

## June 8 Guest Speaker: Dr. Shi-Ling Hsu, CCL Advisor, book author, and University Professor



Dr. Shi-Ling Hsu is the John W. Larson professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs at the Florida State University College of Law. He is the author of [The Case for a Carbon Tax: Getting Past our Hang-ups to Effective Climate Policy](#), which remains the most comprehensive general treatment and argument for carbon taxation. He teaches and writes in the areas of environmental and natural resource law, climate change, law and economics, and property. Professor Hsu holds an M.S. in ecology and a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics and was an EPA Star Fellow from 1996-98

### CCL Canada June 2019 Actions at a glance:

1. Consider replacing the phrase climate change with climate crisis, ecological crisis, climate emergency, climate breakdown etc. Also consider replacing global warming with global heating.
2. Inform your MPs that [we are seeking answers to specific questions](#) from all political parties by July 1 so that we can post them online by the end of July. We will send an email later in the month on what say. Please read the actions below.

**ONGOING:** Coordinate with GreenPAC and other like-minded organizations on the 100 debates project, the largest debates event to ever take place in Canada. Lots of new resources are in this month's action sheets.

**NEW FOR ONLINE WARRIORS:** Take a few minutes to sign and directly ask others (avoid spamming) to sign [our emergency declaration petition](#).

CCL Calls in May	Date and Time	Call Options
<b>Canada:</b> All CCLers welcome. We check in with each other, share field reports, and go over monthly actions.	Option 1: <b>Thurs, June 6, 2019</b> , 6 pm PT/ 9 pm ET Option 2: <b>Fri, June 7, 2019</b> , 8 am PT / 11 am ET Just pick 1 to attend. <a href="#">Sign this doodler</a> to RSVP.	Uberconference Line (1-888-570-6238) or <a href="#">log in online for free</a> .
<b>CCL International:</b> Dr. Shi-Ling Hsu	<b>Sat, June 8, 2019</b> , 10 am PT/ 1 pm ET	<a href="#">Zoom Room 2017201717</a> or call +1 877.369.0926, code: 2017 2017 17
<b>CCL Canada Education Call:</b> TBD	TBD 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET <b>SHARP</b>	<a href="#">Zoom Room 3920795005</a> or call +1 877.369.0926, meeting code: 3920 7950 05

## **ACTION 1: Consider replacing the phrase climate change with climate crisis, ecological crisis, climate emergency, climate breakdown etc. Also consider replacing global warming with global heating.**

**Why?** A recent [study suggests](#) that phrases climate change and global warming may not be changing minds at the neurological level compared to other phrases.

Phrases like “climate change” and “global warming” sound rather passive and gentle when what scientists are talking about is a catastrophe for humanity. We can better communicate the nature of our crisis by using more precise wording.

Earlier in May, Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenager who has inspired school strikes for climate around the globe, [said](#): “It’s 2019. Can we all now call it what it is: climate breakdown, climate crisis, climate emergency, ecological breakdown, ecological crisis and ecological emergency?” The Guardian has sent a memo to their journalist to [replace language](#) as well. The Toronto Star is also doing a fantastic job of elevating the discourse.

We are not convinced that changing the words will change minds. We do feel it is worth noting and experimenting with. Active listening is a critical component of "[Motivational Interviewing](#)", which is a form of communication we have been trained to use. If you are in conversation with people about the climate crisis, actively note their body language and verbal comments when you use different phrases.

## **ACTION 2: Inform your MPs that we will be sending a questionnaire to their party seeking answers to specific questions from all political parties by July 1 so that we can post them online by the end of July. We will discuss the questions on our monthly calls. We will send you an email mid-to-late month that you can forward onto your MP to inform them.**

Note a new organization, Shake Up The Establishment, [is doing something similar](#). We are watching them closely.

Please [leave comments online here](#) to help us improve the questions.

**NOTE: DO NOT SEND THESE QUESTIONS UNTIL AFTER THE MONTHLY CALL SO WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THE WORDING We will send an email when we are ready.**

- 1) What are your party's GHG emissions reductions targets for 2030 and 2050 and will you make them legally binding under national law?
- 2) Is your party committed to a rising national carbon price?
- 3) How will your party protect the poor and middle classes during the transition?
- 4) How will your party support and engage with farmers during the transition?
- 5) How will your party support emissions-intensive, trade-exposed industries during the transition?
- 6) What will your party do to ensure a fair transition for displaced fossil fuel workers?
- 7) What climate policies, other than carbon pricing, would your party implement and how would your party pay for them?
- 8) If elected to be the governing party, will your party maintain funding for the new panel that is analyzing Canada’s climate commitments: [Pan-Canadian Expert Collaboration](#)?
- 9) What are your party's thoughts on a “Green New Deal” for Canada?
- 10) What is your party’s position on ending fossil fuel subsidies?

Once we collect all the information, we will not rank the parties. Instead will post the answers in an objective table. Please see what we did previously [in Ontario](#) and in [BC](#).

**ONGOING AND NEW RESOURCES: Coordinate with GreenPAC and other like-minded organizations on the 100 Debates Project, the largest debates event to ever take place in Canada.**

[GreenPAC](#), a non-partisan, non-profit organization working to elect and support environmental leaders of all major parties running for office, officially launched the 100 debates project on June 5.

Visit [100debates.ca](http://100debates.ca) to see if there's already a debate being organized in your riding and by which organizations.

You can also [fill out this form online](#) to see how you can get involved, especially if there's no debate listed in your riding.

Check out the following message from the 100 debates team to learn more about the project and how you can help promote it online:

Dear friends,

We are thrilled to let you know that today we **launched 100 Debates on the Environment!**

**We want to extend our gratitude to you** who have made the momentum behind this unprecedented project possible. From helping us to get the word out, to connecting us to potential organizers, to helping us to select **Debate Day - October 7th** - *your enthusiasm and support has been invaluable* -- Save the date!!

Incredible progress has been made! As of today, **debates are already confirmed in 65 ridings**, across every province and 2 of 3 territories. This list is constantly growing - with **potential organizers considering getting involved in another 51 ridings**.

To pull it all off we'll need all the help we can get promoting the debates on social media -- here's how:

1. **Follow** 100 debates on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
2. **Tweet your support** for the project:

Sample tweets:

- Save the date. October 7 we're supporting @100debates on the environment. Join us! #Elxn43 #CdnPoli [www.100debates.ca](http://www.100debates.ca)
- Be a part of history. On Oct 7, candidates from 100 ridings across Canada are debating #environment — the largest debates event to ever take place in Canada. #elxn43 #cdnpoli @100debates [www.100debates.ca](http://www.100debates.ca)
- Oct 7 is @100debates on the #environment. The largest debates event to ever take place in Canada on the most urgent topic of our time. 🌍 #elxn43 #cdnpoli [www.100debates.ca](http://www.100debates.ca)

Themed debates have never been done on this scale in Canada. Ever. On any issue. Not even close. Together, we are repositioning the environment as an issue that no party and no candidate can ignore.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us any time with questions or ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

With much gratitude and excitement,

The 100 Debates team

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We are not fans of petitions at CCL. But other agencies are helping us. Additionally, We Don't Have Time is working very hard to take up some good space on social media for the climate. This is a key battleground for

hearts and minds in this election. We should be leaning on them - especially given that they are offering to help us.

## LASER TALK: The UK Climate Change Act

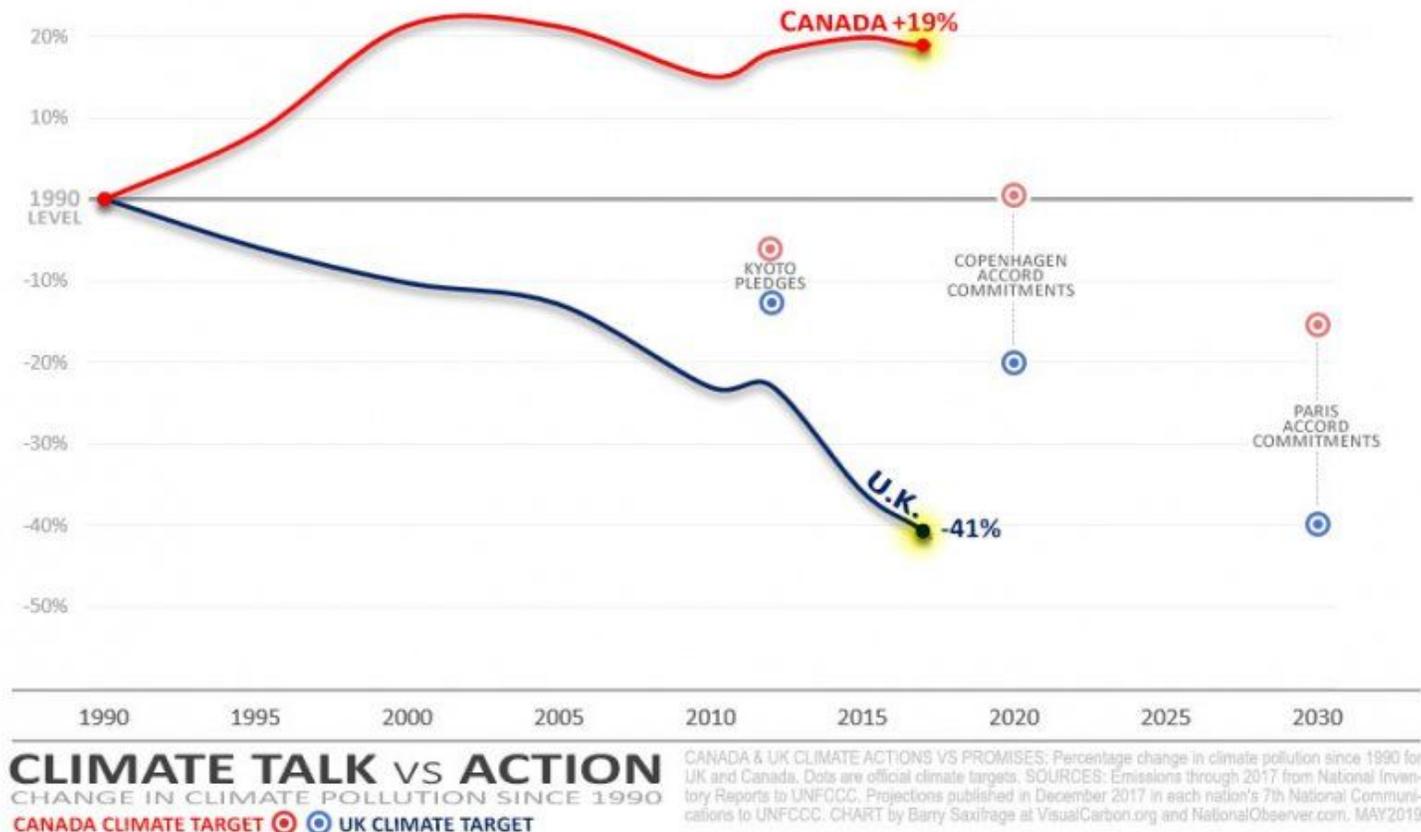


IMAGE SOURCE: <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2019/05/21/analysis/canada-vs-uk-lessons-climate-fight>

In 2008, the UK government passed [the UK Climate Change Act](#), which sets legally binding long-term emissions targets, along with 5-year carbon budgets 12 years in advance. To make sure the UK stays on track, the law covers all emissions in all years — not just a single target year in the far future.

The Act also established the [Committee on Climate Change](#) (CCC) to ensure that targets are set and monitored based on non-partisan, evidence-based and expert advice.

The UK [outperformed its first 2 carbon budgets](#) (2008-2012 and 2013-2017) and [is set to outperform the third](#) (2018-2022). [In a June 2018 report](#), the CCC made specific recommendations for the UK to meet its fourth and fifth carbon budgets (2023-2027 and 2028-2032).

In contrast, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada's [2018 climate pollution projections](#) report, Canada's emissions are projected to be less than halfway to Canada's 2030 Paris Agreement target.

As part of a plan for Canada to do its fair share in keeping [global heating below 1.5 °C](#), we can use the UK Climate Change Act as a model, which was the recommendation of Ontario's Environment Commissioner in [Climate Action in Ontario: What's Next?](#)