

Knowledge Translation Pathway for Policy

CDPA can help you to:

1. What are the research findings you are keen to share?

- Identify policy-relevant research findings from your research

2. What is the underlying problem that your research addresses? Where in the policy environment is the problem governed?

- Situate your research in the policy context
- Identify existing policy that affects your research area

3. What has the government said in its public statements about this issue? Where does the issue sit on the government's agenda? Is it mentioned in budget, throne speech, election platform, website, public reports?

- Understand and interpret government's approach to your research area

4. What gap or inadequacy in the policy infrastructure permits the problem to persist? What type of policy change specifically would you like to see? How does your research provide evidence for that change?

- Conduct policy analysis and determine what change is reasonable to seek

5. Who is responsible for this issue in government -- politicians, public service? Do you or any of your partners have connections in government that you can reach out to?

- Find the right person in government to guide you through the bureaucracy, figure out who to talk to

6. Is there currently any action within government on this issue? At what stage in the policy cycle are any existing initiatives?

- Find out what initiatives are currently underway in government in your research area, and what activities are afoot

7. How can your consumer partners contribute to enhancing the credibility of the issue? Can they be mobilized to convey the urgency of policy action? Who is the best spokesperson to get government's / public's attention?

- Work with consumer partners to shape your message
- Prepare your partners to interact with policy-makers

8. What can you offer in terms of best practices, policy options, practices in other jurisdictions?

- Prepare policy options papers / briefing note to appeal to needs of government