

Invitation to participate in the 2023 Re-imagining Climate Futures Dialogue on Circularity

Simon Fraser University's Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue is partnering with the Clermont Auvergne University through the ERASME Centre of Excellence on Sustainability (EU Jean Monnet funded) at the joint CNRS-University research unit Centre d'Études et de Recherche sur le Développement International (CERDI), the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, and Helsinki Institute of Sustainability Science (HELSUS), to launch an interdisciplinary, multilateral, and intersectoral dialogue on circular approaches to climate-readiness.

We recognize that fragmentation, siloeing and disconnection have impeded efforts to tackle climate change in most of our democracies. Tremendous efforts will be needed to improve the resilience and adaptability of our communities as climate change progresses. These efforts will require a deeper understanding of complexity and systems, as well as greater care for the needs of communities and us each other, including our more-than-human others. We take this as an invitation for a cultural shift towards holistic approaches and principles that can reconcile, rebuild links and relationships within our complex and interconnected systems.

Using the Centre for Dialogue's unique deliberative dialogue approach, coupled with the Indigenous knowledge and know-how of our community partners and the academic excellence of our partner institutions around the world we hope to support a holistic approach to climate solutions and develop partnerships that will accelerate climate action and hope.

To accelerate the climate-readiness of diverse territories, we propose to develop frameworks for climate-readiness that are circular and holistic, as well as support relationships and partnerships. We aim to demonstrate their effectiveness through key projects that will be evaluated by interdisciplinary and intersectoral working groups. With support from the French Consulate in Vancouver, and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, we are building an international group of practitioners, decision-makers, community members and academics to discuss and dream circular and holistic approaches and, to test how these approaches work and how they can be scaled up.

- In February 2023 (February 20 to 22nd), we will convene a community summit to deliberate on these frameworks and refine them.
- From February 2023 to September 2023, three working groups will meet virtually to develop approaches and frameworks for climate-ready territories. We are planning 2 to 3 online meetings per working group, each about 3 hours.
- After September 2023, at least three of these demonstration projects will be launched and evaluated by the working groups.
- In February 2024, the community summit will be re-convened to use what was learned from the demonstration projects to propose refinements to the frameworks and discuss how to scale some of the solutions.

As part of this multilateral process, a full report of deliberations will be shared publicly, with a metissage of knowledge products developed collaboratively through the dialogue. A series of interdisciplinary papers and policy papers will be produced, aimed at translating the knowledge

back to decision-makers and, a series of media pieces will aim at diffusing the knowledge in accessible ways back to wider audiences, in Canada, Europe and elsewhere.

As a visionary leader in your field, we would be pleased if you agreed to participate in this event. This event can be attended either fully in-person or online for some key portions of the program. In any case, the subsequent working groups will be meeting virtually.

We hope you will consider this opportunity to advance climate solutions in a circular and holistic approach and we look forward to discussing this project further with you.

Please RSVP by January 21, 2023 at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2023-reimagining-climate-futures-a-deliberative-dialogue-on-circularity-tickets-482640890897>

If you are unable to participate, please feel free to transfer this invitation to a colleague. If you have other people you think could be valuable participants please let us know and, we will issue an invitation.

For any questions or other queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

We look forward to re-imagining our climate futures together!

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