

June 9-10, 2011

Designing Law and Policy for the Transition to Sustainable Energy: The Case of Biofuels

Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - Pre-Conference Field Trip

1:00 - 5:00 pm. Tour of GreenField Ethanol's Johnstown Plant,
(The tour is optional. Pre-registration is required but space is limited.)
5:00 - 9:00 pm Post-tour dinner in Prescott, Ontario

June 9 and 10, 2011 - Conference – University of Ottawa

Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier Avenue East, 12th floor Room 12101

(All sessions will take place in Rm 12101 Desmarais unless otherwise indicated)

Day One - Thursday June 9, 2011

8:00 am Registration and light breakfast

8:45 - 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

9:00 - 10:30 am Plenary Session: Setting the Context
Chair: Prof. Scott Findlay, Dept. Of Biology, University of Ottawa

- Biofuels and the Environmental Science Lessons "Learned" for Canada's Evolving Bioenergy and Bioproducts Agenda
Terry McIntyre, Senior Science Advisor, Biofuels and Bioenergy, Environment Canada
- Multilevel Governance of Biofuels
Jeremy DeBeer, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa
- What Problem are We Trying to Solve? What is the Potential Role of Law in Solving it?
What are the Potential Difficulties in Doing So?
Paul Martin, Director
Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law, University of New England

10:30-10:45 Health Break

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Plenary Session: Key Considerations

Chair: Robert Kibugi, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

- The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels as a Tool for Policy Makers – not just Consumers.
The interaction between RSB voluntary certification and regulatory policies
Barbara Bramble, Senior Advisor for the International Climate and Energy Program, National Wildlife Federation
- Using Biofuels to Address Multiple Environmental Objectives
Matt McCandless, Project Manager
Sustainable Natural Resources Management / Climate Change and Energy,
International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Reconsidering Renewable Fuels: Designing Renewable Fuels Standards that will Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Protect the Food Supply
Melissa Powers, Lewis & Clark Law School, Oregon

12:15 - 1:45 pm Luncheon Speaker: **Ken Field**, Chairman, GreenField Ethanol

1:45 - 3:15 pm Plenary Session: National Approaches

Chair: Jeremy deBeer, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

Canada

- Ontario **Bill Greenizan**, Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
- Federal **Don O'Connor**, S&T² and GHGenius

U.S.A.

Federal The Obama Administration's Biofuels Roadmap

Bill Hagy, U.S. Department of Agriculture

3:15-3:30 Health Break

3:30 - 5:00 pm Plenary Session: National Approaches - *cont'd*

Chair: Prof. Heather McLeod-Kilmurray, Faculty of Law, Univ. of Ottawa

- EU: The EU Legal Toolbox for the Transition to a Low Carbon Future
Anita Rønne, University of Copenhagen
- Brazil: The Policy, Law and Social-Environmental Sustainability of Biofuels in Brazil
Vladimir Magalhaes, Catholic University of UniSantos, Brazil
- South Africa: The Role of Sustainable Development Principles in Enabling Effective Renewable Energy Policy – a South African Perspective
Michelle Barnard, North-West University, South Africa
- Philippines: The Salience of Discourse Coalitions in Biofuels Policymaking: The Philippine Case
Marvin Montefrio, PhD Candidate *Environmental and Natural Resources Policy*,
College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York

Dinner Event

Canadian Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod Street, Ottawa

(Note: The Museum offers free admission on Thursday evenings from 5pm)

6:00 - 7:00 pm Reception and Cocktails

7:00 to 9:30 pm Conference Dinner and **Launch of the
*Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability***

Welcome: **Philippe Crabbé**
Emeritus Professor
University of Ottawa

Keynote Speaker: Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy
David Runnalls
Senior Fellow,
Sustainable Prosperity, University of Ottawa
Former CEO, International Institute for
Sustainable Development

Day Two

Friday June 10, 2011 – Desmarais Building Rm 12101

8:00-9:00 am Light Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary Session

Chair: Prof. Anita Rønne, University of Copenhagen

- Sustainability Criteria: the example of EU Biofuels legislation
Rafal Lapkowski, Trade and Economic Advisor & Second Secretary, EU Delegation to Canada

- A Geography-Based Critique of New US Biofuels Regulations
Stewart Fast, PhD candidate and **Marc Saner**, Director, Institute for Science, Society, and Policy, University of Ottawa

- **Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny**, LLM Candidate, University of British Columbia

10:00-10:15 Health Break

10:15 am - 11:30am Concurrent Panel Sessions:

(1) Technology and Commercialization

Chair: Prof. Sophie Thériault, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

- **Marie-Helene Labrie**
Vice President, Enerkem

- **Gordon Quaiattini**
President, Canadian Renewable Fuels Association

(2) Markets, Trade and Biofuels

Chair: Laurel Pentelow, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa

- Advantages and Disadvantages of Various Economic Incentive Frameworks
Prof. Brad Saville
Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry
University of Toronto

- Ensuring fairness in the governance of international trade in biofuels: Is the understanding of food security under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture adequate to deal with the challenge of biofuels?

Stephanie Switzer, University of Dundee

- Interactions Between the WTO Agreements and a State's Ability to Police the International Trade of Biofuels: a Case Study of the US Renewable Fuel Standard

Danielle Spiegel, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

11:30 -12:30 pm Networking Luncheon

12:30 - 1:45 pm Plenary Session

Chair: Prof. Melissa Power, Lewis & Clark Law School, Oregon

- The Advantages and Challenges of Biofuels versus Other Fuel Options
Jack Smith, Adjunct Professor of Technology and Strategy
Telfer School, University of Ottawa
- Identifying the Impediments to the Adoption and Implementation of a Legal and Regulatory Risk Management Model for Biofuels Weeds Control
Elodie Le Gal, University Of New England, Australia
- The Need for a Comprehensive Energy Policy, the role of Biofuels within it, and within the broader Sustainability framework
Warren Mabee, Associate Director
Queen's Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy and the Sustainable Bioeconomy Centre, Queens School of Policy Studies

1:45 - 2:30 pm

Working Group Discussions: Designing Proposals for Change

Working Group 1: Overall Design of Policy – Policy Tools

Working Group 2: Sustainability Components

Working Group 3: Standards, Baselines and Certification

Working Group 4: Markets, Financing and Trade

2:30 – 2:45pm

Closing Remarks

Separate Environmental Event for those interested:

3:00-5pm

Climate Justice : Human Rights and Climate Change

Speaker: **Mary Robinson**, former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Desmarais building, room 4104 (Free admission)



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