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ICLR applauds release of Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy

TORONTO: The Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR) celebrates the release today of Canada's first *National Adaptation Strategy* and accompanying *Federal Adaptation Action Plan*. Each year Canadians experience billions of dollars of preventable damage due to climate extremes. The Strategy sets out a national path forward to confront this alarming trend. The Action Plan sets out specific federal actions and commitments. Research by ICLR finds potential for significant benefits through the implementation of actions like those set out in the Strategy and Action Plan.

Paul Kovacs, Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction said, "Loss and damage from extreme climate events has been doubling in Canada every 5 to 10 years over the past four decades. The *National Adaptation Strategy* and *Federal Adaptation Action Plan* are an important step forward to confront this alarming and unsustainable trend. Most losses from flooding, wildfire, severe wind and other climate extremes are preventable through the application of proven scientific findings.

The strategy and plan clearly reflect advice provided by the Institute and other entities who contributed to development of these important reports."

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Canada's leading disaster research institute, the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR), was established by the insurance industry in 1997 as an independent, not-for-profit research and outreach institute to champion disaster resilience in Canada. ICLR is an international centre of excellence affiliated with Western University. The Institute develops and champions evidence-based disaster safety solutions that can be implemented by homeowners, businesses and governments to enhance their disaster resilience.

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