



Supporting Canada's Forest Sector Transformation

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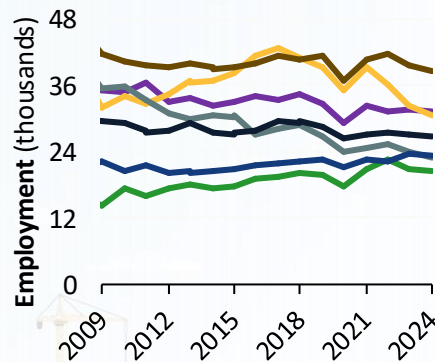
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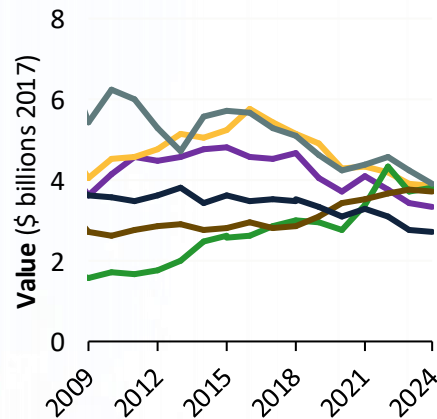
Canada's forest sector is under pressure

- Real output across the forest sector has declined since mid 2010s
- Pressures on Canadian sawmills limit available residuals downstream
- Access to economically available fibre involves balancing competing land uses
- Need for market diversification and long-term competitiveness

**Forest sector
employment by industry,
2009-2024**



**Real GDP of forest sector
by industry, 2009-2024**



- Forestry and logging
- Sawmills and wood preservation
- Veneer, plywood and engineered wood product manufacturing
- Millwork and other secondary wood product manufacturing
- Pulp, paper and paperboard mills
- Converted paper product manufacturing
- Support activities for forestry

Federal action to protect the forest sector and position it for the future

Since August 2025, the federal government has announced over **\$2 billion** for Canada's forest sector...

- **\$500 million** to renew NRCan's suite of forest sector transformation programs
- A single-window pathfinding service, to connect business with programs
- **\$1.2 billion** for Business Development Bank of Canada Softwood Lumber Guarantee Program
- **\$500 million** toward the Large Enterprise Tariff Loan program softwood lumber envelope
- **\$300 million** added to the Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI) forest supports
- Over **\$100 million** for employers in all sectors with active Work-Sharing agreements, and a dedicated **\$50 million** for upskilling, reskilling and income supports for softwood lumber workers

...and related government priorities to support near-term and longer-term opportunities including

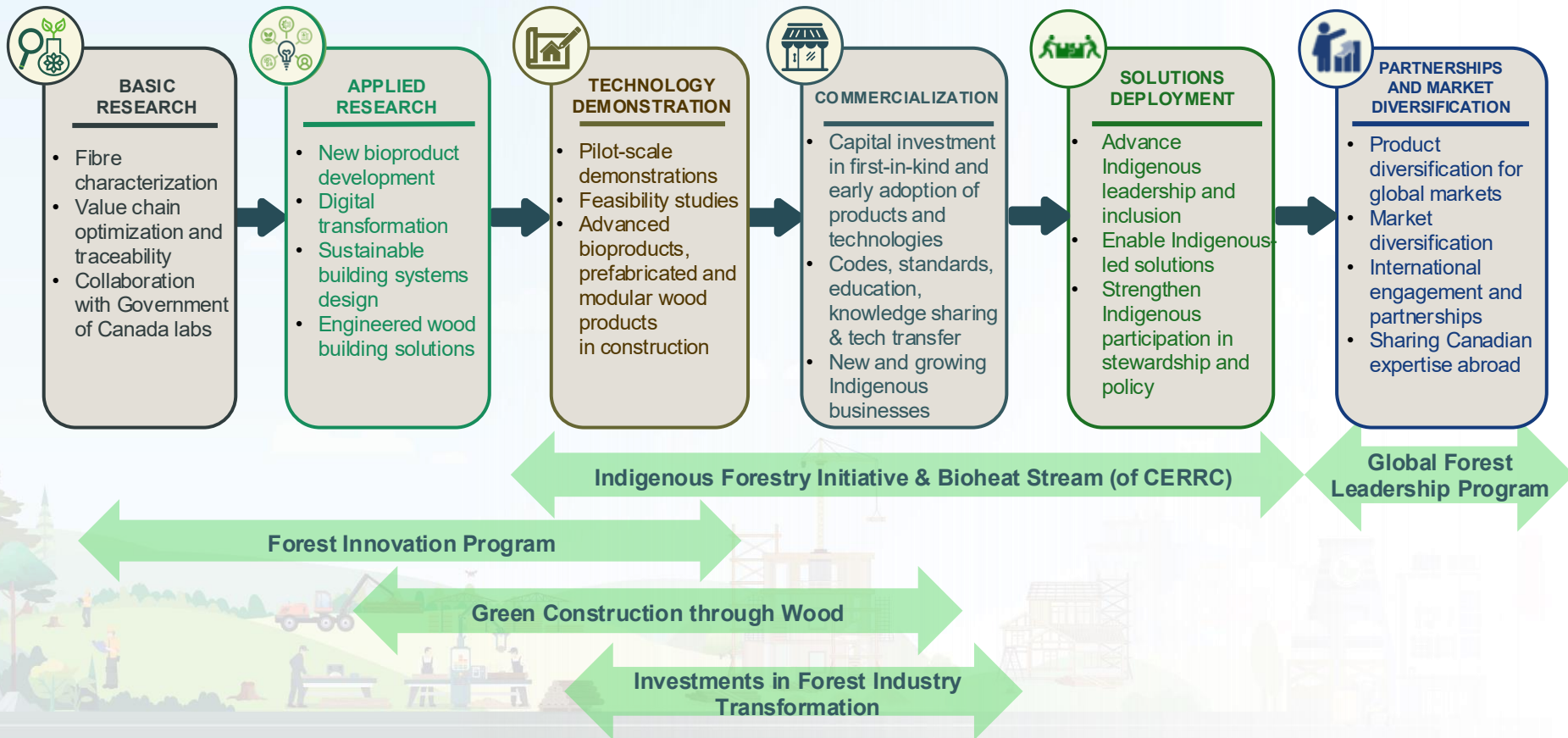
- **Forest Sector Transformation Task Force** established to recommend key priorities to guide sector transformation.
- A **Draft Action Plan** released by the Canadian Forest Sector, in response to the Task Force's report, focused on four priority areas:
 - Securing a competitive and predictable supply of wood fibre
 - Making the investments required for innovation and modernization across the sector
 - Expanding domestic and international market opportunities (eg. Build Canada, Buy Canadian)
 - Supporting workers and communities through skills development and transition measures
- Release of a **Forest Sector Strategy by the end of 2026**



PM announces new measures to transform Canada's softwood lumber industry, August 5th, 2025 [PMQ](#)

West Kelowna, B.C.

Supporting the forest bioeconomy from harvest to market

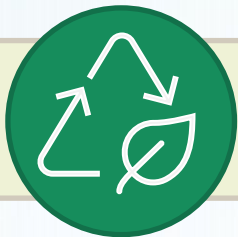


An Evolving International Marketplace for Canadian Products

Opportunity or Challenge

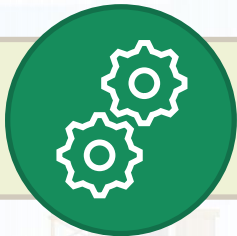
Canadian Response

International markets are increasingly requiring evidence that sourcing is sustainable.



Canada advocates for fair market access and reinforces our sustainability credentials in global markets.

Trade related pressures are contributing to investment uncertainty across the forest sector.



Federal initiatives aim to stabilize the forest sector, drive transformation, improve export potential, and promote diversification.

In the coming years, Canadian competitiveness will depend on efficiency and sustainability.

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