

## **Charting our Energy Future – Balancing Economic Prosperity and Environmental Stewardship**

Wosk Centre for Dialogue – 580 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC  
8:00 am – 5:30 pm Monday, February 24th 2014

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**Purpose:**

To better understand the economic, environmental, market and political factors governing Canada's energy prospects, and to highlight practical steps for transition to sustainability.

**Rationale:**

Canada, and particularly British Columbia, find themselves at a crossroads in plans to balance economic prosperity with the need to reduce fossil fuel consumption.

British Columbia is the only jurisdiction in North America to have introduced a carbon tax. At the same time, it is promoting an emerging LNG industry and is under pressure to support development of the Alberta Oil Sands via pipelines, and the export of US thermal coal via BC ports. The resulting tension between "alternative energy" and "business as usual" scenarios, together with a unique mix of energy resources, provides BC with an opportunity to demonstrate pragmatic, innovative strategies leading to a sustainable low-carbon energy future.

**Topics:**

**Moving Ahead in BC:**

- Energy and the Economy
- Innovation and Jobs

**Global Energy Consumption Patterns**

- Energy Outlook – conventional & green sources, and GHG implications
- Sustainability – taking stock of technologies & policies, positives & negatives

### **Factors Governing Canada's Energy Prospects**

- Impact of trade on demand
- Distributed Technologies
- Efficiency and Conservation

### **Drivers and Constraints Affecting Future Market Demand**

- Emerging energy supply & demand technologies

### **Meeting the Economic-Environmental Challenge**

- Maintaining Installed Centralized Energy Systems
- Transportation
- Affording it all – Rates and Financing

### **Steps Toward Sustainability**

- Policies & Technologies
- Motivators of Behavior & Lifestyle

**Program:** The program will feature the following distinguished keynote speakers:

#### **Nobuo Tanaka – “Global Energy Consumption Patterns”**

Mr. Tanaka is an immediate past Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and is currently Global Associate for Energy Security and Sustainability Institute of Energy Economics, Japan. He is a Distinguished Fellow, Center for Global Energy Policy, Columbia University and Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, the University of Tokyo.

#### **Chris Hartshorn – “Driving Economic Development via Emerging Technologies”**

Dr. Hartshorn is Chief Research Officer at Lux Research, an independent research and advisory firm providing strategic advice and ongoing intelligence on emerging technology opportunities and challenges. Lux Research has offices on three continents and is headquartered in Boston.

**Richard Heinberg – “Climate Change and Sustainability Drivers – Affecting Future Market Demand”**

Mr. Heinberg is a Senior Fellow, Post Carbon Institute, Santa Rosa, CA – Author of 11 books, including *The End of Growth* and renowned communicator on the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels.

The day will also include:

- Panel discussions
- Luncheon guest speaker
- Breakout sessions for the Forum participants
- Closing wrap-up session focused on steps towards sustainability
- A networking reception

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