

# Deflecting Fairshares:

Canada's track record on  
climate finance, equity & justice

CLIMATE

JUSTICE

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HUMAN

JUSTICE

# Roadmap

Landscape of CBDR

Canada's Climate  
Finance and its  
Shortcoming

Early Analysis on Canada's  
narratives and stances  
on climate equity and finance



# Landscape of CBDR-RC

## Weakening of *Common But Differentiated Responsibilities*

Lack of Consensus  
on Operationalizing  
CBDR

Shift from  
Responsibilities to  
Capacities

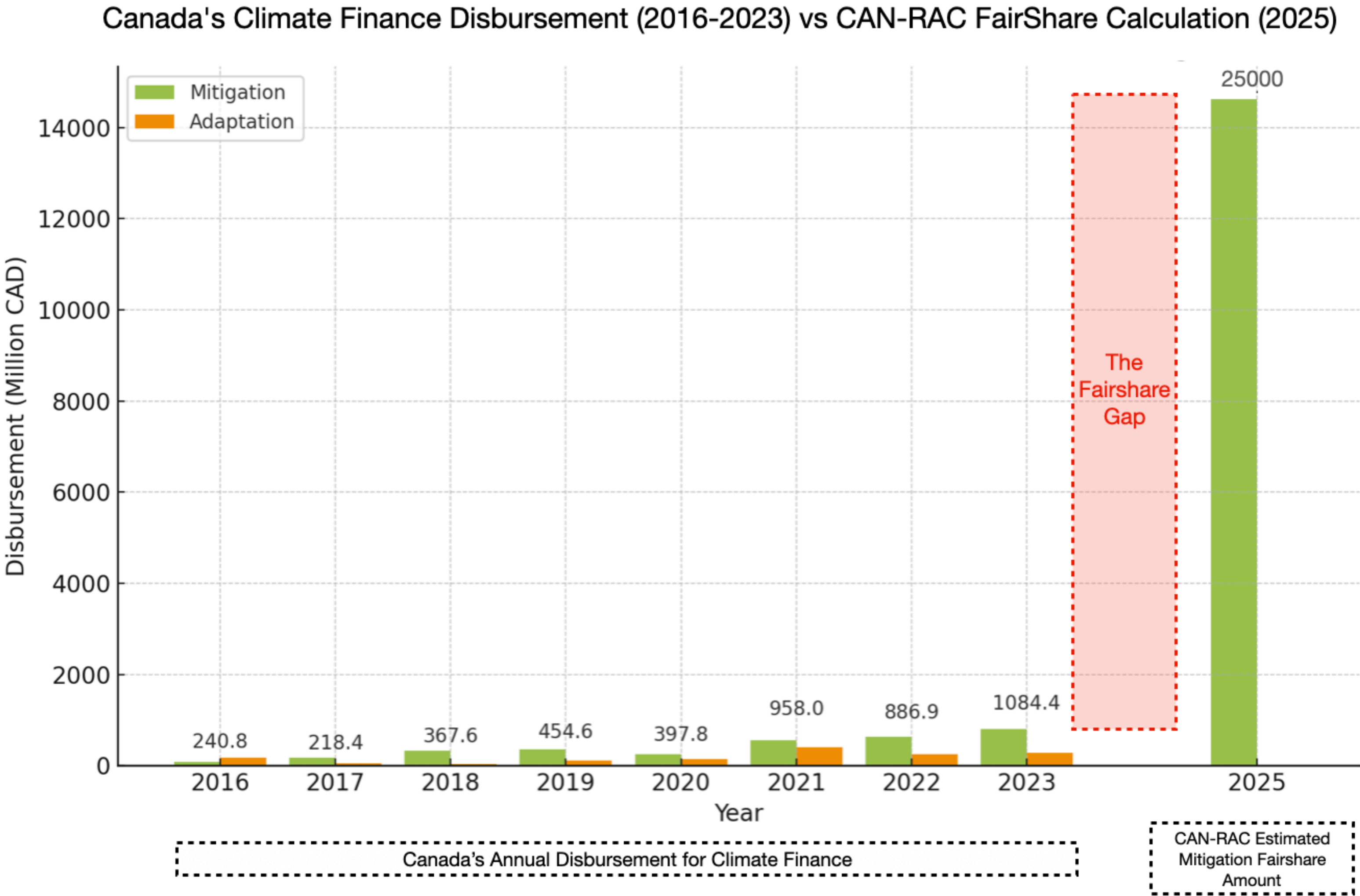
Erosion of CBDR's  
Normative Power

Voluntary Nature of  
Climate Finance  
Contributions

Limited Resources = Tensions Amongst Global South

# Canada's Climate Finance Shortcomings

Weak  
Climate Finance



# Canada's Climate Finance

## Shortcomings

Weak Climate Finance

Reliance on Loans  
over Grants:  
Debt Crisis

Reliance on  
Multilateral Banks

Lack of Transparency  
= Lack of  
Accountability

# What's the value of our research?



# Method: Taking Canada at their word

- Analysis of nine Speeches and Statements by Canadian Representatives in Global Climate Governance Platforms (i.e. COPs)
- Analysis of the two recent Canada's reports to UNFCCC
- Supplemented by UN documents and Third World Network Reporting

# What did the data tell us?

Document	Saviourism (Help, Aid, Support)	Responsibility	Justice/Equity	CBDR
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP24	12	1	0	0
Canada’s Intervention at COP24	10	0	0	0
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP25	14	1	1	0
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP27	16	2	2	0
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP28	15	1	1	0
Minister Guilbeault Submits Climate Action Progress Report to the UN	9	0	0	0
Open Letter – Canada and Germany’s Way Forward on Climate Finance	11	0	0	0
Address by Minister of Foreign Affairs - Climate and Sustainable Development	10	1	1	0
Minister Guilbeault Reaffirms Commitment at COP28	12	1	2	0



# What did the data tell us?

**No Mention of CBDR  
in the two recent Canada's Report to UNFCCC  
(1000+ pages)**

# Reading between the lines



Evading  
Responsibility

Savourism

Undermining  
Equity

In Section I on “Our Common Vision” the Group of 77 and China (G77) asks that the words “in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities” be included but the US supported by **Canada**, Japan and the European want these deleted.

Third World Network

**Canada** refutes with the Committee's characterization of the concept of CBDR stresses that the notion of “common but differentiated responsibilities” is not recognized in international human rights law.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



Developed countries like ....**Canada**... on the other hand expressed that the CBDR principle should not be included in the declaration text as it would amount to “singling out” of one of the many principles of the Rio Declaration.

Instead, they shared a preference for making a general reference to the principles of the Rio Declaration, keeping in line with precedent that was set in the ministerial declaration of UNEA 5.2.

**UN Environment Assembly**

# Towards a Renewed Narrative



Document Name	Type	Publication Year	Platform	Source	Includes terms related to Equity or CBDR-RC?	Link
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP 24	Statements and speeches	2018	UNFCCC/COP	UNFCCC	N	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop24cmp14cma1-3.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop24cmp14cma1-3.pdf</a>
Canada's Intervention at the Third Biennial High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Finance, COP 24	Statements and speeches	2018	UNFCCC/COP	UNFCCC	N	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Canada%20-%20EN%20HLMd%20Statement.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Canada%20-%20EN%20HLMd%20Statement.pdf</a>
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP 25	Statements and speeches	2019	UNFCCC/COP	UNFCCC	N	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop25cmp15cma2_HLS_EN.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop25cmp15cma2_HLS_EN.pdf</a>
Address by Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Climate and Sustainable Development for All High-Level Meeting for the Protection of the Global Climate for Present and Future Generations	Statements and speeches	2019	Federal Government	Global Affairs Canada	N	<a href="https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/">https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/</a>
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP 27	Statements and speeches	2022	UNFCCC/COP	UNFCCC	N	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop27cmp17cma4_HLS_FR.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop27cmp17cma4_HLS_FR.pdf</a>
Canada - High-level Segment Statement COP 28	Statements and speeches	2023	UNFCCC/COP	UNFCCC	N	<a href="https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop28cmp18cma5_HLS_FR.pdf">https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/CANADA_cop28cmp18cma5_HLS_FR.pdf</a>
Minister Guilbeault submits climate action progress report to the United Nations	Press Statement	2023	Federal Government	Environment and Climate Change Canada	N	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/minister-guilbeault-submits-climate-action-">https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/01/minister-guilbeault-submits-climate-action-</a>
Open letter - Canada and Germany's way forward on climate finance in 2023	Press Statement	2023	Federal Government	Environment and Climate Change Canada	N	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/canada-international-action/climate-finance/">https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/canada-international-action/climate-finance/</a>
Minister Guilbeault reaffirms Canada's commitment to global climate action and continues to push for a strong outcome at COP28	Press Statement	2023	Federal Government	Environment and Climate Change Canada	N	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/12/minister-guilbeault-reaffirms-canadas-">https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2023/12/minister-guilbeault-reaffirms-canadas-</a>

Canada's Climate Finance Disbursement (2016-2023) vs CAN-RAC FairShare Calculation (2025)

