

International Travel Final Report

Premier Rachel Notley & Minister Shannon Phillips
Mission to Paris, France
November 28 to December 10, 2015



Overview of Premier Notley's Mission:

Premier Rachel Notley led a mission to Paris for the United Nations 21st Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (COP21) November 28 - December 2, 2015. The Premier attended the opening ceremony of COP21 alongside Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other participating Premiers, met with key international stakeholders, delivered remarks at several events, and signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with representatives from Air Liquide. Throughout the mission, the Premier demonstrated Alberta's commitment to taking meaningful action on climate change and transitioning to a low carbon economy.

The mission was successful in meeting the objectives as outlined below.

Mission Objectives:

- Promote Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan with key stakeholders and decision makers.
- Strengthen relationships within Canada, including other provinces, territories and the federal government.
- Demonstrate Alberta is committed to taking meaningful, collaborative action on climate change and transitioning to a low carbon economy.
- Build new relationships and leverage environmental partnerships with domestic and global stakeholders.

Results:

- The Premier signed a MOU with Air Liquide on December 1, 2015 that advances cooperation in areas such as clean technology, advanced water technology solutions and health. The MOU positions the province to be on the cutting edge of research, innovation and commercialization of carbon emission reduction technology, and support Alberta's transition to a low carbon economy. It was also agreed that the preliminary focus of the MOU will be on energy and health care innovation.
- Alberta was formally accepted as a member of The Climate Groups' States and Regions Alliance. The partnership positions Alberta among an international network of subnational jurisdictions (including Quebec, Ontario and California) taking action on climate change.
- Alberta was formally accepted as a member of the World Bank's Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition at the group's official launch. British Columbia, California, Quebec and Ontario are also members of the Coalition. The Premier's participation in the launch signaled a continuation of the long-term partnership between Alberta and the World Bank on this and other climate change initiatives such as the Global Gas Flaring Reduction partnership.
- The Premier strengthened domestic relationships through meetings with Prime Minister Trudeau, Premiers Christy Clark, Brad Wall, Philippe Couillard and

Kathleen Wynne, and federal Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna.

- The Premier discussed Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan with international media outlets while in Paris, attracting global attention to Alberta's plan to take responsible action on climate change and transition to a low carbon economy.

Delegation:

- Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier
- Brian Topp, Chief of Staff to the Premier
- Cheryl Oates, Director, Press Secretary to the Premier
- Parm Kahlon, Executive Assistant to the Premier
- Gitane De Silva, Deputy Minister, Intergovernmental Relations
- Three security

Final itinerary for Premier Notley:

Date	Event
Saturday, November 28	Travelled to Paris
Sunday, November 29	Joined Premiers Clark, Wall and Wynne at the Bataclan to lay a wreath and pay tribute to the victims of the attacks in Paris
Monday, November 30	Attended COP21 Opening for Heads of State
	Delivered remarks at an interactive dialogue event hosted by Ontario for Canadian Premiers and youth delegates attending COP21
	Attended a press conference with other First Ministers
	Delivered remarks at the World Bank Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition Launch
	Attended the COP21 plenary for Heads of State where Prime Minister Trudeau delivered Canada's national statement
	Met with Prime Minister Trudeau and Premiers Clark, Wall, Couillard and Wynne
Tuesday, December 1	Met with Mark Kenber, CEO of The Climate Group
	Interviewed by international media
	Met with Air Liquide representatives and signed MOU
	Met with representatives of Canada's First Nations peoples participating in the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at COP21
Wednesday, December 2	Returned to Alberta

Significant Speeches/Presentations:

- Premier Rachel Notley – Delivered remarks at the World Bank Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition launch on November 30, 2015
- Premier Rachel Notley – Delivered remarks at an Interactive Dialogue event hosted by the Province of Ontario for Canadian Premiers and youth delegates attending COP21 on November 30, 2015

Overview of Minister Phillips' Mission:

As part of the Alberta contingent, Minister Shannon Phillips attended the United Nations 21st Conference of the Parties on Climate Change (COP21) from December 4 to 10. Minister Phillips informed a cross section of COP21 participants about Alberta's recently announced Climate Leadership Plan and illustrated that Alberta is ready to do its part in addressing climate change and reduce greenhouse gases throughout the province. This included meeting with numerous dignitaries, government officials, and key influencers of various environmental organizations. The mission also afforded the opportunity to hear and learn from other sub-national jurisdictions about their actions, progress and transition to a lower-carbon economy.

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives as outlined below.

Mission Objectives:

1. Share key elements of Alberta's new Climate Leadership Plan as evidence of Alberta's global commitment to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Meet with global leaders, influential stakeholders and environmental experts to establish and enhance relationships that demonstrate the provincial shift from being isolated on climate change to a commitment to working with others.
3. Work with other Canadian government (provincial and federal) representatives to demonstrate commitment to national action on climate change.

Results:

- Minister Phillips met with the CEO of The Climate Groups' States and Regions Alliance to discuss Alberta's recent entrance to that group. The Minister also attended and presented at The Climate Groups' States and Regions Alliance General Assembly meeting.
- The Minister began building valuable international relationships via discussions with the Governor of Washington State, the Secretary of California's Environmental Protection Agency, and the First Minister of Scotland.
- The Minister met with representatives from the Environmental Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Earth Institute.
- Minister Phillips furthered Premier Notley's efforts to strengthen domestic relationships and expand on Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan through conversation with the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Canada's Environment and Climate Change minister, and with her counterparts from Québec, Ontario, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Nunavut.

Delegation:

- Honourable Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks
- Brent Dancey, Chief of Staff to Minister Shannon Phillips
- Bill Werry, Deputy Minister, Environment and Parks
- Two Environment and Parks staff

Final itinerary for Minister Phillips:

Date	Event
Friday, December 4	Depart Edmonton, Alberta
Saturday, December 5	Arrived in Paris, France Strategy session on COP21 program and media
Sunday, December 6	Alberta delegation briefing on the status of the COP21 negotiations
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Monday, December 7	Attended The Climate Group's States and Alliance's General Assembly Met with the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, British Columbia Participated in a meeting with the Environmental Defense Fund Participated in a meeting with the Natural Resources Defense Council Met with the Right Honourable Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister Attended the Climate Group's Driving Climate Action through the Compact of States and Regions session Spoke at Canada Night in Paris hosted by Environmental Defence, Équiterre, and the Pembina Institute Attended a dinner hosted by The Climate Group's States and Regions Alliance
Tuesday, December 8	Attended the Lima-Paris Action Subnational Day event Met with the Honourable David Heurtel, Québec's Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change, and with the Honourable Glen Murray, Ontario's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Met with Jay Inslee, Governor for Washington State Met with Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute Interviewed by international media Media availability with Alberta and Canadian media Attended reception hosted by the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Canadian ambassador to France
Wednesday, December 9	Attended the Executive Secretary's Paris Dialogue session Met with Matt Rodriguez, California Secretary for Environmental Protection Met with Sir David King, the United Kingdom's Special Representative to the Foreign Secretary on Climate Change

	Spoke at the International Institute for Sustainable Development's Climate Success Stories from Sub-national Governments
	Interviewed by international media
Thursday, December 10	Returned to Edmonton, Alberta

Significant Speeches/Presentations:

- Minister Shannon Phillips – Delivered remarks at The Climate Group's States and Regions Alliance's General Assembly on December 7.
- Minister Shannon Phillips – Delivered remarks at Canada Night in Paris hosted by Environmental Defence, Équiterre, and the Pembina Institute on December 7.
- Minister Shannon Phillips – Delivered remarks at the International Institute for Sustainable Development's Climate Success Stories from Sub-national Governments on December 9.

News Releases/Communiqués:

- [Alberta to participate in historic climate change conference in Paris](#) – November 27, 2015
- [Alberta continues climate leadership by joining The Climate Group's States and Regions Alliance](#) – December 1, 2015
- [Alberta and Air Liquide to promote new technology opportunities](#) – December 1, 2015

International Travel Final Expenses

(Part of the Final International Travel Report and posted as part of this Report as well as posted separately on the same site to ensure expenses are visible on the main page of the link)

**For multi-departmental missions, ensure each department's costs are included and noted separately in their own chart and posted on each department's website (i.e., the same information should be posted on all participating department's websites)*

Expenditures by Participants - Premier, Premier's Office, Security and Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	Amount
Travel (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees)	\$12,662.84
Accommodation (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	\$18,660.19
Meals (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	\$1,760.10
Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures)	\$3,136.46
Sub-Total	\$36,219.59
General Mission Expenditures	Amount
Receptions and Hosting (receptions, luncheons, dinners, and events that are hosted by the Government of Alberta that are specific to the mission and include meeting related costs for room rental, room rental for hosted events, food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, entertainment, flowers)	
Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes translation of documents fees, publications, shipping charges, gifts purchased specifically for mission, Canadian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate charges for services provided to the GOA)	\$9,975.00
Sub-Total	\$9,975.00
Total Costs	\$46,194.59

Expenditures by Participants - Alberta Environment and Parks	Amount
Travel (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees)	\$8,160.29
Accommodation (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	\$9,952.25

Meals (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	\$4,202.23
Incidental and Miscellaneous (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures)	\$2,268.27
Sub-Total	\$24,583.04
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Sub-Total	
Total Costs	\$24,583.04