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International Government Environmental Plans: EU and Canada

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EC Announces Strategic Plan On Achieving A Climate Neutral Economy

[On November 28, 2018, the European Commission \(EC\) published a document called "A Clean Planet for all: A European strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate neutral economy."](#) Due to EC's expressed concerns about climate change, part of this new long-term vision includes new rulings that facilitate the production of bio-fertilizers, encourage the production of biogas from manure treatment, and increase biomass imports. Emphasizing the crucial role of biomass in a world with a 30 percent higher population in **2050**, the report states that "biomass can directly supply heat. It can be transformed into biofuels and biogas and when cleaned can be transported through the gas grid substituting natural gas ... And it can substitute for carbon intensive materials, particularly in the building sector but also through new and sustainable bio-based products such as biochemicals." The report also analyzes the economic and social impacts of these new rulings, and highlights the critical role of the European Union (EU) in leading a low-carbon transition at the global level.

Ontario Government Submits Proposed Environment Plan

[On November 29, 2018, the Government of Ontario, Canada, submitted for public comment the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan \(Plan\).](#) The [Plan](#) outlines the government's commitment to addressing climate change through the protection of land, air, water, and reduction of waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Posted by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Plan would increase ethanol use in gasoline by 15 percent in **2025**, increase the use of renewable gas and fuels, establish emission performance standards for large emitters, and provide financial assistance for emissions reduction initiatives. As part of the work on the plan, the next steps to make the actions outlined final include continued engagement with Indigenous communities, the establishment of a climate change advisory panel, the implementation of priority initiatives, and monitoring progress. The Plan is open for comment until **January 28, 2019**.

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