

# SSIL THE STRATEGIC SCIENCE AND INNOVATION LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE



## From Fragmentation to Coherence in Canada's Science and Innovation Ecosystem

June 3, 2026 | University of Calgary

### CFSI/SSIL Symposium, 3 June 2026

8:00-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-9:30	<b>Welcomes</b> Malinda Smith, Vice-President Research (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) at the University of Calgary Mehrdad Hariri, CEO of the Canadian Science Policy Centre Sandra Lapointe, Director of the Canadian Collaborative for Society, Innovation and Policy
9:30-10:30	<b>The Long-Term View of Science, Research and Innovation Strategy in Canada</b>  Chair: Tijs Creuzberg, CEO of the Canadian Council of the Academies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frédéric Bouchard, Dean of Arts and Science at the University of Montreal</li> <li>• Mehrdad Hariri, CEO of the Canadian Science Policy Centre</li> <li>• Kelly Cobey, Co-Chair of DORA</li> <li>• Rob Annan, President &amp; CEO of Genome Canada</li> <li>• Robert Asselin, CEO at U15</li> <li>• Shahad Khalladi, CCSIP and Orbit Policy</li> </ul>
10:30-11:15	Facilitation: Defining the Thematic Framework and Priority Landscape for SSIL (Part I)
11:30-12:30	<b>Working Across Institutions to Maximize the Societal Return of Canada's Science Investment</b>  Chair: Gianni Parise, Vice-President Research at McMaster University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne-Marie Thompson, Vice-President of Research Grants and Scholarship at NSERC</li> <li>• Coryell Boffy, Vice-President Society and Culture at Axelys</li> <li>• Janet Halliwell, Chair of the Board of the Canadian Science Policy Centre</li> <li>• Mohamad Nasser-Eddine, Vice-President of Programs at the CFI</li> <li>• Sylvie Lamoureux, COO of SSHRC</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

13:30-14:30	<p><b>Skills and Talent for Prosperity in Real Places</b></p> <p>Chair: Sandra Lapointe, Director of the Canadian Collaborative for Society, Innovation and Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brandon Meawasige, COO at Indspire</li> <li>• Charlene Marion, Executive Director at CEWIL Canada</li> <li>• Martin Maltais, President of ACFAS</li> <li>• Robert Luke, CEO of eCampusOntario</li> <li>• Stephen Lucas, CEO of Mitacs</li> <li>• Wendy Cukier, Director of the Diversity Institute and co-Founder of the Future Skills Centre</li> </ul>
14:30-15:15	Facilitation : Defining the Thematic Framework and Priority Landscape for SSIL (Part II)
15:30-16:30	<p><b>The Societal Impact of Enhancing Capacity and Infrastructure for Innovation in the Social Sector</b></p> <p>Chair: Julia Scott, Vice-President Member Services at Universities Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bettina Cenerelli, CEO at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation</li> <li>• Gwen Joy, CEO of Social Innovation Canada</li> <li>• Dan Clement, CEO of United Way Centraide Canada</li> <li>• Diane Roussin, Director of the Winnipeg Boldness Project</li> <li>• Marie-Christine Therrien, Professor at ÉNAP and Chair of the North-American Chapter of INGSA</li> <li>• Marwa Abdou, Director of Research at the Canada Chamber of Commerce</li> </ul>
16:30	Closing Remarks

