



Pacific Institute
for Climate Solutions
Knowledge. Insight. Action.

MEDIA TIP

June 10, 2013

Canada's energy future –meeting demand AND the climate change challenge

Energy and business reporters are welcome to attend a high-level energy experts' presentation and panel on "[Seeking Common Ground on Canada's Energy Future](#)" during the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) annual forum in Vancouver this week.

The event on Thursday at the Wosk Centre for Dialogue will bring together leaders from a variety of political, public, environmental, and regulatory backgrounds associated with the energy sector. Their challenge is to find common ground on how Canada can fulfill its future energy needs while meeting its legislated obligations to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

David Stern, a senior advisor with ExxonMobil, will start the session at 9 a.m. with an overview of the global Energy Outlook to 2040. His areas of specialty include next-generation fuels and engine technology developments with a focus on GHG efficiency in transportation and biofuels.

This will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Preston Manning, former Leader of the Opposition; Alex Ferguson, vice president environment and policy, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers; Jeffrey Simpson, Globe and Mail national affairs columnist; and Kathryn Harrison, professor of political science at the University of British Columbia. Click for [full bios](#).

PICS executive director Tom Pedersen says Canada's energy future is often characterized as a fossil fuels versus renewables debate, when in fact the first step is finding common ground. "Canada's energy development is at a crossroad, so the time for discussion is now. Our panel will be pooling its knowledge with the aim of identifying common ground, ideally toward building a national energy strategy."

Manning and Simpson will also headline a [free public lecture](#) on Wednesday in Vancouver's Goldcorp Centre from 5pm-7pm. Both speakers have published extensively on the environmental effects of energy production. Media are welcome but space is limited, so there is also a [live webcast](#).

WHAT: Seeking Common Ground on Canada's Energy Future: panel and presentation
WHO: Preston Manning, David Stern, Jeffrey Simpson, Alex Ferguson, and Kathryn Harrison
WHEN: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013
WHERE: Asia Pacific Hall, Wosk Centre for Dialogue, 280 W. Hastings St. Vancouver

Media contact: PICS Senior Communications Officer, Robyn Meyer at 250-588-4053 or rmeyer@uvic.ca

