

Climate Ready Prairies MB FAQs

What is the Climate Ready Prairies project?

Climate Ready Prairies (CRP) is a project that aims to overcome behavioural, social and cultural barriers to climate change adaptation action in the Prairie provinces. Structured as both a training program and a research study, participants will gain practical communications and engagement skills while also helping to inform the development of a region-specific communications and engagement guide.

What can I expect at each session?

Communications Training Session

This training session will cover best practices for communicating about adaptation. Participants will learn about the psychological factors influencing public opinion on climate change and adaptation, will gain knowledge and tools for crafting engaging narratives and put these into practice. .

Communications Community of Practice Meeting

As a follow up to the first in-person training on October 21, this will be a 1.5 hour meeting where participants will share challenges they've faced as communicators, and engage in shared learning and discussion with peers and Re.Climate's experts and trainers.

Engagement Training Session

In this second training, participants will learn strategies for equitably engaging the public on adaptation policies and programs, such as building trust and co-creating adaptation solutions. Practitioners will be provided with insightful case studies and the opportunity to identify successful engagement and practice applying these strategies to their own work.

Engagement Community of Practice Meeting

This final 1.5-hour meeting will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss experiences and questions around engagement, share any barriers they've encountered, and ask questions of their colleagues and Re.Climate experts.

Who is this training program intended for?

This training program is designed for one representative per organization working in climate adaptation communications, policy, or engagement. Due to limited capacity, it is also invite-only. If you are interested in participating but did not

receive an invitation, you can be added to the wait list by emailing anelson@climatewest.ca.

What is the cost to participate?

This training program is free of charge, however, participants and/or their employers will be responsible for any travel costs associated with attending the first in-person communications training session. We have limited funding available to support Indigenous communities and organizations with travel.

What is the commitment required to participate?

We highly encourage participation in the full training program. That said, participants also have the option of signing up for only one training stream:

1. Saskatchewan CRP communications training stream: 6 hour in person training + 1.5 hour virtual Community of Practice meeting = **7.5 hours**
2. Saskatchewan CRP engagement training stream: 3 hour virtual training session + 1.5 hour virtual Community of Practice meeting = **4.5 hours**
3. Surveys: We also ask participants to fill out 3 research surveys throughout the duration of the training = **15 minutes each/ 45 minutes total**

Total time commitment for both training streams = approximately 12-13 hours

Special note:

- To participate in the first communications training session, you must be able to attend in person as there is no virtual option.
- Community of Practice meetings are intended for those who attended the associated training session.

What is the schedule for this training program?

- CRP Manitoba Communications Training Stream
 - In person training session: **Tuesday, October 21, 9 am to 3 pm CDT**
 - Virtual Community of Practice meeting: **Tuesday, November 4, 10 am to 11:30 am CST**
- CRP Manitoba Engagement Training Stream
 - Virtual training session: **Tuesday, November 18, 9 am to 12 pm CST**
 - Virtual Community of Practice meeting: **Tuesday, December 2, 10 am to 11:30 am CST**

How do I register for this training program?

You will need to complete [the registration form](#), which includes a consent form on the last page. Once registration closes, you will receive calendar invites for all of the training sessions and an invitation to a shared google folder.

Do I need to sign the consent form? Why is it important?

Yes please! This training program is part of a research project in collaboration with Carleton University. We are using these training sessions as pilots to improve our work and feed into the final communications and engagement resource guide. By consenting to be part of this study, you are agreeing to share feedback on how the training went and helping us provide the best possible information for communicators who want to talk about adaptation in their communities.

How will my data be used?

Consider these “pilot” training sessions. This means that the content of the training is being tested and we want you to tell us if it is useful, relevant and effectively taught. This feedback will be incorporated into the final guide and improve our training products.

To further capture your feedback, we will have note takers in the training sessions that will capture general challenges, ideas, and key themes that emerge during the activities. Participants will also be asked to complete three short anonymous surveys throughout the duration of the training program. While these are not mandatory, these surveys will also be used to help inform the development of our communications and engagement resource guide.