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Unceded Algonquin - Anishinaabe Territory (Ottawa, ON) - The Foundation for Environmental Stewardship (FES) and Climate Action Network - Réseau action climat Canada (CAN-Rac) are pleased to announce our new five-year collaboration. Our organizations will collaborate on joint project stewardship and execution, commencing with the Just Transition Project, a three-year initiative of the McConnell Foundation. The Just Transition Project seeks to drive comprehensive, socially responsible, climate responsive, whole-of-economy transition planning for Canada.

CAN-Rac brings to this collaboration its well-known convening power, policy development focus, and its ability to serve as a catalyst for a broad range of climate action initiatives across civil society. FES brings its commitment to youth engagement in sustainable development, making it one of Canada's bright lights in the environmental charitable sector. This long-term commitment from CAN-Rac and FES will help to grow and sustain the capacity of both organizations to undertake more, and more ambitious projects that engage and serve the widest possible spectrum of Canadians.

"Our collaboration has already enabled the launch of the Just Transition Project, and it opens up a number of exciting future opportunities, as we bring together the best of what our two organizations have to offer," said Catherine Abreu, Executive Director of CAN-Rac.

"To be able to team up with CAN-Rac is a great step forward for FES," said Tim Ross, FES Chairperson. "We're on the same page. Our capacities are complementary. And we all anticipate exciting new opportunities. There's a lot of room for civic and youth engagement in focusing sustainable development policy."

About FES

The Foundation for Environmental Stewardship, a registered charity and member organization of CAN-Rac, has existed since 2016 to educate and increase the public's awareness and understanding of the environment. With the successful conclusion of their 3% Project in 2020, an initiative that for three years engaged thousands of youth across Canada in community projects designed to promote climate action and sustainability, FES now turns their attention to a new chapter involving greater collaboration with CAN-Rac, its members and project partners.

About CAN-Rac

CAN-Rac is Canada's farthest-reaching climate organization. Along with our extensive policy work aimed at making Canada's climate action more ambitious and accountable, we have been one of the main catalysts of partnerships between environmental, research and labour groups driving forward national

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work on just transition and sustainable trade and the development of a Green New Deal for Canada, and in the 2020 era of COVID-19, advocating for a Just Recovery for All. We nurture relationships of close consultation with Indigenous organizations, health groups, youth-led climate mobilizers, and many more who comprise the Canadian climate movement, while facilitating knowledge transfer related to climate policy development across the entire economic and social spectrum in Canada and abroad.

The high quality of our work, plus our extensive reach within Canadian civil society, has positioned CAN-Rac as one of the most trusted sources in Canadian for media and public commentary on climate change.