

Plenary Speaker

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Science increasingly highlights the urgency with which the world needs to confront climate change. Newfoundland and Labrador is suffering from more frequent and more extreme weather events, including storms, flooding, sea level rise and erosion. Climate change impacts are exacerbating income and wealth inequalities and hurting peoples' health. On the positive side, research is clear that there are cost-effective solutions available to reduce carbon emissions and our impact on the climate. The evidence is also clear that there are big economic advantages to acting with urgency rather than avoiding or delaying action. What do these opportunities look like in Newfoundland and Labrador?

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Biography

Catherine Abreu is an award-winning campaigner whose work centres on building powerful coalitions to advance transformative action on climate change. One of the world's 100 most influential people in climate policy as named by Apolitical in 2019, she has over 15 years of experience campaigning on environmental issues including 7 years in the heart of the global climate movement.

Catherine is the Executive Director of **Climate Action Network – Réseau action climat (CAN-Rac) Canada**. Canada's primary network of organizations working on climate change and energy issues, CAN-Rac is a coalition of more than 100 organizations operating from coast to coast to coast. For 30 years, CAN-Rac has been the only national organization with a mandate to promote the interests of the Canadian climate movement as a whole, rather than any one individual organization.

An accomplished public speaker, Catherine has been honoured to share the stage with some of Canada's leading environmental thinkers including David Suzuki and Maude Barlow. Her commentary has featured in many news outlets including the New York Times, the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, and the Financial Post. She appears frequently on CBC, CTV, Global and other current affairs television and radio programs.