Jean Charest has been Premier of Quebec since 2003. From 1984 to 1998 he worked at the Canadian Federal level, assuming, notably the functions of Minister of the Environment and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada.

Since he has been premier, the Quebec government has developed an Energy Development Strategy, a Public Transit Policy and an Action Plan on Climate Change. The Quebec government will reach the objectives of the Kyoto Protocol. Jean Charest recently announced that the Quebec target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GGE) by the year 2020 would be 20% below 1990 levels.