

Agriculture & Agri-food Student Policy Brief Competition

Instructions

Background

Canada has committed to net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions economy-wide by 2050. This commitment means that efforts are required across the entire agriculture and agri-food chain in Canada to reduce sectoral emissions. Time is of the essence if Canada is to meet its commitments, but government budgets are tight due to post-pandemic recovery. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)'s Minister has asked for a briefing on recommended novel policy approaches to increase GHG mitigation in the agriculture and agri-food sector, beyond what AAFC is already doing. He would like to see two to three options focusing on a particular point in the sector (e.g. farms, processing, transportation, retail) and seeks a recommendation on the best option when taking into consideration economic efficiency, government budgets and stakeholder impacts.

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You have been given the responsibility to write the briefing note for the Minister. The briefing note should not exceed three (3) pages and should be at a level that will help the Minister make an informed decision on whether additional measures should be in place. Additional background information could be annexed if needed (please keep it short) and data may be used to show impacts.

A briefing note consists of several sections which are described in the attached template. Each section of the note has a specific purpose, so read the instructions on the template carefully. Some background documents are listed below to help you get started. You may use these as you see fit to help gather the required information for the various parts of the note. The Background section is used for broader context while the Issue section is used to highlight the particular issue over which the Minister will be making informed decisions. The Considerations section can be used to highlight how the issue at hand may have linkages to other issues and policies across the department in particular and government in general, stakeholder reactions/impacts, economic phenomenon, and other practical considerations. The Recommendation section defends your position on the measures (options) you are proposing or why the current measures in place are sufficient. The Summary Box is best dealt with once you have completed the main body of the briefing note and has to bring out the key messages and recommendation.

Please include references for any work cited in the Annex at the end of the template.

Please use attached Briefing Note template and submit to Jennifer Vignola at jennifer.vignola@agr.gc.ca by **Tuesday January 9, 2024 2 P.M. EST**

Policy Briefing Grading Scheme: (/15)

Writing (/5), Economic impact analysis (/5), Judgement (/5)