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EVENT AGENDA

From Breakthrough to Scale: Making Innovation Work Across Canada

Time	Agenda Item
1:30 p.m.	**Registration & Networking**
2:00 p.m.	**Welcome** **Christine Elliott**, Board Chair, HRF; Counsel, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP **Bettina Hamelin**, President & CEO, Innovative Medicines Canada
2:10 p.m.	**Opening Conversation: *From Breakthrough to Impact – What Will It Take to Make Innovation Work for Canadians?*** *Canada is home to extraordinary research, medicines, technologies, data capabilities, and models of care. Yet innovations that demonstrate value in one organization or province can take years to spread – or never do. What separates innovations that achieve meaningful system impact from those that remain isolated successes?* **Moderator: Muhammad Mamdani**, Board Member, HRF; Director, Temerty Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research & Education in Medicine (T-CAIREM), University of Toronto; Clinical Lead AI, Ontario Health; Faculty Affiliate, Vector Institute; Professor, University of Toronto Featuring: **Imtiaz Daniel**, Chief Innovation and Transformation Officer, Ontario Hospital Association **Kathy Malas**, Chief Quality, Innovation, AI & Value Officer at CIUSSS West-Central Montreal, Santé Québec **Jennifer Zelmer**, President & CEO, Healthcare Excellence Canada
2:50 p.m.	**Implementation Case & Discussion Panel 1: *It Works. Now What? Scaling Innovation Across Canada*** *From Local Success to System Impact – How do we move promising innovations beyond individual projects, institutions, and provinces and create the conditions to achieve broader health-system impact?* **Moderator: Helen Angus**, Board Member, HRF; CEO, AMS Healthcare Panelists: **Noah Ivers**, Senior Scientist, Women's College Hospital Research and Innovation Institute; Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice Innovation Fellow, Women's College Hospital for Health System Solutions and Virtual Care; Family Physician, Women's College Hospital; Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, University of Toronto; Adjunct Scientist, ICES **Fahad Razak**, Internist, St Michael's Hospital; Vice President, Vital Health System and Data Innovation, Unity Health Toronto; Faculty Affiliate, Vector Institute; Provincial Clinical Lead, Ontario Health; Canada Research Chair in Data-Informed Health Care Improvement, University of Toronto **Gary Ryan**, Vice President Operations, CAN Health Network **Brad Wouters**, Executive Vice President, Science and Research, University Health Network

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3:30 p.m.	**Networking Break**
4:00 p.m.	**Discussion Panel 2: *Making Innovation Reach Patients*** *Reimagining the Patient Journey – How do we ensure that health innovation doesn't simply reach the health system but actually reaches the patients who can benefit from it?* **Moderator: Helen Angus**, Board Member, HRF; CEO, AMS Healthcare Panelists: **Gail Attara**, CEO, GastroIntestinal Society **Chandi Chandrasena**, Chief Medical Officer, OntarioMD **Nicole Mittmann**, Chief Scientist and Vice-President of Evidence, Canada's Drug Agency **Bryan Tennant**, Scientific Director, GSK Canada
4:40 p.m.	**HRF Innovation in Action: Introducing the 2026 Health System Solutions Grant Recipients**
4:55 p.m.	**Closing Remarks** **Christine Elliott**, Board Chair, HRF; Counsel, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	**Networking & HRF Awards Reception**

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