

READY 2025

CONFERENCE



Agenda

January 29 and 30, 2025 | National Arts Centre (NAC), Ottawa | O'Born Room | 9am - 4pm

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National Arts Center

Doors open at 8:00 am

Conference 9:00 – 4:00 pm

8:00 - 8:45	Doors open for registration. Coffee and networking.
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome Introduction to the Day – Conference Co-Chairs Amy Avis and Katie Kallio Welcome - Conrad Sauve, CEO, Canadian Red Cross
9:15 - 9:30	Opening Remarks The Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister for Emergency Preparedness
9:30 - 10:00	Reflections on Jasper - Impacts to Recovery Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Jasper
10:00-11:00	Panel: Reflections on Emergency Management in Canada Exploring strengths and gaps in Canada's readiness to emergencies. <u>Moderator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dick Fadden, Former Security Advisor to the Prime Minister (moderator) <u>Participants include:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MGen Simon Bernard, Deputy Commander, CJOC, Canadian Armed ForcesLori-Anne Companion, Former lead for Hurricane Fiona, NewfoundlandSandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister, Department of Emergency Management, Nova ScotiaArjun Vinodrai, Senior Director, Programs and Policy, Public Safety Canada
11:00- 11:15	Break

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11:15 - 12:15	<p>Panel: Pandemic Preparedness and Public Health Public health risks in Canada with a focus on pandemic preparedness.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Sarah Sargent, Vice-President, Risk Reduction Programs, CRC</p> <p><u>Participants include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry Robinson, VP Infectious Disease, Public Health Agency of Canada • Dr. Joanne Liu, Professor McGill University McGill University • Dr. Paul Hebert, CEO Canadian Institute on Health Research • Dr. Ayham Alomari, Senior Director, Emergency Health, Canadian Red Cross
12:15 - 1:15	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
1:15 - 2:25	<p>Panel: Community Impacts Recovery to Resilience Community and long-term impacts and barriers to resilience.</p> <p><u>Participants include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitzie Hunter, CEO, Canadian Women's Foundation • Syzan Talo, Managing Director, Guy Carpenter • Judy Shum, National Director, 211 and Community Partnerships, United Way Centraide Canada • Ross Penner, Executive Director Mennonite Disaster Service • Barbara Cartwright, CEO, Humane Canada
2:25 - 2:45	<p>Break</p>
2:45 - 3:45	<p>Panel: Advancing Indigenous Climate Leadership Enhancing Preparedness, Collaboration, and Resilience in the Face of Emergencies.</p> <p><u>Participants include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Myers, Director of Environment, Métis National Council • Shelley Cardinal, Senior Director of Indigenous Relations, Canadian Red Cross • Dr. Graeme Reed – Director, Rights and Policy Branch, Assembly of First Nations • Greg Blackjack – Director - Community Services Emergency Measures Organization, Government of Yukon
3:45 - 4:00	<p>Closing Reflections</p>
4:00	<p>End of Day</p>