



Time for Hope: Developing Innovative Ideas for Moving to a Net Zero Carbon Economy

Please join us for three public webinars that are part of a three-day International Research Roundtable, co-hosted by the Canada Climate Law Initiative, Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, Centre for Business Law, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (UBC), Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics at UBC Sauder School of Business, and Cornell University. The webinars will bring together scholars, directors, investors, conservationists, and creatives to offer new ways of thinking about the transition to a sustainable economy.

The three free webinars are:

Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 am to 9:00 am (PDT) **Conservation Finance and Effective Governance**,
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Thursday, September 17, 8:00 am to 9:30 am (PDT) **North-South, Arts, Business, and Governance**
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Friday September 18, 8:00 am to 9:00 am (PDT) **Pension Funds and the Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy: Are Canadian Public Funds Doing Enough?**
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Wednesday, September 16

8:00 am to 9:00 am (PDT) - Public webinar: **Conservation Finance and Effective Governance**

Facilitator: **Christie Stephenson**, Executive Director, Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, UBC Sauder School of Business

Speakers:

G.L. Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, Lawyer, Haida Nation General Counsel, presenter, will discuss her experiences assisting the Haida Nation with developing new governance processes between the Haida Nation, and Crown and local governments and industry to protect Haida Gwaii; and will explore the need to develop an interconnected approach to marine and land development and protection of biodiversity. **A citizen of the Haida Nation, she offers learning from Indigenous collaborative initiatives protecting the Earth, culture, and marine and land biodiversity.**

Dr. Amanda D. Rodewald, Garvin Professor & Senior Director of Conservation Science, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY USA will discuss **leveraging finance for biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services**. As the global community develops innovative approaches to address climate change, we have opportunity to leverage climate investments to conserve biodiversity and protect ecosystem services. Amanda will provide an overview of the growing field of “conservation finance”, which aims to design scalable and environmentally-beneficial projects that attract investors and discuss how decarbonization efforts can best complement and contribute to existing and forthcoming conservation initiatives.

Dr. Peter Arcese, Professor and Forest Renewal BC Chair in Applied Conservation Biology, Forest and Conservation Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada will speak on **tax-shifting’ as a mechanism to finance biodiversity conservation on private lands**. Traditional approaches to biodiversity conservation can be prohibitively expensive in human-dominated landscapes, where threatened species can be common, public land is rare, and governments are under pressure to meet International treaty targets. This talk will provide examples of public financing mechanisms capable of supporting biodiversity conservation on private land by local governments pursuing climate mitigation and the restoration terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems in peril.

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am to 9:30 am (PDT) - Public webinar **North-South, Arts, Business, and Climate Governance**

Please join us as we pair scholars, creatives, and businesspeople to offer north-south perspectives on how business, literature, and the performing and visual arts can enrich our understanding of how we can successfully tackle climate change.

Facilitator: **Dr. Janis Sarra**, Professor of Law, University of British Columbia, Principal, Canada Climate Law Initiative

Speakers:

8:00 am to 8:30 am (PDT) **North-South perspectives on the need for effective climate governance**

Dr. Stephanie Bertels, Director, Centre for Corporate Governance and Sustainability, Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Lizet Steyn, Head: Reporting- Group Strategic Risk, Nedbank, South Africa

Carl Bates, CEO, Sirdar Group, South Africa

8:30 am to 8:40 am (PDT) **How emerging world literature can offer insights or inform our thinking on fighting climate change**

Dr. Mandisa Haarhoff, English Language and Literature Studies, University of Cape Town, South Africa and **Alexander Sarra-Davis**, PhD Candidate, University of Toronto, Canada.

8:40 am to 9:00 am (PDT) **How the visual arts inspire us to use introspection and empathy to conceptualize and press for transformation**

Dr. Kim Berman, Professor of Visual Art, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, including launch of a South African Visual Art Exhibit and Sale.

9:00 am to 9:20 am (PDT) **The contribution of music in facilitating innovative public policy thinking on climate**

Dr. Helen Eastman, Director and playwright, Live Canon Ensemble, UK, Associate Artist, Archive of Performances of Greek and Roman Drama at Oxford University and **Alex Silverman**, composer, Oxford UK, **Release of Time for Hope Virtual Choir Song** and **Discussion of the Contribution of Music in Facilitating Innovative Public Policy Thinking on Climate**.

9:20 am to 9:30 am (PDT) Question and Answer session

Friday, September 18

8:00 am to 9:00 am (PDT) - Public webinar **Pension Funds and the Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy: Are Canadian Public Funds Doing Enough?**

Facilitator: **Juvaria Veltkamp**, Director, Canadian Climate and Law Initiative

Keynote Presenter: **Professor Cynthia A. Williams**, Osler Chair in Business Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada, and Principal, CCLI, and Professor of Corporate Law and Sustainability, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Professor Williams will discuss the findings of a CCLI study of CPP Investment Board's (CPPIB) investments in Canadian oil sands, fracked gas in the United States, and off-shore oil in Ireland, as well as related infrastructure. The Report, *CPPIB and Transition: Missing in Action?*, examines whether CPPIB is meeting its mandate to invest in the best interests of CPP contributors and beneficiaries by its extremely modest support, at best, for the transition to a low-carbon economy in Canada. The Canada Pension Plan is one of the largest public pension funds in the world, with \$409.5 billion in assets under management.

Commentator: **Nick Silver**, Managing Director, Callund Consulting, actuary and economist, London, UK