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WHAT
Tenth Clean Energy Ministerial and Fourth Mission Innovation Ministerial (CEM10/MI-4)

WHO
Ministers and high-level government delegates from over 25 countries, as well as senior officials and leaders from industry and international organizations

WHERE
Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

WHEN
May 27–29, 2019

The world is at a pivotal moment, where the global transition to a low-carbon economy is among the great challenges—and opportunities—of our lifetime. Investing in clean technology and innovation, and developing new approaches and ways of thinking to create jobs in emerging industries, is the new imperative. It is the meeting point between environmental and economic stewardship. Canada looks forward to welcoming the world to Vancouver as we address those challenges and seize the opportunities of this clean growth century.

Focuses on the deployment of clean energy technologies and solutions that are available today.

Supports breakthrough research and development to accelerate global clean energy innovation.

CEM and MI represent the entire innovation landscape, from research and development to demonstration and broad-scale deployment.

75% of emissions
CEM countries account for approximately 75% of global greenhouse gases and 90% of global clean energy investments.

80% of clean energy research budgets
MI countries represent 58% of the global population and 80% of global clean energy research budgets.

$775 million
Canada has pledged to double its federal investments in clean energy innovation to $775 million by 2020.

Held in tandem since 2016, the CEM and MI ministerials provide a robust platform for ministers to take stock on progress, share best practices, and identify areas for further collaboration to help accelerate clean energy innovation and facilitate global adoption of clean energy technologies.
Vancouver, B.C., May 27–29, 2019

The Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) and Mission Innovation Ministerial (MI) will welcome over 25 countries to promote policies, programs and collaboration to advance the global clean energy transition. International energy ministers, Indigenous leaders, public and private industry, youth and academia will gather for three days to announce new initiatives and produce solutions that will advance a just and fair global clean energy transition.

As host, Canada is developing dynamic and innovative programming elements. A focus on gender, youth and Indigenous peoples is part of this year’s event.

Accelerating Progress Toward a Clean Energy Future

The theme for CEM10/MI-4 is accelerating progress toward a clean energy future. The Ministerials will provide a platform for international leaders to highlight the important role of inclusive and diverse energy dialogues and advancements in clean energy technology and innovation.

CLEAN ENERGY MINISTERIAL (CEM) BACKGROUNDER

Website: http://www.cleanenergyministerial.org/

- Created in 2010, the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) is a global forum where major economies and forward leaning countries work together to share best practices and promote policies and programs that encourage and facilitate the transition to a global clean energy economy.

- CEM members account for approximately 75% of global greenhouse gas emissions and 90% of global clean energy investments.

- The annual CEM Ministerial meeting is the only high-level political engagement where ministers gather to establish clean energy priorities, put forward innovative policies and adopt concrete measures to accelerate the deployment of clean solutions and where the work is carried through year-round CEM initiatives and campaigns.

- The CEM’s initiatives and campaigns enable low-cost, high-impact technical work that amplifies each government’s clean energy deployment efforts. They seek to catalyse public and private actions towards ambitious but realistic targets.

- To achieve its goals, the CEM works with partners from the private sector, international organisations and civil society to bring their respective abilities, strengths, and resources to the table.
MISSION INNOVATION (MI) BACKGROUNDER

Website: [http://mission-innovation.net/](http://mission-innovation.net/)

- Mission Innovation (MI) is a global initiative of 23 countries and the European Commission (on behalf of the European Union) working to reinvigorate and accelerate global clean energy innovation with the objective to make clean energy widely affordable.

- MI was announced at COP21 on November 30, 2015, as world leaders came together in Paris to commit to ambitious efforts to combat climate change.

- MI aims to mobilize both public and private sector efforts. It also provides a platform to support collaboration among members and facilitate engagement with business, industry and investors in order to attract more public and private funding for innovative clean energy research.

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Your Host, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi

Elected three times as an Edmonton City Councillor, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi was elected the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Mill Woods in 2015.

Dedicated to improving Edmonton’s infrastructure and livability, Minister Sohi represented the city on the Canadian Urban Transit Association and has been a strong advocate for light rail transit. He also advocated municipal interests to other orders of government through his delegation to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. He has been a prominent leader on municipal and provincial issues, volunteering with Public Interest Alberta, the Centre for International Alternatives and the Canadian Labour Congress.

Minister Sohi has worked tirelessly to promote learning and cooperation among cultural communities by leading the city’s Immigration, Multiculturalism and Racism Free Edmonton initiatives. He has received the Edmonton Interfaith Advocate Award and John Humphrey Centre’s Human Rights Advocate Award for promoting welcoming and socially inclusive communities. As a former member of the Edmonton Police Commission, Minister Sohi believes in building safe and strong communities. He also took a leadership role in creating the Police Chief’s Indo-Canadian Liaison Committee, the Punjabi Cultural Association and the Punjabi Arts Association.

Minister Sohi has served as a minister since 2015 and is currently the Minister of Natural Resources.

Fast Facts:

- Mr. Sohi was born in 1964 in the farming community of Banbhaura, Sangrur District, in the Indian state of Punjab.
- He studied with noted Punjabi playwright and reformer, Gursharan Singh.
- Mr. Sohi once worked as a bus driver for the City of Edmonton.
He has received several awards for his leadership, including the Man of Honour, Exemplary Leadership Award from the Centre to End All Sexual Exploitation in recognition of his work to end gender discrimination and violence.