

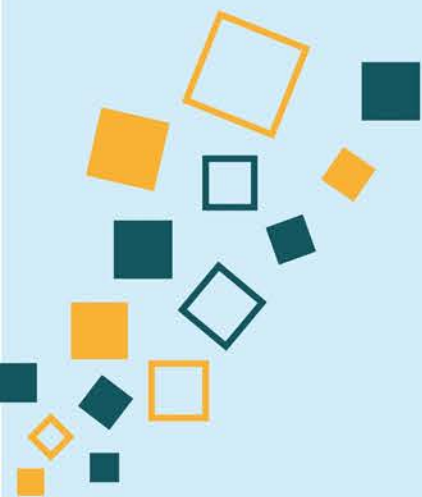
Theme 1 / Cohabitation in governance: a need for new policy approaches?

Thème 1 / La cohabitation en gouvernance : vers de nouvelles approches en politique publique?



STRATEGIC DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY RESEARCH IN CANADA

RECHERCHE EN POLITIQUES CLIMATIQUES AU CANADA : UN ATELIER-DIALOGUE STRATÉGIQUE



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## Ground Rules

- Chatham House rule
- Schedule will be enforced
- Meeting etiquette: raise hand, mute mic, short intervention
- Don't forget online discussions
- Territory Acknowledgement : <http://native-land.ca>



## *Consignes*

- Règles de *Chatham House*
- L'horaire sera respecté avec précision
- Étiquette de la rencontre: levez votre main (virtuellement), coupez votre micro et faites des interventions courtes
- N'oubliez pas les discussions en ligne
- Reconnaissance des territoires: <http://native-land.ca>



# Workshop Objectives



- Foster **constructive dialogue** on critical climate choices facing Canada
- Identify **research priorities**, opportunities for **collaboration**, and **knowledge gaps** in Canada's climate change research and policy landscape
- Help **inform the research agenda** for the Canadian Institute for Climate Choices
- Identify **opportunities for complementary research** across organizations
- **Strengthen relationships** among top climate policy researchers and thinkers across Canada



# Agenda



Duration	Activity	Purpose/Objective
15 min	<b>Group discussions summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Present main outcomes from each group</li></ul>
30 min	<b>Breakout</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use outcomes to frame a discussion around natural resources sector.</li></ul>
45 min	<b>Plenary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify main discussion points</li><li>• Draft a list of research gaps</li><li>• Propose natural resources-related issues for Forum breakout discussion</li></ul>
15 min	<b>Conclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• final round of comments</li><li>• emerging elements</li><li>• next steps</li></ul>

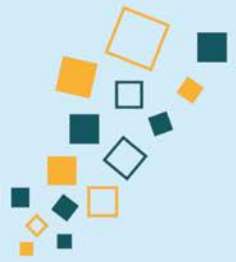


## Discussions summary /1.1



“We’re long past the need for change in governance; now we have to convince the people who have a stake in the status quo.”

“Behavioral science is asking why people are not mobilizing (ex. Retrofits, heat pumps, etc.). It goes back to what do people value, where is their knowledge, etc. People in different places value things differently in Canada. For a lot of people, it’s just not priority (they are busy with life). We can’t ask a lot from citizens.”



## Discussions summary /1.2



- “What kind of public sector do we need for a low carbon transition – government public servants are risk averse.”
- “Climate change cuts across more than just Environment departments”
  - From environment to public health?
- Divulgation
  - Tools to cut across governments and jurisdictions



# Discussions summary /1.3

- Harmonization \*
  - “So it’s not about harmonized or not, it’s about developing political coalition with those policies and getting them implemented.”
  - How to quantify gains from policy harmonization?
  - Show that existing tensions have an impact?
  - Building code: BC Step code?
  - <https://www.energy.gov/data/green-button>
  - <https://www.greenbuttonalliance.org/>

\* Also discussed on the web



## Discussions summary /2.1



“There’s a fundamental difference between mitigation and adaptation within the context of cohabitation. Adaptation is local, so the benefits and value are often felt locally. Mitigation is global; certain provinces may feel like they’ve done their part.”

“What is researchable? For Canada, a loosely knit federation, one key question is what are successful models for integrating divergent world views into decision-making processes.”





## Discussion summary /2.2

- Citizen assemblies \*
  - Harris Centre at Memorial University is starting a very similar initiative in NFLD.
  - [Alberta Narratives Project](#): local citizens having meaningful dialogue.
  - A role for cities in citizen-led exercise?
  - “This option is the only mechanism that has any hope of making progress. Old model of top-down decision-making between elites doesn’t work anymore.”

\* Also discussed on the web



## Discussion summary /2.3



- Regulatory sandboxes
  - Experimenting at small scales
- Changes to the public service to facilitate cohabitation
  - mandate letters that cross departmental responsibilities/silos?
  - more centralization is not necessarily better.



# Breakout



Natural Resources



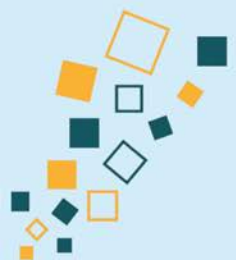
# Plenary



- Knowledge/research gaps?
- Research to prioritize?
- Short-term actions?



- Natural Resources?



Extra





# Questions from discussion /1

- Status quo vs overhaul
  - “often within a level of government, there is very little policy coherence and understanding of how different policies interact”
  - Should that be solved?
  - Can it be without an overhaul?
- Transforming decision-making
  - Reframe it as institutional innovation?
  - Deeper: finer-grained approach to intergovernmental relations
  - Wider: how can that be done at scale on the required time scale?



# Questions from discussion /2



- Successful collaborations
  - Policy fields in Canada where collaborations was/is considered very successful for various governance levels
  - Is the overall/potential impact on GHG an essential ingredient to evaluate success?
  - How relevant is it to look at groups (EU, Switzerland, USA) that already exist and leveraging those existing governance structures for climate policy



# Questions from discussion /3



- Beyond PCF
  - Is there space for intergovernmental agreements?
  - Any short-term opportunities to showcase a success
- “Do no harm, and leave no one behind”
  - Should equity and justice be dealt with firsthand or can we correct afterwards?