OVERVIEW:

The purpose of the North American Climate Policy Forum is to provide a structured dialogue between senior policy officials from each country and leading experts in climate policy design, low carbon technology and innovation policy. The Forum is a partnership between the University of Ottawa, Sustainable Prosperity, the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, and the Duke University Energy Initiative.

The inaugural meeting on June 22nd-23rd at the University of Ottawa, is framed around alternative potential models of national leadership and international coordination on carbon pricing and climate policy. Different examples of current federal and sub-national climate policies will be examined, and lessons extracted for the potential to internationally link carbon pricing and climate policy. Presentations by leading experts will enable participants to examine and discuss different mechanisms through which the Canadian, U.S., and Mexican governments can successfully help coordinate their respective national systems towards their national emissions-reduction targets. It is expected that this event will help to refine our understanding of options to link Canadian, U.S. and Mexican climate policy to achieve national climate change goals, while exploring the possibility to shift towards an integrated North American low carbon economy.

LOCATION:

Room 12102
Desmarais Building (55 Laurier Avenue East)
University of Ottawa
Day 1: Current Initiatives and Clean Innovation Policy

07:30 Breakfast

08:00 Opening Comments

STEWART ELGIE (Professor, Faculty of Law, Director, Institute of the Environment, and Chair, Sustainable Prosperity, University of Ottawa)
BRIAN MURRAY (Director, Environmental Economics Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, and Interim Director of the Duke University Energy Initiative, Duke University)

08:10 Welcome

MICHAEL HAWES (Chief Executive Officer, Fulbright Canada)

08:15 Opening Keynote Address

JOHN STACKHOUSE (Senior Vice-president, Royal Bank of Canada and Smart Prosperity Leader)

08:45 The Paris Agreement Pledges: Canada, United States and México

Chair: David Runnalls (Senior Fellow, Sustainable Prosperity)

LOUISE MÉTIVIER (Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Environment and Climate Change Canada)
TRIGG TALLEY (US Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change)
The Honourable AGUSTÍN GARCÍA-LÓPEZ LOAEZA (Ambassador of Mexico to Canada)

09:45 Break

10:10 Keynote Address II: International Emissions Trading and Paris Implementation

DIRK FORRISTER, President and CEO, International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)
10:40 Current Regional and Subnational Initiatives

Canada / Linked Initiatives

Chair: Geoff McCroney (Director of Research, Institute of the Environment and Sustainable Prosperity, University of Ottawa)

NANCY OLEWILER (Professor, School of Public Policy, Simon Fraser University, and Member, British Columbia Climate Leadership Team) - British Columbia’s Carbon Policy Experience and Climate Leadership Team Recommendations

STEPHANIE CAIRNS (Sustainable Prosperity & Member, Alberta Climate Leadership Panel) - Alberta’s New Climate Change Policy and Opportunities/Challenges for Harmonization

DAVE SAWYER (Enviro Economics) – The California-Quebec-Ontario Linked System & Prospects for Broader Climate Policy Harmonization

U.S. Initiatives

Chair: Brian Murray (Director, Environmental Economics Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, and Interim Director of the Duke University Energy Initiative, Duke University)

KATHRYN ZYLA (Deputy Director, Georgetown Climate Center, Georgetown University) - RGGI and the Prospects for Expansion

TIM PROFETA (Director, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University) – U.S. Clean Power Plan

BILL HOHENSTEIN (Director, Climate Change Program Office, United States Department of Agriculture) – U.S. Department of Agriculture Initiatives

12:40 Lunch

01:15 Keynote Address III: Prospects for Tri-Lateral Climate Policy

DUNCAN WOOD, Director, Mexico Institute, The Wilson Center

02:00 Clean Innovation Policy I: Exploring Policy Tools

Chair: Chris Johnstone (Director General, Clean Technology, Innovation, and Jobs Branch, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada)

PETER NICHOLSON (inaugural President of the Canadian Council of Academics, former Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the OECD, and former Head of Policy to the Prime Minister of Canada)

BLAS L. PÉREZ HENRÍQUEZ (Director, The California - Global Energy, Water & Infrastructure Innovation Initiative, Stanford University)

DAVID POPP (Professor, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University)

BRENDAN HALEY (Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Sustainable Prosperity)

03:30 Break
03:45  Clean Innovation Policy II: Applying Policy Tools to Accelerate Clean Tech / Clean Innovation

Chair: Julie Sunday (Executive Director, Clean Innovation Task Team, Natural Resources Canada)
CHRIS BOIVIN (Vice-President, Investments, Sustainable Development Technology Canada)
SANJIV MALHOTRA (Director, Clean Energy Investment Center, U.S. Department of Energy)
BRENT LAKEMAN (Executive Director, Technology Partnerships and Investments, Alberta Economic Development and Trade, and former Executive Director, Environment, Alberta Innovates – Technology Futures)
ANNE WADDELL (Vice President, Public Affairs, BioAmber Inc.)

05:15  Adjourn Day 1

Day 2: Integrating Carbon Policy with Fiscal Reform and National Energy Policy Goals

07:30  Breakfast

08:00  Welcome
STEWART ELGIE (Professor, Faculty of Law, Director, Institute of the Environment, and Chair, Sustainable Prosperity, University of Ottawa)
BRIAN MURRAY (Director, Environmental Economics Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, and Interim Director of the Duke University Energy Initiative, Duke University)

08:10  Keynote Address IV
The Honourable JAMES CARR, Minister of Natural Resources Canada

08:45  Integration of Carbon Pricing with Fiscal Reform

Chair: Richard Morgenstern (Resources for the Future, and Incoming Fulbright Chair, Institute of the Environment, University of Ottawa)

GEORGE FRAMPTON (Co-Founder, Partnership for Responsible Growth)
DON DRUMMOND (Canada's Ecofiscal Commission & Queen's University; Former Senior VP and Chief Economist, TD Bank, Former Associate Deputy Minister, Finance Canada)
NIC RIVERS (Associate Professor, Public and International Affairs, and Canada Research Chair in Climate and Energy Policy, University of Ottawa)
BILLY PIZER (Sanford School of Public Policy and Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University)

10:15  Break
10:45  Integration of Climate Policy with Broader National Energy Policy Goals

Chair: Stephen Kelly (Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, and former Deputy Chief of Mission at US Embassies in Canada and Mexico)

MONICA GATTINGER (Professor, School of Political Studies, and Director, Institute for Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa)
WILLIAM HOGAN (Raymond Plank Professor of Global Energy Policy, and Research Director, Harvard Electricity Policy Group, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government)
GORD LAMBERT (Suncor Sustainability Executive-in-Residence, Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario)

12:15  Closing Remarks

STEWART ELGIE and BRIAN MURRAY

12:30  Event Adjourns (lunch provided)