AGENDA

7:45 - 8:25 AM  REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS, AND NETWORKING

8:25 - 8:35 AM  WELCOME REMARKS

Rocco Rossi
President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Leah E. Cowen
Vice President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives, University of Toronto

Joaquim Ballès
Chair, OCC Board of Directors, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and General Counsel, Trudell Medical Limited

8:35 - 9:15 AM  SESSION 1: BUILDING SMART

Explore the transformative potential of interconnected smart buildings and infrastructure. This conversation will unpack the multitude of opportunities to leverage technologies such as digital twinning, smart energy monitoring, and retrofitting to improve the overall performance, management, efficiency, and resilience of our built environment.

Derek Goring
CEO, Northerst Developments

Shah Nawaz Ahmed
Vice President, Grid Software and Siemens Advanta

Dima Zreik
Director, Investments, Canada Infrastructure Bank

Katarzyna Sliwa
Partner, Dentons Canada LLP

Moderator
SESSION 2: SMART AND SUSTAINABLE COMMERCE

Amid lagging productivity rates, businesses of all sizes stand to benefit greatly from Industry 4.0 solutions that unlock operational efficiencies, drive sustainability, and enhance the overall B2B and consumer experience. Join us as we explore the role of cybersecurity, AI/IoT, fintech and open banking, data, and digitization in the business world of today.

Nolan Andres  
Chief, Technology and Innovation, Kindred Credit Union

Joanne McMillin  
Ted Salter  
Executive Director, Supply Chain Consulting, Advisory Services, KPMG Canada

Sabena Sandhu  
Manager, Policy, Canadian Credit Union Association

9:55 - 10:10 AM  
HEALTH BREAK

10:10 - 10:50 AM  
SESSION 3: ADVANCED MOBILITY

Embark on a journey towards clean, safe, and efficient transportation networks. This session will delve into electrification, last-mile connectivity, and the digitization of supply chains. Discover how innovation is reshaping and bolstering the future of mobility.

Brian Kingston  
President and CEO, Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers’ Association

David Kannitzer  
Global Services Lead, Intelligence Business Area, Arcadis

Josipa Petrunic  
President and CEO, Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium

Shakir Hussein  
Director of Traffic and Planning, 407 ETR

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**10:50 - 11:20 PM  FIRESIDE CHAT**

Government has a critical role to play in driving innovation, sustainability, and economic prosperity. In this insightful fireside discussion, Ontario’s newly appointed Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Hon. Andrea Khanjin, will share her vision and policy priorities for the ministry. This discussion will provide insights into opportunities for collaboration between the public and private sectors in tackling key sustainability challenges and fostering innovation.

**Moderator:**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Government of Ontario

Rocco Rossi  
President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

**11:20 - 12:00 PM  SESSION 4: SMART ENERGY GRID**

Join a conversation on the transformative potential of smart energy grids and learn how innovation and technology are revolutionizing energy management. This session will discuss opportunities to better manage energy supply and demand, optimize resources, and enhance efficiency for a sustainable and resilient future. Gain insights into the exciting advancements in energy grids and their vital role in the energy transition to meet Canada’s target of a net-zero emission grid by 2035.

**Moderator:**

Shatha Qaqish-Clavering, Director, Strategy and Operations, Climate Positive Energy, University of Toronto

**Panelists:**

Harneet Panesar  
Chief Operating Officer, Ontario Energy Board

Frank D’Andrea  
Vice President and Executive Lead, Enterprise Strategy and Energy Transition, Hydro One

Shitiz Agarwal  
Vice President, Power Systems, Sales and Operations, Schneider Electric
12:00 - 12:55 PM  LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

GREENING THE GAME: INCORPORATING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE FIFA WORLD CUP

The City of Toronto has one of the most ambitious 2050 emission targets in North America. With the City hosting eight matches as part of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, incorporating sustainability strategies into its preparation has been a priority from day one. For the first time, Sharon Bollenbach, Executive Director of FIFA World Cup 2026 at the City of Toronto, will be sharing her vision and the behind-the-scenes work she and her team are doing to ensure a sustainable, safe, and successful World Cup.

Sharon Bollenbach  
Executive Director,  
FIFA World Cup 2026,  
City of Toronto

David Sinton  
Academic Director,  
Climate Positive Energy,  
Professor and Canada Research Chair,  
University of Toronto

MODERATOR

12:55 - 1:00 PM  CLOSING REMARKS

Daniel Safayeni  
Vice President,  
Policy, Ontario Chamber of Commerce