

21st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
National Arts Centre, Ottawa, Ontario
October 20 and 21, 2025

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 08:45** Welcoming Remarks
Grant Buchanan, IIC Canada
- 09:00** Keynote
Vicky Eatrides, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
- 09:30** Panel
International Trade, CUSMA, and Canadian Sovereignty
Moderator: Peter Grant, Communications Lawyer
Colin Robertson, Canadian Global Affairs Institute
Laura Dawson, Future Borders Coalition
Vass Bednar, Canadian Shield Institute
- 10:30** Short Track
Profitability & the Attention Economy - Shifting Focus to the Commercialization of Canadian Content
Nicole Matiation, Nordicity
- 10:45** Short Track
Future of Broadcasting Business Models
Brad Danks, Out TV
- 11:00** Break
- 11:15** Short Track
Rethinking Connectivity in a Period of Geopolitical Challenges
Ted Woodhead, Telecom Consultant
- 11:30** Short Track
AI, Authorship and Copyright
Kristina Milbourn, Rogers Communications
- 11:45** Short Track
Age Verification for Adult Content
Senator Julie Miville-Dechêne, Senate of Canada
- 12:00** Lunch Keynote
Dan Goldberg, Telesat, in conversation with **Sylvie Courtemanche**, IIC Canada
- 13:10** Break

- 13:25 Short Track
Canada's Telecom Future: Policy choices, Pressures and Priorities
Eric Smith, Canadian Telecommunications Association
Rob Ghiz, Canadian Telecommunications Association
- 13:45 Short Track
Impact of Aging Population
Gabrielle Gallant, National Institute on Aging
- 14:00 Short Track
First Nations Information Governance Centre and the Data Sovereignty Research Collaborative
Jonathan Dewar, First Nations Information Governance Centre
- 14:15 Panel
Canadian News: Issues and Solutions
Moderator: Greg O'Brien, CHCH-TV
Kevin Desjardins, Canadian Association of Broadcasters
Sara-Christine Gemson, Public Policy Forum
Sue Gardner, Tiny Ventures
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Short Track
Valuation of Personal Data
Kean Birch, York University
- 15:45 Panel
Consumer Information: Can Privacy, Personalization and Trust get along?
Moderator: Bill Abbott, Telus
Amanda Maltby, Environics Analytics
Carly Meredith, DLA Piper
Frédéric Wilson, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
- 16:45 Keynote
Anna Gomez, Federal Communications Commission, **in conversation with Jennifer Tatel**, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP, **and Phillip Marchesiello**, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP
- 17:15 Cocktail reception hosted by the Canadian Telecommunications Association

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 08:45 Opening Remarks
Grant Buchanan, IIC Canada
- 09:00 Keynote
Philippe Dufresne, Privacy Commissioner of Canada

- 9:30 Panel
The Future of Lawful Access
Moderator: Leah West, Carleton University
Kate Robertson, Citizen Lab
Michael Geist, University of Ottawa
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Short Track
Technology Regulation: Resetting the Agenda
Emily Laidlaw, University of Calgary
- 11:00 Short Track
Developments in Competition Law
Robin Shaban, 2R Strategy
- 11:15 Panel
Bill C-8 and Cybersecurity
Moderator: Robbie Grant, McMillan LLP
Bonnie Butlin, Security Partners Forum
Byron Holland, Canadian Internet Registration Authority
Lori Turnbull, Dalhousie University
- 12:15 Lunch Keynote
Marie-Philippe Bouchard, CBC/Radio – Canada in conversation with **Catherine Clark**, Co-Founder, The Honest Talk
- 13:45 Break/set for Don
- 14:00 Short Track
Meet Clara: The Importance of Training Your AI
Don Lenihan, Middle Ground Policy Research
AI Clara, AI
- 14:30 Short Track
Digital Sovereignty
Barry Appleton, Appleton & Associates
- 14:45 Panel
Legal Landscape – Developments in Canadian Communications and Media Law
Leslie Milton, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
Monica Song, Dentons
- 15:15 Break
- 15:30 Short Track
The Importance of Digital Media and AI Literacy Education for all Canadians
Kathryn Ann Hill, MediaSmarts

- 15:45** Short Track
Quantum Computing and its Impact on Cyber Security
Melanie Anderson, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
- 16:00** Panel
AI and Compute Infrastructure
Moderator: Murad Hemmadi, The Logic
David Twedell, Digital Research Alliance of Canada
Glen Berseth, Mila
Mike Tremblay, CANARIE
Nicole Foster, Amazon
- 17:00** Keynote
Cartoons That Got Me Fired
Michael de Adder, Political Cartoonist
- 17:30** Closing Remarks
Grant Buchanan, IIC Canada

Closing reception hosted by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters