

CCL Canada December 2017 actions* at a glance:

1. Join The CCL Canada site on CCL Community and post a message
2. Give the gift of money to help fund our National Conference

*Each month, CCL provides coordinated actions for each chapter that build political will for a livable world.

Ongoing from November (see [November action sheets](#)):

1. Make a final push to get into the "The CCL Canada 50 Club."
2. Prepare and send a Christmas card to your local MP(s) and select Ministers.

Each month, we have at least 3 CCL calls:

	Date and Time	Call Options
Canada: All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: Thurs, Dec 7, 2017 at 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 8 am PT/ 11 am ET Option 3: Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Just pick 1 to attend. Sign this doodler to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or log in online for free .
International: Guest Speaker José Aguto (see below)	Sat, Dec 9, 2017 at 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	Zoom Room 2017201717 or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 2017 2017 17
Canada Education: Celebrating 2017 (see below)	Tues, Dec 19, 2017 at 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	Zoom Room 3920795005 or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 3920 7950 05

International Call Description

Guest Speaker: José Aguto, Catholic Climate Covenant



José Aguto is Associate Director of [Catholic Climate Covenant](#), where he raises up the call to care for creation and care for the poor. Prior to joining Catholic Climate Covenant, he was Legislative Secretary for Sustainable Energy and Environment at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Aguto was one of CCL's earliest allies on Capitol Hill and worked with

CCL on the introduction of the Republican Climate Resolution, which eventually led to the formation of the bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus. Aguto has also worked for the National Congress of American Indians in the service of tribal governments seeking to address climate change.

Canada Education Call Description

Title: Celebrating 2017

We will get together to celebrate our achievements for the year.

Watch out for an education call with Dr. David Robson on carbon fee and Dividend in January.

ACTION 1: Join the CCL Canada site on CCL Community and post a message

Why: It is a powerful way to directly connect with our community on initiatives of your choosing.

In CCL Community, you can make your own specialized groups, join groups, message others, and get e-mail updates from groups you've joined. CCL Australia and CCL USA use it extensively.

To help us start, everyone is recommended to join [The CCL Canada site on CCL Community](#) and post "Hello from [YOUR CITY], [YOUR PROVINCE]." Also, please consider bookmarking this page for your convenience.

Group leaders, please consider assigning at least 1 person in your chapter to do this action and to be the point person for relaying information to and from the chapter.

Please note, you must [register for CCL Community](#) to join a group.

ACTION 2: Give the gift of money to help fund our National Conference

Why: December is our only fundraising drive month. We are raising money specifically for our national conference in Ottawa in the fall of 2018.

Please consider [donating today](#) or asking someone to donate \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, or \$1000 to help fund our 2018 conference. Any amount helps. Our goal is to reach \$10,000 this month, and we only need to raise \$3000 more to reach it.

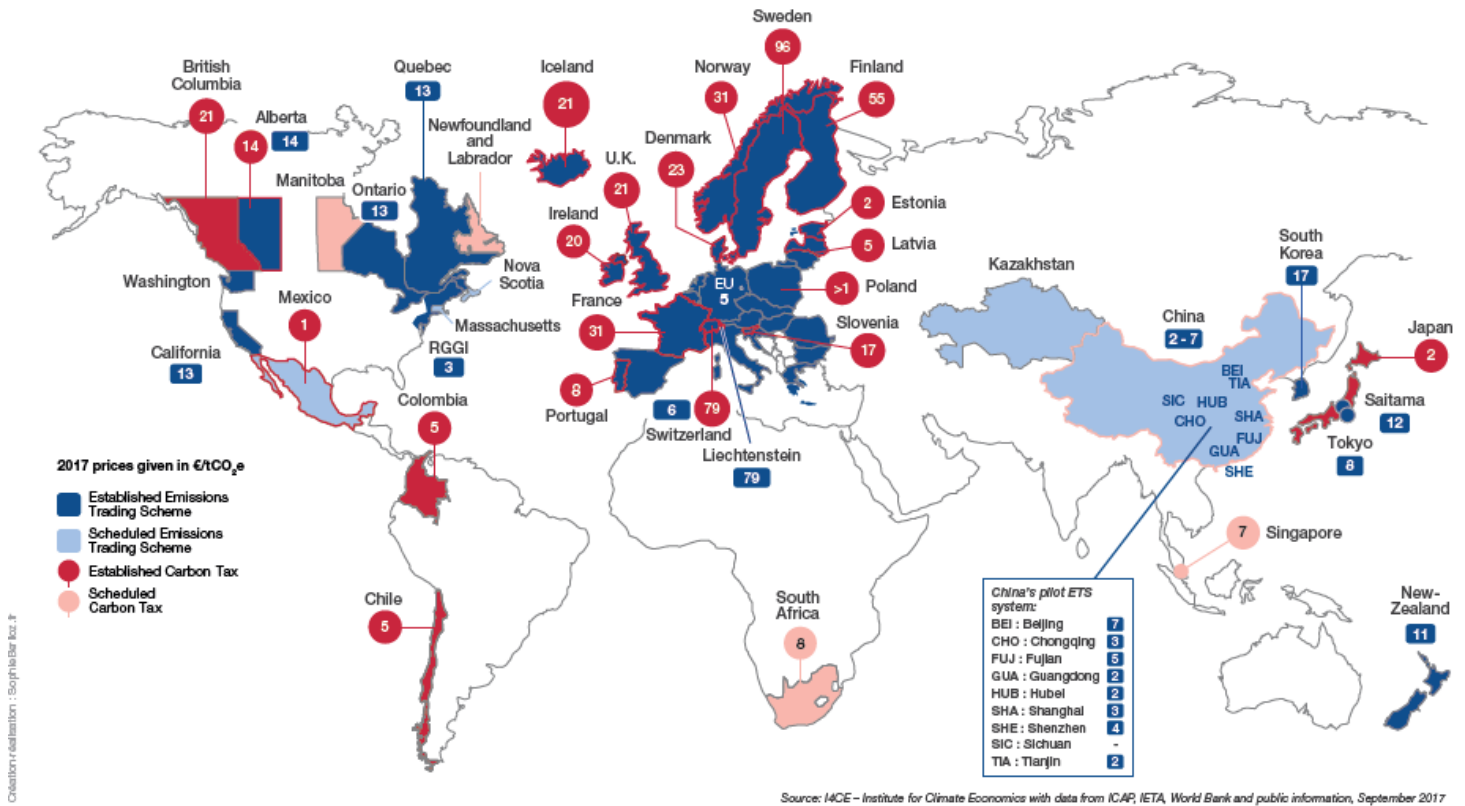
On average, the fees that we have collected at the doors at our four national conferences have only covered about a third to a quarter of the cost of our national conferences. Financial contributions have also allowed us to reduce or waive fees for people who would otherwise not be able to attend.

There are 2 ways to donate: through cheque (preferred) and [Paypal](#). You can make out your cheque to "Citizens' Climate Lobby" and mail it to:

Citizens' Climate Lobby Canada
[435 Notre Dame Ave](#), Lower Floor
Sudbury ON
P3C 5K6
Att'n: Dr. Sanjiv Mathur

Also, please check out our newly updated [donation page](#) to learn more about the work of CCL and how donations are spent. Feel free to share it with others.

LASER TALK 1: FYI Carbon Pricing Around the World



Map of carbon prices around the world in 2017. Number inside square or circle is the carbon price in Euros. Source: [Institute for Climate Economics](https://www.ice.ac.uk/).

According to the [Institute for Climate Economics](https://www.ice.ac.uk/), as of September 1st, 2017, more than 40 countries and 25 provinces or cities have adopted carbon pricing policies. These jurisdictions — including the European Union, China, Japan, Mexico, and California — account for around 25% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, India has a coal tax which is not captured in this report.

A recent [OECD report](https://www.oecd.org/) on climate and pro-growth reforms shows how the scale of future damage from climate change poses a significant risk for economic growth. We can turn this risk into an economic opportunity if we implement the right policy measures. Carbon pricing is one such measure. The World Bank's 2017 report [State and Trends of Carbon Pricing](https://www.worldbank.org/) shows that the number of jurisdictions in the world that are pricing carbon is increasing rapidly.

Carbon pricing “shifts the social costs of climate change to the source of the pollution, encouraging polluters to reduce emissions and invest in clean energy and low-carbon growth,” according to the [Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition](https://www.carbonpricingcoalition.org/). The Federal government, our major provinces, and over 20 large Canadian businesses, including banks, oil companies, and the Cement Association of Canada, are [members](https://www.carbonpricingcoalition.org/) of the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition, initiated by the World Bank. Of note, Citizens' Climate Lobby was a founding member of the Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition in September 2015.

It is important to note that oil and gas companies and the Mining Association of Canada have been among groups [urging the government](https://www.carbonpricingcoalition.org/) to price carbon: “Putting a price on carbon, to reflect the real environmental costs, is the most cost-effective way to reduce emissions, stimulate innovation and drive energy efficiency.”

There are two mechanisms for pricing carbon: a carbon tax (fee/levy), which sets a direct price; and an Emissions Trading Scheme, which establishes a cap in emissions and involves trading permits to meet pollution goals. Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) prefers a revenue neutral and steadily rising carbon tax, called carbon-fee-and-dividend. [This approach](https://www.carbonpricingcoalition.org/) is simpler and more transparent than cap and trade and thus lends itself better to coordinating carbon prices globally, which will be needed as carbon prices rise.

Currently, no country has implemented [border carbon adjustments](#). As the carbon price rises, CCL thinks that border carbon adjustments are the best policy for ensuring a level playing field.

Learn more here: The Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition's [FASTER Principles](#)

LASER TALK 2: Polling highlights political risk of falling short on climate.

LASER TALK SUMMARY

The vast majority of Canadians:

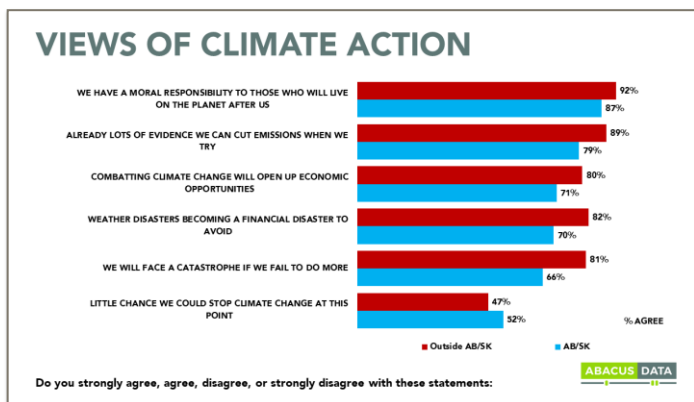
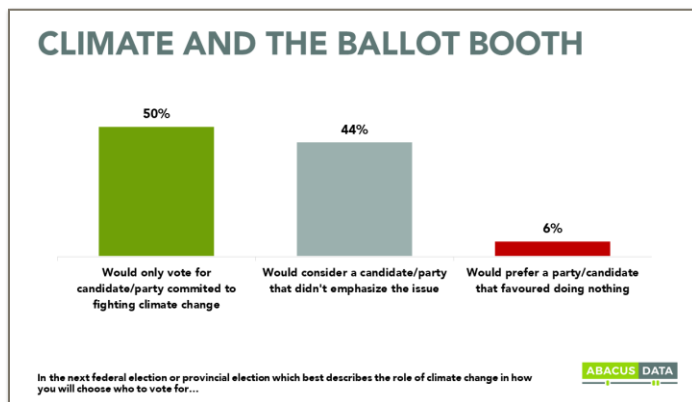
- believe climate change is manmade,
- will not support parties or candidates that favour doing nothing on climate change,
- want action on climate change because this is a moral imperative,
- believe climate action will not hurt our economy, and hold these views regardless of political affiliation or province.

Public opinion on climate change has shifted, and politicians will ignore this issue at their own peril.

A [recent poll](#) looked at what role climate change would play at the ballot box. “Half of Canadian voters won’t consider a party or a candidate that doesn’t have a plan to combat climate change. Only 6% prefer a party or a candidate that ignores the issue.”

Over two-thirds (68%) of Canadians now believe humans have caused climate change. This is up from an [2013 Angus Reid Poll](#) that found that only 58% of Canadians believed in manmade climate change.

Canadians understand the need for action. The [2017 Abacus poll](#) found that over 85% of those polled believe the “consequences of taking no action on climate change will be severe, very severe, or catastrophic“.



The main reason that Canadians want to act on climate change is that they now see it as a moral imperative. This reason for action is consistent across political affiliations and provinces. [Abacus concludes](#): “Most people who live in oil sands producing provinces and most people who voted Conservative in 2015 believe there’s enough evidence to warrant action and are unconvinced that action will be economically disastrous.”

Interestingly, [Abacus polling](#) found that most (79%) view climate action as a way to open up economic opportunities and that a transition away from fossil fuels

can make Canada’s economy even more successful in the future.

In looking at ways for the Conservative Party to gain traction in the next election, especially with the growing millennial cohort, [John Ivison](#) of the National Post proposes: “[Andrew Scheer’s] opportunity is on climate change.”