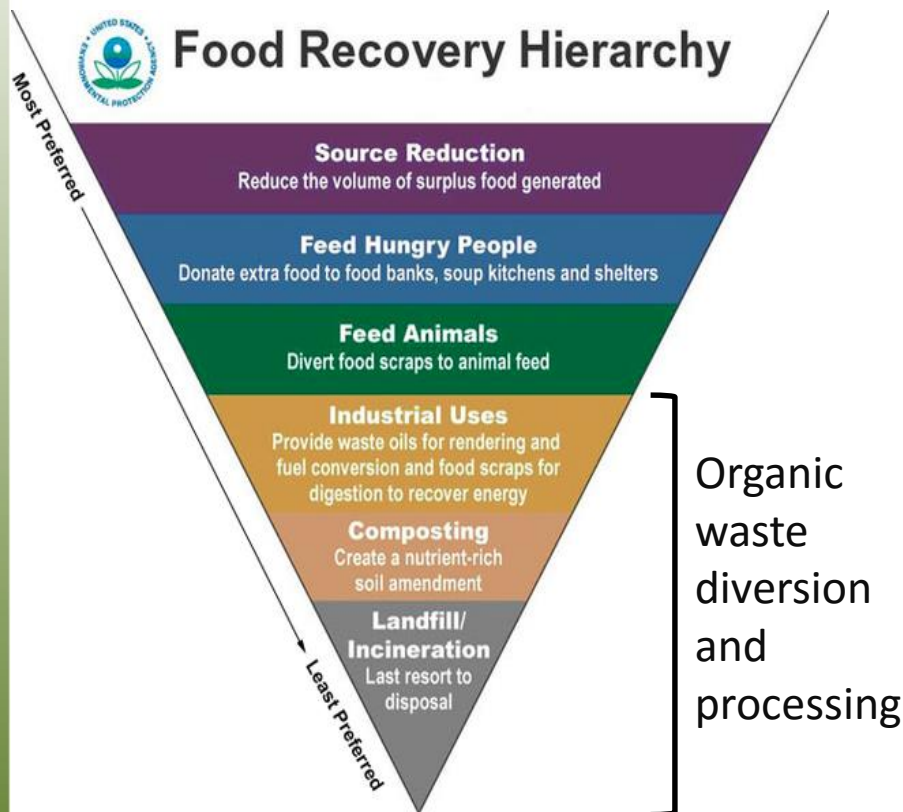
# CEC - Strategic Priorities & Themes

Commission for Environmental Cooperation  
Strategic Priorities and Cross-cutting Themes, 2015–2020





# NA Initiative on Organic Waste



- Objective:
  - To identify barriers and opportunities to enhance organics diversion and processing
- Scope:
  - « Back-end » of the Food Recovery Hierarchy
  - Key differences between the 3 countries
- Target audience:
  - Governments
  - ICI & NGOs



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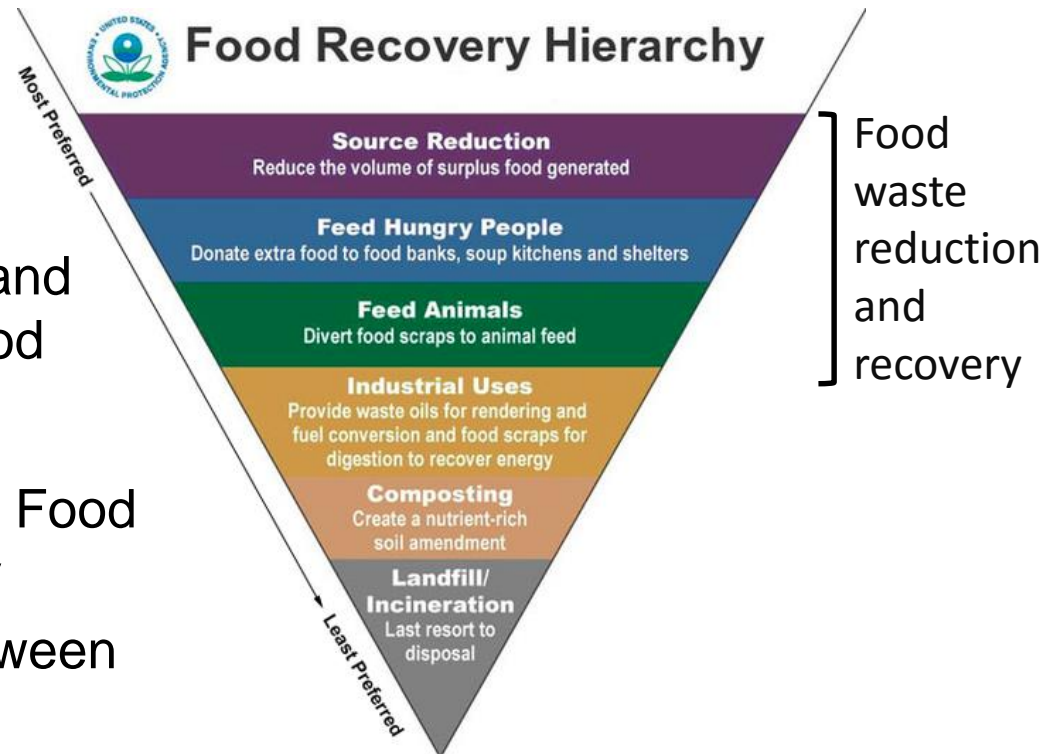
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- Stakeholder Engagement: Winter 2016-17
  - To share findings and recommendations
  - To invite stakeholder feedback prior to finalization of documents
- Deliverables
  - Foundational Report
  - White Paper
- Project Completion
  - May 2017



# NA Initiative on Food Waste

- Objective
  - To identify barriers and opportunities to reduce food waste and recover wasted food
- Scope
  - « Front-end » of the Food Recovery Hierarchy
  - Key differences between the 3 countries
- Target audience
  - Governments
  - ICI & NGOs



# NA Initiative on Food Waste (cont'd)

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- Stakeholder Engagement: January 2017
  - To share findings and recommendations
  - To invite feedback at a North American multi-stakeholder workshop
- Deliverables
  - Foundational Report
  - White Paper
- Project Completion
  - May 2017



# Questions?

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We'd like to hear from you!

Thank you

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