



# ENERGY INNOVATION FORUM

## CANADA 2024

**Collaborate. Accelerate. Decarbonize.**

### EVENT PROGRAM



# EIF'24 PROGRAM

Welcome to a dynamic thought-provoking agenda as EIF leans into the role of SGIN as a **national collaboration network**, where our resources are focused on bringing together brilliant and open-minded leaders from across the nation to advance the culture of collaboration in order to advance the delivery of near-term priorities on our nation path to a low-carbon future.

This year's gathering is happening in the wake of the **Canadian Energy Advisory Council's Final Report** where leaders from across Canada have clearly articulated a blueprint of recommendations for federal and provincial governments to make progress towards our low-carbon future. With a clear list of WHAT to do, the question becomes HOW do we do it? HOW do we come together to act in a collaborative and pragmatic way? And then, WHAT are the most impactful near-term actions we can drive within our spheres of influence that support these recommendations?

**The objective of the day is to bring together a diverse group of senior leaders from across the nation into a workshop setting where they will collectively identify the most important near-term actions they can take to make national progress towards our net-zero electricity future. Actions will identify shifts in policy, regulation, and system actors' roles/deliverables that will unlock foundational barriers to collective progress.**

## **Meet Our Keynote Speaker: Philippe Dunsky**

Phillippe Dunsky, President of Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors and Chair of NRCan's Electricity Advisory Council (CEAC), will deliver the keynote address, outlining how, by taking thoughtful and decisive action, Canada can achieve its clean electricity goals. Phillippe will discuss his experience advancing the energy transition over the last 30 years and share insights from his work as **Chair of the CEAC, emphasizing the importance of urgency, collaboration and practicality.**



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## 08:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

## 09:00 Keynote: 'Leading with Hope through challenge and uncertainty'

## 09:30 Warm-up Exercise

Following the keynote, we will guide the participants through an inspiring exercise to guide the day

## 10:00 Morning Networking Break

## 10:30 Part 1: How Do We Collaborate?

The complex work of energy transition requires us to come together as a nation to identify common goals and put aside our differences for the sake of positive forward progress. Successful collaboration IS possible and can be taught through a series of repeatable and implementable steps. This session will share industry best practices which the attendees will put in practice for the remainder of the day."

## 12:00 Keynote or Activity Based Working Lunch

## 1:00 Part 2: Clarifying Priorities

We cannot do it all, all at once. In this section, attendees will build on the recommendations from the CEAC report. They will establish key priorities within their focus area by framing challenges as barriers and prioritizing what needs to be tackled first.

## 2:30 Afternoon Networking Break

## 3:00 Part 3: Actioning Change

Each focus area will identify near-term and implementable actions that can be taken and by whom, with the remaining actions to be logged for a summary report.

## 4:30 Takeaway Reception

### The Day's 10 Dynamic Thought-Provoking Questions:

- How might **energy efficiency** goals be reached through federal & jurisdictional collaboration?
- What are the critical barriers that must be removed in order to enable **inter-regional** electricity transmission projects?
- How might we build a draft provincial framework for working and engaging with **Indigenous peoples** that can be modified and adoption by provincial governments?
- What are the foundational **grid modernization investments** to achieve baseline capabilities by utilities and communities across the nation?"
- What is needed to unlock the potential for **demand response** to enable more affordable electricity for all Canadians?
- What potential shifts might be needed in terms of roles between ISOs & DSOs to **enable grid modernization**, efficiency, DSM and affordability goals?
- What are the barriers that need to be removed to de-risk the **landscape for investment** in energy projects
- How might we advance deployment of **EV charging infrastructure** to meet EV adoption goals?
- What barriers are stopping us from leveraging behind the **meter energy assets** to maximize grid and social benefits?
- How might we accelerate access to current and **relevant workforce training** content?

### And the KEY QUESTION TO BE ANSWER FOR ALL:

- How might we ensure these solutions are **actioned** as in implemented and monitored to drive the intended **impact over the coming months and years?**