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ENERGY FUTURES LAB ANNOUNCES 2023 FELLOWSHIP COHORT

The Fellowship brings together stakeholders from across the Canadian energy system to address systems-level challenges related to energy transition that require collaboration.

CALGARY, January 16, 2023 – Today the Energy Futures Lab, an Alberta-based platform for Canadian energy transition solutions, announced the individuals selected to take part in its 2023 Fellowship cohort.

The 2023 Energy Futures Lab Fellows are:

- **Ankit Mishra** - Cycle Capital
- **Bonnie Nunnari*** - Invest in Canada
- **Bradley Nickel** - EQUS
- **Cameron Brown*** - Global Public Affairs
- **Chantale Campbell*** - ConocoPhillips Canada
- **Chelsea Donelon** - TransAlta
- **Chris Brown** - Calgary Economic Development
- **Dani Urton*** - Vertex Resource Group Ltd.
- **David Belmont** - Journey Engineering Corporation
- **David H. Sanguinetti*** - Foresight Canada
- **David William Ghoris*** - dmg events
- **Dustin Poole** - Go Technology Foundation
- **Erik Koskela*** - Inter Pipeline Ltd.
- **Erin Moffat** - Ovintiv
- **Gary Millard** - Suncor Energy
- **Geoffrey Tauvette** - FSM Management Group
- **Gillian Hynes*** - Rise Consulting Ltd.
- **Jelena Bajic** - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
- **Jenna Anand** - Shell Canada
- **Jochem Kamstra** - Siemens Energy
- **John Merrett*** - RBC Capital Markets
- **Kate Letizia*** - Community Energy Association
- **Leanne Kubiseski*** - Fortis Alberta
- **Liz Brennan** - Canfor
- **Maggie Hanna** - Common Ground Energy Corp.
- **Maham Aftab*** - Ballad Group
- **Malachy Carroll*** - Suncor Energy
- **Marie Sereneo*** - ARC Resources Ltd.
- **Mark Hopkins** - Swallow-a-Bicycle Theatre
- **Matthew Brady** - Privy Council Office - Government of Canada
- **Melanie Ross** - Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
- **Miles J. Jolliffe** - Kinetic Canada
- **Nick Schumacher*** - Pembina Institute
- **Nubaha Mahbub*** - ENMAX
- **Robin Moritz*** - Capital Power
- **Rory Wheat*** - Varme Energy Inc.
- **Sagar Kancharla*** - WSP Canada
- **Santiago Arribas Picon*** - Enbridge
- **Shahed Shafazand*** - Shift Catalysts
- **Sheila Schindel** - Alberta Innovates
- **Stacie Lara*** - Invest Alberta Corporation

- **Stephen Edison** - Chevron Canada
- **Steve Saddleback** - Indian Resource Council
- **Sura Abdul-Razzak** - Alberta Utilities Commission
- **Sydney Kjellander** - Prairies Economic Development Canada
- **Tarun Chari*** - Rewatt Power
- **Todd Becker*** - Town of Innisfail
- **Tristan Walker*** - Town and MD Of Pincher Creek
- **Victor del Valle** - Independent
- **Winona Lafreniere*** - Indian Resource Council

(* indicates a Fellow joining the Fellowship for the first time in 2023)

The 2023 cohort is comprised of representatives from over 50 companies and organizations representing a broad cross-section of Canada's energy ecosystem, including energy distributors, emerging industries, technology companies, regulators, oil and gas, municipalities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous government agencies, academia, consulting, banking and investment, forestry, the arts, non-profit organizations, and more. This year, the Fellowship is made up of a nearly equal number of returning Fellows and new faces.

"As so many people across the energy ecosystem have highlighted, 2023 will be a pivotal year for determining how successful Canada will be in achieving its long-term net-zero targets, and our 2023 Fellowship cohort will no doubt contribute significantly towards this effort," says Energy Futures Lab Managing Director Alison Cretney. "With global competition for positioning in new, industrial value chains heating up, the race is very much on, and our Fellows are certain to feel the sense of increased urgency that follows. We have great hopes for and great confidence in the individuals we've entrusted with this responsibility, and look forward to working with each and every one of them to continue building Canada's energy system of tomorrow, together."

The 50 Fellows were selected from numerous applications submitted in the fall of 2022. An intensive and intentional review and selection process followed, where a group of finalists were shortlisted and ultimately invited to fill the approximately 40-50 Fellowship spots. The selection of the Fellows was based on the merit of each potential applicant as measured against selection criteria, while ensuring that the Lab as a whole reflects a broad diversity of actors and voices representing Alberta's energy system.

"It's a bit like alchemy, trying to create a group that will simultaneously work well together *and* challenge each others' thinking in productive ways, but we're confident the 2023 Fellows will do just that," says Cretney.

The Energy Futures Lab has been convening the Fellowship annually since its inception in 2015, with the aim of exploring the challenges, innovations, and solutions required to make

progress towards its vision of an inclusive and prosperous net-zero energy system, one that leverages Alberta's existing assets, expertise and innovation capacity to position it to thrive in a global net-zero energy economy.

Under the Lab's purview and with the support of its team of social innovation process design and facilitation experts and administrators, members of the Fellowship have been working in areas related to the energy transition including carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), battery metals and critical minerals, policy and investment imperatives incentivizing decarbonization (future-fit hydrocarbons), energy poverty and support for marginalized communities, sustainable aviation fuels, the application of digital technology to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption in buildings, modernizing Alberta's electrical grid to support future usage and production and many more. The members of this eighth incarnation of the Fellowship will carry forward the work being done in these areas, as well as bringing their own experience, expertise and interest to bear on new avenues of inquiry and solutioning.

Another important facet of the Lab's mission and part of the rationale for its establishment is to depolarize conversations about Canada's energy transition, and focus instead on what it calls "a radical middle" – that is, a group of individuals committed to intentionally cultivating inclusive spaces for difficult conversations, where opposing viewpoints aren't seen as tensions to be solved for, but rather areas of potential for creative solutions and innovation.

"When you're dealing with big, complex systems-level challenges that require the participation and cooperation of many stakeholders, polarization inevitably grinds progress to a halt. And the energy transition is one challenge Canada can't afford to see stall out," remarks Cretney. "There's too much at stake."

The organization maintains a trusted, non-partisan stance, seeking to work with leaders and changemakers in the system who are willing and interested in the work and aligned with its vision. Through its Fellowship, it seeks to bring together a broad spectrum of opinions and perspectives on the path the energy transition in Alberta and Canada might take.

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The Energy Futures Lab is an Alberta-based coalition of diverse innovators and leading organizations working to accelerate the transition to the energy system the future requires of us. Created in 2015 to address a growing polarization in perspectives on Canadian energy, the organization brings together stakeholders from across the energy system to collaboratively develop solutions for a prosperous, net-zero and equitable energy future. The Lab's approach highlights the importance of drawing on diverse perspectives to address complex, system-level challenges.

The Energy Futures Lab is a part of a partnership fostering a strong and inclusive economy that thrives within nature's limits. The partnership includes: [The Natural Step Canada](#) | [Smart Prosperity Institute](#) | [Canada Plastics Pact](#) | [Circular Economy Leadership Canada](#)