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## Panel Session 1 B:

# Frameworks and institutional and research needs for decision making under uncertainty





## **Climate Change Legislation**

#### Five elements for good climate change legislation

- 1. Statutory targets: how are they set, and with what legal effect.
- 2. Budgets, projection scenarios, and pathways: in order to impel early action.
- 3. Policies and measures that are aligned with the targets and budgets.
- 4. Sectoral coordination by directing regulators how to give effect to climate change policy.
- 5. Rules for the information base.
- $\circ$  Institutional independence is not necessarily the solution.
- $\circ~$  A Zero Carbon Act and the CCRA have to work together.



## **Climate Change Legislation**

Rationality, transparency and predictability are important in public policy.

Law and policy have a two-way relationship; they interact.

 $\odot$  Climate change legislation has a constitutional character.

- $\odot$  Cf the Electoral Act or Public Finance Act.
- $\odot$  A number of other jurisdictions are passing such laws.

#### Key points:

- Well-designed laws make it easier to produce good climate change policy.
- We need legal rules for budgets and policies and measures to deliver on targets.