



Citizens' Climate Lobby Lobby Climatique des Citoyens

CCL Monthly Conference Call, Saturday, January 9, 2016

Groups meet at 9:45am PT / 12:45pm ET. The conference call starts at 10am PT / 1pm ET. The call lasts for a little over an hour and then the groups meet for another hour after that to plan actions.

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665: Passcode: 440699#

Instructions: Sign on to the call at least 5 minutes before the start time. When you first join the call, announce your name, city, and how many people are in the room.



Our guest speaker at our January meeting is **Hahrie Han**. Han is the Anton Vonk Associate Professor of Environmental Politics in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She specializes in the politics of environmental and social policy, focusing particularly on the role that civic associations play in mobilizing participation in politics and policy advocacy.

Hahrie is also the author of the book, [How Organizations Develop Activists](#).

Actions:

1. Systematically review your CCL plans for 2016. Use our resources to help organize you and your CCL group in 2016. Use the [INDIVIDUAL](#) and [GROUP](#) planning sheets.
2. Strategize on how your group locally can help roll out an online parliamentary petition for carbon fee and dividend on the Prime Minister's Website.

Ongoing Actions

1. **LOBBY YOUR NEW OR RETURNING MP:** Firstly, create or update their MP portfolio. Lobby your new and/or returning MP for carbon fee and dividend by early in 2016. See [November Action Sheets](#) and/or go to our [Volunteer Resources](#) page to the Lobbying Kit tab.
2. Get Endorsement Letters signed. See [December Action Sheets](#) and/or go to our [Volunteer Resources page](#) to the Endorser Kit set up in late November.

Upcoming CCL Events in 2016

1. Possibly lobbying as a group in Ottawa in February – stay tuned. It hinges on a couple appointments being set up with key ministers.
2. Small conference and lobbying in June in Ottawa June 5 and 6 during [Canada's Environment Week](#) which happens during the same week as World Environment Day.
3. A big conference and lobbying in June 19-21 in Washington DC:
<http://citizensclimatelobby.org/ccl-conference-2016/>
4. Canada's National Conference and Lobbying Days, most likely in November. TBA

Much gratitude this month to Caterina for the awesome Laser Talk about "Energy Darwinism"!

ACTION #1: Systematically review your individual and group CCL plans for 2016

On October 19, 2015, by electing Prime Minister Trudeau, we effectively received our marching orders for the first four months 2016: generate as much political will as possible for carbon fee and dividend in the first third of the year. PM Trudeau has promised to meet with the premiers within 90 days of the Paris Talks ending.

Most likely, by Earth Day 2016 (April 22, 2016), Canada will have announced new national plans for addressing the climate crisis. We have everything we need to transition to a low carbon economy – except political will. Citizens' Climate Lobby generates that political will at the grassroots level one riding at a time. Mark Reynolds says "we can never be too focused".

Using the [INDIVIDUAL](#) and [GROUP](#) planning sheets, work out a plan for you personally and your group. Prioritize what are the most important things that must be done before the national climate policy is announced most likely in April.

ACTION #2: The Online parliamentary petition

In the past four years many politicians have read CCL Canada's climate petitions in the House of Commons found on our [Volunteer Resources Page](#). Excitingly, PM Trudeau has taken a page out of President Obama's presidency by using online [Parliamentary Petitions to engage](#) the public. Until this time only hard copy paper petitions were allowed to be read in the House of Commons. Currently we have a small team that is devising a plan and the wording of a petition for a national carbon pricing policy for Canada.

Strategize on how your group locally can help roll out an e-petition for carbon fee and dividend to be read in Parliament. How can we make sure your riding gets a lot of signatures on it? Please write down the ideas and share them with us in February on our CCL Canada calls or email them to canada@citizensclimatelobby.org

LASER TALK: Citigroup's study calls for a low-carbon economy

Citigroup is the third largest bank in the U.S. They wrote a report entitled, "Energy Darwinism II"¹ about meeting world energy needs over the next 25 years. They considered two scenarios to meet energy needs, which are expected to grow significantly by 2040². One scenario is the "action scenario", where energy needs are met, while mitigating greenhouse gas emissions at the same time. The "inaction scenario" is where energy needs are met with 'business-as-usual' methods, without trying to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. Costs for each scenario were based on the capital expenditures and any fuel costs incurred to produce energy. Renewable energy projects tended to cost more initially, but they provided savings later on. They added up the costs and savings for producing energy with each scenario and found that the "action scenario" was less expensive – \$190.2 Trillion vs. \$192.0 Trillion³! Then they looked at the costs of climate change impacts with each scenario, and while the "action scenario" had costs of \$20 Trillion over the next 25 years, the "inaction scenario" had costs in the range of \$42 to \$72 Trillion⁴ over the next 25 years. The "action scenario" also has less air pollution, primarily as a result of burning less coal.

In summary, the Citigroup report argues that the "action scenario" costs less to produce energy than the "inaction scenario", it avoids large liabilities implicit in the "inaction scenario", and that cleaner air has to be better than pollution, leading one to ask, "Why would you not take action?"

Citigroup's action scenario is very appealing. It makes less use of coal, and more use of energy efficiency in heating, cooling and lighting. It also makes more use of electric vehicles and greater fuel economy for combustion engines. Citigroup suggests that a price on carbon will ensure that we take the "action scenario" to meet energy needs. They calculated that a price of \$50 per tonne by 2020 would make coal uncompetitive with other energy⁵, and put us well on our way to pursuing the "action scenario".

1 Citi Global Perspectives & Solutions. Energy Darwinism II. Why a Low Carbon Future Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth. August, 2015. <http://climateobserver.org/reports/energy-darwinism-citi-report/>

2 Ibid. pg. 26

3 Ibid. pg. 5

4 Ibid. pg. 5

5 Ibid. pg. 73