Towards Climate Policy "Coherence" in North America

policy planning under uncertainty

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The Making of "Good" Policy

- Common Standards and Metrics
- Common or agree-upon time frames for goals and objectives
- Adjustable and flexible

Common Toolkits

- Forecasting
- Monitoring
- Modeling
- Policy drafts and communication

Issues Identification

- Common threats
- Common ground
- Independent actions and their effects
- Externalities
- Emerging forces
 - Stakeholder issues (first nations, environmental stewards)
 - Investment security and the finance community

Energy Sector Demand Issues

- Industry and economic distribution
- Comfort
- Mobility
- Water Quantity and Quality
- Air Quality

Energy Sector Supply Issues

- Fuels
 - Standards
 - Volume, storage and transportation
- Direct Power Production
 - Wires
 - Regulation and standards
- Security

The Structure for a Coherent Process

- Clarity
 - In objectives
 - In recommendations
 - In research or science used
- Conversations with disparate actors
- Managing controversy
- Seeking consistency over time
- Respecting the role of adaptation in the meantime