

Pembina reacts as Canada again ranks near last on climate change performance index

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Matthew Bramley, director of the Pembina Institute's climate change program, made the following statement in response to today's release of the annual [Climate Change Performance Index](#), in which Canada finished in 54th place of the 57 countries evaluated: "Canada continued a troubling tradition today, once again placing at the back of the pack in an evaluation of countries' success in tackling climate change. Just three countries of the 57 evaluated fared worse: Australia, Kazakhstan, and Saudi Arabia.

"Although Canada scored poorly across the board, its national policies were its greatest source of weakness. Sadly, that's not a surprise, as the federal government has failed to put in place the key policies needed to cut Canada's greenhouse gas pollution. It's worth noting that Norway — like Canada, a cold country that exports oil and gas — finished third overall, earning a high score on climate policy.

"It's time for the Government of Canada to stop choosing delay and inaction as its response to climate change. As the Cancun talks head into their final week, Minister Baird should take advantage of the international spotlight to announce ambitious measures to cut Canada's emissions."