

AI INFRASTRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE POLICY FOR CANADA

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TIME	ACTIVITY
2:00pm	Registration and Networking
2:30 PM	Opening Remarks Framing Canada's fast-moving AI policy landscape and setting the stage for a discussion on sovereignty, governance, procurement, and trust. Franca Palazzo Executive Director, The Canadian Internet Society
2:33 PM	Setting the Stage for Industry Perspectives Sarkis Abrahamian Director of Business Development, Government & Defence, Evertz
2:36 PM	Keynote Address: Building Sovereign AI: Policies That Will Shape Canada's Future Alexandra Dostal Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Sector, ISED Canada
2:46 PM	Panel 1: Legal and Governance Foundations for Sovereign, Trusted AI Exploring jurisdiction and privacy, including the CLOUD Act, governance standards, and building accountability and public trust in artificial intelligence. Dr. Emily Laidlaw Canada Research Chair, Cybersecurity Law; Professor, Faculty of Law, uCalgary Elnaz Kanani Kuchesfehani Partner, Deloitte, Data Science & Artificial Intelligence Dr. Wendy Cukier Founder, Diversity Institute; Professor of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, TMU; Academic Research Director, Future Skills Centre <i>Moderated by: Ulrike Bahr-Gedalia</i> Strategic, Global Technology, Business, and Public Policy Executive

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3:44 PM	Framing Remarks for Panel 2 Setting the stage for how strategic choices in operations and procurement will shape Canada's AI capacity and economic impact. Marc Etienne Ouimette Founder, Cardinal Policy
3:52 PM	Panel 2: Strategy, Operations, and Economic Impact Examining priority workloads and datasets, balancing cost, performance and security, ensuring transparency and auditability, and using procurement to strengthen Canadian capacity. Vince Silvestri Vice-President, Software Systems, Evertz Erin Kelly President and CEO, Advanced Symbolics Inc. (ASI) Craig McLellan Founder and CEO, ThinkOn Dr. Wendy Cukier Founder, Diversity Institute; Professor of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, TMU; Academic Research Director, Future Skills Centre <i>Moderated by:</i> Paul Park Reporter, The Wire Report
4:50 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps Key takeaways and next steps toward The Canadian Internet Society's submission to the federal AI Policy Consultation.
5:00 PM	Networking Reception Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served, providing an opportunity to connect with speakers, peers, and leaders shaping Canada's AI future.

