7:00  REGISTRATION

7:30  WORKING BREAKFAST | ROOM MONT-ROYAL

DELIVERING THE FINANCIAL WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE
In collaboration with Finance Montréal

The financial world and the kind of talent it requires are constantly evolving, driven by industry-specific trends and innovations. What forces affect the demand for labour in the finance industry? How do university curricula adapt to these changes? What changes should we expect in financial sector jobs?

SPEAKERS
George M. Jabbour, Professor of Finance, and Associate Dean for Executive Programs, The George Washington University
Eduardo J. Padrón, President, Miami Dade College (MDC)
Sandra Betton, Associate Dean, Graduate Professional Programs, John Molson School of Business, Concordia University

MODERATOR
Louis Lévesque, CEO, Finance Montréal

8:30  OPENING OF THE 24TH EDITION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MONTREAL | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

WELCOMING REMARKS
Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal

PRESENTED BY
Nicholas Rémillard, President and CEO, International Economic Forum of the Americas (IEFA)

9:00  INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

A NEW GLOBALISATION: MANAGING UNCERTAINTY
In collaboration with the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)

In recent years, various geopolitical events have raised questions about the norms and expectations that form the basis of the modern international system, to the point where many feel that uncertainty is now the only global constant. What are the characteristics of today’s globalization? What geopolitical risks are now weighing on free trade, inclusion and cooperation initiatives? How can we help create more resilient societies in the face of these risks?

CHAIR
Louis Morisset, President and CEO, Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)

SPEAKERS
Grațiela Leocadia Gavrîlescu, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Environment, Romania
Ibukun Awosika, Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria
Jane Buchan, CEO, PAAMCO

MODERATOR
Alexandra Scaggs, Columnist, Financial Times
PRESENTED BY THE AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS FINANCIERS (AMF)

10:00
FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT
WHAT IS THE NEW AGENCY MODEL?

SPEAKER
Martin Sorrell, Executive Chairman, S4 Capital

INTERVIEWED BY
Alexandra Scaggs, Columnist, Financial Times

10:30
FORUM 1 | ROOM BONAVENTURE
THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN FOSTERING GREEN GROWTH

In collaboration with the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)

The financial sector has a key role to play in the fight against climate change and the promotion of green growth, as investors increasingly consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria when making investment and voting decisions. How and why do climate issues and ESG criteria factor into investment decisions worldwide? What information do investors need to make informed choices? What role can financial regulation play in this context?

SPEAKERS
Robert Scharfe, CEO, Luxembourg Stock Exchange
Pierre Heilbronn, Vice-President, Policy and Partnerships, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Leonardo Martinez-Diaz, Global Director, Sustainable Finance Center, World Resources Institute

CONCLUSION
Hans Peter Lankes, Vice-President, Economics and Private Sector Development, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

MODERATOR
Frédéric Pérodeau, Superintendent, Client Services and Distribution Oversight, Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)

10:30
FORUM 2 | ROOM FONTAINE B
THE OPEN BANKING & FINTECH REVOLUTION

In collaboration with EY

The digital revolution, which is transforming the way many sectors and industries do business, is as challenging as it is promising for the banking industry. What technological innovation strategies are banks implementing? How are FinTech companies joining forces with traditional financial players? How can authorities successfully balance financial system regulation with the need to foster the development of new technologies?

SPEAKERS
Michael Katchen, CEO, Wealthsimple
Jeff Mitelman, CEO, Thinking Capital
Ron Stokes, Partner, Transaction Advisory Services, EY

MODERATOR
David Kadio-Morokro, Principal, and Deputy Innovation Leader, US Financial Services Advisory, EY
10:30 FORUM 3 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL

ATTRACTIVENESS OF FINANCIAL CENTRES: HOW TO STAY COMPETITIVE

In collaboration with Finance Montréal

According to the Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI), London has retained its position as the world's leading financial centre, but several cities see Brexit as an opportunity to improve their position on the world stage. What can financial centres do to become more competitive? How can they balance innovation with appropriate regulation? What possibilities do new technologies offer to these centres?

INTRODUCTION
Mark Yeandle, Director, Z/Yen Partners

SPEAKERS
Hubertus Väth, Managing Director, Frankfurt Main Finance
John K. Kerin, President and CEO, Chicago Stock Exchange (CHX)
Saïd Ibrahimi, CEO, Casablanca Finance City Authority

MODERATOR
Louis Lévesque, CEO, Finance Montréal

10:30 FORUM 4 | ROOM FONTAINE D-E

COMPETITIVENESS AND INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY: OPTIMIZING THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF SKILLED LABOUR

In collaboration with the Ministry of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness (MIDI)

In a world characterized by increasing workforce mobility, organizations are turning to innovative strategies in the growing competition for talent. What factors determine a company’s attractiveness and what makes it stand out? How can public and private players work synergistically in order to compete for skilled labour? How should migration policies be changed to ensure qualified immigrant workers are recruited and retained?

SPEAKERS
David Heurtel, Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness, Québec
Line Lagacé, Vice-President, Business Growth and Foreign Investment, Québec International
Jean-François Gagné, Co-Founder and CEO, Element AI
Danièle Henkel, President and CEO, Danièle Henkel

10:30 FORUM 5 | ROOM VILLE-MARIE

GOVERNANCE AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In collaboration with the Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation (MESI) and the Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (MRIF)

Because AI and the digital revolution have the potential to transform industries and boost economic development, governments must create policies that stimulate innovation, take advantage of AI’s immense potential, and deal with the associated socio-economic fallout. What are the benefits and challenges for businesses that adopt AI? How can governments support the companies that make this transition? Should governments implement policies that provide optimal working conditions, protect jobs, and redistribute the wealth created by these new applications?

SPEAKERS
Dominique Anglade, Deputy Premier; Minister of Economy, Science and Innovation; and Minister responsible for the Digital Strategy, Québec
Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra
Francis Baillet, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Ubisoft
Marie-Josée Lamothe, Managing Director, Québec, Google Canada

MODERATOR
Nathalie de Marcellis-Warin, President and CEO, CIRANO; and Full Professor, Department of Mathematical and Industrial Engineering, Polytechnique Montréal
12:00

OPENING LUNCHEON | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

A NEW ERA OF VOLATILITY

INTRODUCTION
Dominique Anglade, Deputy Premier; Minister of Economy, Science and Innovation; and Minister responsible for the Digital Strategy, Québec

PRESENTED BY
Gil Rémillard, Founding Chairman, International Economic Forum of the Americas (IEFA)

THANKED BY
Gervais Jacques, Managing Director, Atlantic, Rio Tinto Aluminium

SPEAKER
Afsaneh Beschloss, CEO, The Rock Creek Group; and Co-Chair of the 24th edition of the Conference of Montreal

PRESENTED BY
Guy Cormier, President and CEO, Desjardins Group

INTERVIEWED BY
Glenn Hutchins, Co-Founder, North Island; and Co-Founder, Silver Lake

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Paul Desmarais, Jr., Chairman and Co-CEO, Power Corporation of Canada (PCC); and Chair, Board of Governors, Conference of Montreal

14:00

NETWORKING (DESSERTS AND COFFEE) | ROOM FONTAINE B

14:30

SPECIAL ADDRESS | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

SPEAKER
Rod J. Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General of the United States

PRESENTED BY
John M. Beck, Chairman and CEO, Aecon

15:00

PLENARY SESSION | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

EMERGING FINANCIAL RISK: WHAT STRATEGIES TO FOSTER GROWTH?

In collaboration with Finance Montréal

Ten years after the financial crisis, the global economy finally seems to have achieved balanced economic growth despite the still-significant risks to the financial system. How will climate change affect forecasting models? What effect will geopolitical tensions and cybersecurity issues have on growth? How can capital markets be reoriented towards long-term thinking and drive companies to deliver on their social contract while creating shareholder value?

CHAIR
Paul Desmarais, Jr., Chairman and Co-CEO, Power Corporation of Canada (PCC); and Chair, Board of Governors, Conference of Montreal

SPEAKERS
Vijay Advani, CEO, Nuveen
Lynn Forester de Rothschild, Chair, E.L. Rothschild; and Founder and CEO, Coalition for Inclusive Capitalism
Glenn Hutchins, Co-Founder, North Island; and Co-Founder, Silver Lake
Philippe Zaouati, CEO, Mirova

CONCLUSION
Monique Leroux, Chair of the Board, Investissement Québec (IQ)

MODERATOR
Lily Jamali, Anchor and Executive Producer, Bloomberg TV

PRESENTED BY THE AUTORITÉ DES MARCHÉS FINANCIERS (AMF)
16:30 | FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

**INDIA: LEADING GLOBAL GROWTH**

**SPEAKER**
Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra

**PRESENTED BY**
Christine St-Pierre, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Québec

**INTERVIEWED BY**
Perrin Beatty, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Canadian Chamber of Commerce

17:00 | ROUND TABLE 1 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL

**ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY IN TURBULENT TIMES**

*In collaboration with HEC Montréal*

New global realities, including technological disruptions and the rise of populism, are challenging long-held views about economic diplomacy. What role does economic diplomacy play in a country’s foreign policy? How can companies, governments and other stakeholders collaborate to design a robust economic diplomacy strategy? What skillset should a good economic diplomat have in this day and age?

**INTRODUCTION**
Hélène Desmarais, Chair of the Board of Directors, HEC Montréal; Chair of the Board and CEO, Centre d’entreprises et d’innovation de Montréal (CEIM); and President, Consultative and Strategic Orientation Board, Conference of Montreal

**PANELISTS**
Enrico Letta, Dean, Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), Sciences Po Paris; President, Jacques Delors Institute; and Prime Minister of Italy (2013-2014)

Thomas d’Aquino, Chairman, Thomas d’Aquino Capital; and Founder, Chairman and CEO, Intercounsel

Lynn Forester de Rothschild, Chair, E.L. Rothschild; and Founder and CEO, Coalition for Inclusive Capitalism

Gordon Hanson, Professor; Pacific Economic Cooperation Chair in International Economic Relations; Director, Center on Global Transformation, University of California, San Diego

**MODERATOR**
Michel Patry, Director, HEC Montréal

17:00 | ROUND TABLE 2 | ROOM FONTAINE B

**EUROPE AT A CROSSROADS**

As the United Kingdom leaves the European Union and Eurosceptic populists gather more and more support across the continent, concerns are rising over the possible erosion of the European Union and its ability to maintain its position as global economic leader. Will the young and dynamic French President succeed in revitalizing the European Union? How could new members define the future of Europe? Could the European crisis of confidence turn into a real political crisis?

**PANELISTS**
Hashim Thaçi, President of Kosovo

Pascal Lamy, President Emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute; and Director-General, World Trade Organization (2005-2013)

Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada (1993-2003)

Bernard Spitz, President, French Insurance Federation; and President, International and Europe, Mouvement des entreprises de France (MEDEF)

**MODERATOR**
Pierre Heilbronn, Vice-President, Policy and Partnerships, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
17:00

**EDC RECEPTION**

*Hosted by Export Development Canada (EDC)*

*By invitation only*

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18:00

**NETWORKING RECEPTION | SALON BONAVENTURE TERRACE**

*Hosted by the École des sciences de la gestion de l’Université du Québec à Montréal (ESG UQAM)*
TUESDAY, JUNE 12

ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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7:00
REGISTRATION

7:30
WORKING BREAKFAST 1 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL

TRANSITION TO THE GREEN ECONOMY: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CONSTRUCTION

In collaboration with the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable (IFDD), a subsidiary body of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

The sector most likely to accelerate the transition to a green economy and green jobs is construction, as buildings currently account for almost one-third of greenhouse gas emissions and final energy use worldwide, in addition to posing many urbanization and natural resource management challenges that are pushing a growing number of French-speaking countries to take a greater interest in building with wood. How can we design climate-friendly, thermally-comfortable buildings that use local, affordable, sustainable materials? What can we do to ensure sustainable forest management? What role can the IOF play to promote investment, technology transfer, training, and public policies that encourage the use of wood in construction in the French-speaking world?

SPEAKERS
Egide Karuranga, Rector, University of Kibungo
Vincent Kitio, Chief, Urban Energy Unit, UN-Habitat
Frédéric Verreault, Director, Corporate Affairs and Communication, Chantiers Chibougamau

MODERATOR
Jean-Pierre Ndoutoum, Director, Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable (IFDD)

7:30
WORKING BREAKFAST 2 | ROOM VILLE-MARIE

WOMEN AND THE NEW DIPLOMACY

In collaboration with the Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (MRIF)

While the number of women in the previously male-dominated sphere of international diplomacy is growing, achieving equality between the sexes in this area remains a pressing issue. What are the main challenges faced by women in diplomacy? How are women diplomats asserting themselves in their field? How can men help advance gender equality in international diplomacy?

INTRODUCTION
Christine St-Pierre, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Québec

SPEAKERS
Maxime Carrier-Légaré, Delegate for Francophone and Multilateral Affairs, Québec Government Office in Paris
Stéphanie Allard-Gomez, Delegate General, Québec Government Office in Mexico
Lawrence Cannon, Ambassador of Canada to France (2012-2017); and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canada (2008-2011)

MODERATOR
Julie Miville-Dechêne, Envoy for Human Rights and Freedoms, Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie, Québec
9:00 Plenary Session | Room Westmount-Outremont

Innovative Infrastructure in a World of Transition

In collaboration with GardaWorld

The current global uncertainty coupled with environmental and technological challenges are forcing us to make difficult choices, particularly those with respect to financing the kind of infrastructure that can generate positive social and economic results. What are today’s most innovative infrastructure solutions? How will future infrastructure projects be financed? What trends will help create the infrastructure of the future?

Chair: Christian Paradis, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Development, Protective Services, GardaWorld

Introduction: Bruno Tshibala Nzenze, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Speakers:
- Unity Dow, Minister of Infrastructure and Housing Development, Botswana
- Mike Johnson, President, Parsons
- Yvonne Wassenaar, CEO, Airware
- David M. Cote, CEO, GS Acquisition Holdings
- Jean Lebel, President, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

10:30 Forum 1 | Room Mont-Royal

Digital Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth: Opportunities for Prosperity in French-Speaking Countries

In collaboration with the Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (MRIF) and the International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

Digital entrepreneurship is particularly important for developing countries, as digital technology can help these states achieve sustainable development goals and improve such factors as trade, access to education, public health developments, gender equality, and the fight against climate change. What would be the best policies, strategies and incentives to enable digital entrepreneurs to drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth? How should we invest in North-South or South-South partnerships in such a way as to create a digital economy that drives shared prosperity? What best practices should be put forward to meet the specific challenges of women entrepreneurs working in the French-speaking digital sector?

Introduction: Christine St-Pierre, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Québec

Speakers:
- Hadja Fatimata Ouattara Sanon, Minister of Digital Economy Development and Posts, Burkina Faso
- Karim Sy, Founder, Jokkolabs; and Member, French Presidential Council for Africa
- Luis Cisneros, Associate Professor, Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation; and Scientific Director and Co-Founder, Institute for Entrepreneurship and Family Business Management, HEC Montréal

Moderator: Tatiana Yangoupande, Program Specialist, Digital and Economic Francophonie Directorate, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)
10:30  |  FORUM 2 | ROOM VILLE-MARIE

INDUSTRY 4.0: COMPETING GLOBALLY

In collaboration with Investissement Québec (IQ)

The success of manufacturing companies’ digital transformation lies in large part in reliable and innovative financing solutions. How are manufacturing companies funding their move towards digitalization? What state, regional or private organizations are supporting these companies and industries, and what solutions do they offer? How can they learn from other best practices and successful digital transformations worldwide?

SPEAKERS
- Stefani Pashman, CEO, Allegheny Conference on Community Development
- Jesper Vedse, Partner, Digital Transformation, PwC Global
- Patrick Latour, Senior Vice-President, Growth & Transition Capital, Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC)
- Joris Myny, Senior Vice-President, Digital Factory and Process Industries & Drives, Siemens Canada

MODERATOR
- Pierre Gabriel Côté, President and CEO, Investissement Québec (IQ)

10:30  |  FORUM 3 | ROOM BONAVENTURE

GREEN FINANCE: ALIGNING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WITH INVESTMENT

In collaboration with Fondaction

The whole point of green finance is to fund projects that protect the environment and address environmental and social issues – such as energy efficiency, resource management, and the prevention and rehabilitation of degraded lands – to ensure a sustainable future for future generations. How can we unblock or redirect financial flows towards environmental preservation and sustainable development projects? What role can and should national and international institutions play in this process? Using degraded land rehabilitation and prevention projects as an example, what successful sustainable redevelopment initiatives, supported by innovative financing solutions, can be found worldwide?

SPEAKERS
- Philippe Zaouati, CEO, Mirova
- Laura Tuck, Vice-President for Sustainable Development, The World Bank Group
- Marc-André Blanchard, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations
- Romualdo Massa Bernucci, Permanent Representative, Washington, European Investment Bank Group

MODERATOR
- Julien Lampron, Director, Public Affairs, Fondaction
10:30 | FORUM 4 | ROOM FONTAINE B

NEW ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In collaboration with Hydro-Québec

The electricity system is changing and this change is affecting the way companies operate, even as some key technologies – electric vehicles, V2G/V2H, smart charging, digital switchover and automation – represent huge opportunities for industry players such as utilities and service providers. What business opportunities are presented by the energy transition and emergence of new markets?

How can the energy sector benefit by integrating artificial intelligence? How should suppliers deal with the threats – from political instability, climate change and terrorism – to energy production and distribution networks?

INTRODUCTION
Éric Filion, President, Hydro-Québec Distribution

SPEAKERS
Jasandra Nyker, CEO, BioTherm Energy
David M. Cote, CEO, GS Acquisition Holdings
Guðni A. Jóhannesson, Director General, Orkustofnun

MODERATOR
Amy Harder, Energy Reporter, Axios

10:30 | FORUM 5 | ROOM FONTAINE D-E

ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY: A PILLAR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

In collaboration with Levesque Stratégies

Public and private sectors worldwide are working to increase ethical responsibility as this strengthens markets and gives them the necessary confidence to encourage and support investment and economic development. In an economic context, what factors led public and private sectors to prioritize ethical responsibility? What ethical issues impact stakeholders economically and what best practices are implemented to address them? How can public and private sectors work together to achieve optimal results, such as setting international standards that benefit stakeholders in all sectors?

SPEAKERS
Tim Erblich, CEO, Ethisphere
Bart W. Édes, North American Representative, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Christian Lévesque, President, Levesque Stratégies
Jean-Luc Bedos, Partner, Dentons; and Secretary General, The Conference of Paris
Jean-François Harel, General Secretary, Sustainable Development and Cooperative Affairs, La Coop fédérée

MODERATOR
Nicholas Poirier, Director General, Levesque Stratégies
12:00 LUNCHEON | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

Presented by Hydro-Québec

PART 1 – SECURING A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE

SPEAKER
Éric Martel, President and CEO, Hydro-Québec

INTERVIEWED BY
Frederic Tomesco, Journalist, Bloomberg News

PART 2 – INVESTING FOR IMPACT

SPEAKER
David M. Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Chairman, The Carlyle Group

14:00 NETWORKING (DESSERTS AND COFFEE) | ROOM FONTAINE B

14:30 FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

GLOBAL TRADE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

SPEAKER
Michael Evans, President, Alibaba Group

PRESENTED BY
Hubert Bolduc, President and CEO, Montréal International

INTERVIEWED BY
David M. Cote, CEO, GS Acquisition Holdings

15:00 PLENARY SESSION | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

NAVIGATING THE SHIFTING ENERGY LANDSCAPE

Given the rising global demand for clean, renewable energy, companies eager to improve access to energy and meet energy transition goals are faced with the need to innovate. What technologies can reduce energy loss and waste? Can new energy sources substantially reduce our reliance on fossil fuels? In what way can economic models redefine energy production and consumption cycles?

INTRODUCTION
Grațiela Leocadia Gavrilescu, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Environment, Romania

SPEAKERS
Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman, SUEZ; and Honorary Chairman, ENGIE
Lisa Davis, Chair and CEO, Siemens Corporation; and Member of the Managing Board, Siemens AG
Jasandra Nyker, CEO, BioTherm Energy
Kerry Adler, President and CEO, SkyPower
Juergen Gerke, CEO, Allianz Capital Partners

CONCLUSION
Mark Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Saint Kitts and Nevis

MODERATOR
Amy Harder, Energy Reporter, Axios
15:00 **SEMINAR | ROOM MONT-ROYAL**

**THE STRENGTH OF FRANCOPHONE NETWORKS ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE**

Hosted by the Regroupement des jeunes chambres de commerce du Québec (RJCCQ) and the Secrétariat à la jeunesse, ministère du Conseil exécutif

Discussion moderated by Monsef Derraji, President and CEO, Regroupement des jeunes chambres de commerce du Québec (RJCCQ). With the participation of Isabelle Mignault, Assistant Youth Secretary, Secrétariat à la jeunesse, Ministère du Conseil exécutif, and Michel Robitaille, President and CEO, Les Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (LOJIQ).

**16:30 ROUND TABLE 1 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL**

**FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA IN THE DIGITAL AGE: SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES, MANAGING RISKS**

*In collaboration with the International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)*

Francophone Africa, where many individuals and small businesses are still excluded from the banking and financial system, has experienced rapid change in recent years thanks to the emergence of new mobile and digital products which have both shaken up traditional banks and enhanced their lineup of products and services. What is happening in Africa’s French-speaking countries in terms of financial inclusion, a real challenge for sustainable development? How can mobile and financial technology players act as catalysts to enable all individuals and businesses to access the banking and financial services they need to grow and create a financially secure future? What challenges must supervisory and regulatory agencies deal with in these countries to both foster development of these new services and also ensure consumer protection?

**INTRODUCTION**
Adama Ouane, Administrator, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

**PANELISTS**
- René Koto Sounon, Ambassador of Benin in Canada
- Omar Cissé, Director General, InTouch
- Gouro Sall Diagne, Principal Director, Supervision of Deposit-taking Institutions, Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF)
- Solofomamy Rakotomavo, Head of Financial Education, National Coordination of Inclusive Finance, Ministry of Finance and Budget, Madagascar
- Estelle Brack, Economist, BU Consumer Solutions, Natixis Payment Solutions, BPCE Group

**MODERATOR**
Séverine Leboucher, Editor, *Revue Banque*

**16:30 ROUND TABLE 2 | ROOM FONTAINE B**

**AFRICA: PAVING THE WAY FOR AN ERA OF GROWTH**

*In collaboration with Concordia University*

In the African economy, one of the fastest-growing on the planet, today’s youth could be tomorrow’s global entrepreneurs – if provided the right opportunities. What resources do African youth – especially women – need to empower their region through entrepreneurship? What role might technological innovation play in the continent’s development? What kind of leadership is needed to ensure sustainable prosperity?

**WELCOMING REMARKS**
Alan Shepard, President and Vice-Chancellor, Concordia University

**INTRODUCTION**
Christine St-Pierre, Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, Québec

**PANELISTS**
- Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
- Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board
- Ibukun Awosika, Chairman, First Bank of Nigeria

**CONCLUSION**
Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie, Canada

**MODERATOR**
Anne-Marie Croteau, Dean, John Molson School of Business, Concordia University
16:30  |  ROUND TABLE 3 | ROOM FONTAINE D-E

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND LEVERAGE CLIMATE FINANCE IN EMERGING MARKETS

In collaboration with the Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation (MESI)

Roughly $100 billion per year in funding is available to fight against climate change, and experience has shown that, while using these funds in developing countries can mitigate risks and bridge capacity gaps in order to stimulate market development and facilitate private-sector investment, accessing them can be a complex process for companies that are or might be interested in carrying out projects in developing countries. What is climate finance and what opportunities does it represent for companies? How can interested companies access available funds for emerging markets? What are the winning conditions for getting sustainable projects off the ground?

PANELISTS
- Etienne Desmarais, CEO, Ecotierra
- Myriam LeBlanc, Development Director, Econoler
- Joana Talafre, CEO, Okapi Consulting
- Geneviève Morin, CIO, Fondaction
- Jean-Philippe Linteau, Director Cleantech, Infrastructure and Lifesciences, Global Affairs Canada

MODERATOR
- Elise Roy, Advisor, International Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation, Québec

16:30  |  ROUND TABLE 4 | ROOM BONAVENTURE

THE ROAD TO OPEN SCIENCE

In collaboration with McGill University

Open science is a no-barrier approach to scientific research that allows research data and materials to move freely from one research team to another, between disciplines and toward the creation of innovative businesses. What are the challenges facing the open science movement? How can machine learning experts work alongside scientists to foster concrete results for health care? What are the perspectives for this unprecedented interdisciplinary collaboration?

INTRODUCTION
- Guy Rouleau, Director, Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital (The Neuro); and Co-Founder, Tanenbaum Open Science Institute (TOSI)

PANELISTS
- Doina Precup, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University; and Head, DeepMind Montréal
- Alan Evans, James McGill Professor of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Psychiatry and Biomedical Engineering, McGill University

MODERATOR
- Martha Crago, Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation, McGill University

17:30  |  RECEPTION | SALON VILLE-MARIE

Hosted by the Government of Ontario
7:00  REGISTRATION

7:30  WORKING BREAKFAST 1 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL
ADAPTING MARKETS TO CLIMATE CHANGE
 **WELCOMING REMARKS**
Michèle Boisvert, Executive Vice-President, Business Outreach, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)

**SPEAKERS**
Bertrand Badré, Founder and CEO, Blue Like an Orange Sustainable Capital
Mindy Lubber, President and CEO, Ceres
Kim Thomassin, Executive Vice-President, Legal Affairs and Secretariat, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)

**MODERATOR**
Sandrine Rastello, Montreal Bureau Chief, Bloomberg

7:30  WORKING BREAKFAST 2 | ROOM VILLE-MARIE
THE ROLE OF SOCIAL INNOVATION IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 **INTRODUCTION**
Géraldine Martin, Director, Entrepreneurship, Economic Development Department, City of Montréal

**SPEAKERS**
Marguerite Mendell, Professor, School of Community and Public Affairs, Concordia University
Jongick Jang, Associate Professor, Graduate School for Social Innovation Business and College of Global Cooperation, Hanshin University
Emmanuelle Rousset, Deputy Mayor, Vice-President for City Policy, Social and Solidarity Economy and Local Social Development, City of Rennes
Ester Vidal, Director, Services of Cooperative, Social and Solidarity Economy and Consumption, City of Barcelona

**MODERATOR**
Martin Van Den Borre, General Manager, International Center for Innovation and Knowledge Transfer on the Social and Solidarity Economy (C.I.T.I.E.S.)

8:30  FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT
AI AND CHINA’S TECH AMBITIONS
 **SPEAKER**
Charles-Édouard Bouée, Group CEO, Roland Berger

**INTERVIEWED BY**
Erica Pandey, Technology Reporter, Axios
9:00 PLENARY SESSION | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

COMPETING IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

In collaboration with the Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ), the Institute for Data Valorisation (IVADO), the Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA) and SCALE.AI

While AI has the potential to boost economic development and improve living conditions, it also has disturbing implications for employment, security, democracy, ethics – in short, for many aspects of professional, social and private life. Is it possible to promote AI development and its private and public sector applications while avoiding negative social impacts? What can companies and organizations do to ensure a successful digital transition? How can we bridge the gap between academic expertise and the needs of corporations and governments?

CHAIR
Rémi Quirion, Chief Scientist of Québec

SPEAKERS
Abhay Parasnis, CTO, Adobe
Joshua Bengio, Scientific Director, Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms (MILA); Professor, Université de Montréal; Co-Founder, Element AI; and Scientific Director, Institute for Data Valorisation (IVADO)
Sylvain Duranton, Global Head, BCG Gamma
Erica Pandey, Technology Reporter, Axios

10:00 FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

SPEAKER
Strive Masiyiwa, Executive Chairman, Econet Group

INTERVIEWED BY
Diane Francis, Editor-at-Large, National Post

10:30 FORUM 1 | ROOM MONT-ROYAL

SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND INTERNATIONAL REACH OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

In collaboration with Global Affairs Canada

Despite the current strong focus on support measures to help women grow their businesses, the success rate and growth opportunities of women-owned businesses are not equal to those of businesses owned by men. What gender-specific obstacle may hinder women entrepreneurs in developing their international markets? What public policy and business strategies can be adopted and encouraged to support the efforts of women entrepreneurs? How could a greater presence of women in international trade improve the national and international economic situation?

INTRODUCTION
François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, Canada

SPEAKERS
Helle Bank Jorgensen, President Emeritus and Senior Advisor, Global Compact Network Canada
Janet Longmore, President and CEO, Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT)
Ailish Campbell, Chief Trade Commissioner and Assistant Deputy Minister, Global Affairs Canada

MODERATOR
Ruth Vachon, President and CEO, Réseau des Femmes d’affaires du Québec
10:30 | FORUM 2 | ROOM FONTAINE D-E

UNIVERSITIES AND THE UNCERTAINTY OF GLOBALIZATION

In collaboration with the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

As the world economy goes through a period of great uncertainty, the globalized dissemination and use of knowledge is changing the traditional place of academic and research institutions. How will universities respond to the uncertainties caused by globalization? How does the private sector expect universities to adapt, and in what ways can it contribute to this important process? What synergies should we look for between French and English universities?

SPEAKERS
Pierre-Marie Boisson, President and CEO, Société Générale de Solidarité (SOGESOL)
Monica Jiman, CEO, Pentalog Software Factory
Anne Gaboury, President and CEO, Développement international Desjardins (DID)
Joanna Newman, Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities
Frantz Saintellemy, President and CEO, Groupe 3737

MODERATOR
Jean-Paul de Gaudemar, Rector, Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

10:30 | FORUM 3 | ROOM BONAVENTURE

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN EMERGING ECONOMIES: A GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY?

In collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Artificial intelligence (AI) advocates claim it will help address pressing issues of economic development. However, AI use in emerging economies could be problematic as the progress it creates in some areas – economic efficiency, for instance – may hinder advances in others, such as employment and social stability. To further complicate matters, most of the resources required to develop and deploy AI are in the northern hemisphere. You are invited to attend the launch of our new white paper, Artificial Intelligence and Human Development, which asks: how will AI drive development in the southern hemisphere? How can we tackle the risks inherent in designing, developing and deploying AI in such a way as to maximize the benefits and minimize the harm? What opportunities are there for AI leaders to support beneficial AI implementation in southern countries, and what are their responsibilities in that regard?

INTRODUCTION
Jean Lebel, President, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

SPEAKERS
Tara Denham, Director, Democracy Unit, Office of Human Rights, Freedoms and Inclusion, Global Affairs Canada
Malavika Jayaram, Executive Director, Digital Asia Hub
Matthew Smith, Senior Program Officer, Networked Economies, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
Doina Precup, Associate Professor, School of Computer Science, McGill University; and Head, DeepMind Montréal

MODERATOR
Naser Faruqui, Director, Technology and Innovation, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
10:30 FORUM 4 | ROOM FONTAINE B

SPEEDING UP SMART AND DIGITAL CITY DEVELOPMENT

In collaboration with the City of Montréal

The integration of AI components in city development represents a major change for the urban landscape. What role will new technologies play in urban economic regeneration? How can AI support urban transportation and sustainable infrastructure initiatives? What are the social implications of AI-powered cities?

INTRODUCTION
Stéphane Guidoin, Director, Smart and Digital City Office, City of Montréal

SPEAKERS
Gregory Renard, Co-Founder and Chief AI Officer, xBrain
Shai Suzan, Co-Founder and CIO, Waycare
Stavros N. Yiannouka, CEO, World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) – Qatar Foundation

MODERATOR
Raymond Paquin, Associate Professor, John Molson School of Business, Concordia University

10:30 FORUM 5 | ROOM VILLE-MARIE

FRANCOPHONE GOVERNMENTS TACKLE THE ECONOMIC AND GEO-STRATEGIC CHALLENGES OF DIGITAL TRANSITION

In collaboration with the International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

The tremendous challenges created by the digital revolution on many fronts – economic, social, legal, political, geostrategic – call for more active, more effective and increasingly international responses from governments and member countries of the Francophonie. How can these governments and countries work together so that the disruptive innovations that are the hallmark of digital development benefit their economies? What strategies and positions can they adopt to influence the implementation of new digital regulations at the international, national and regional levels? How can the Francophonie’s values of solidarity and sharing prevail in an ever-changing digital world?

INTRODUCTION
Adama Ouane, Administrator, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)

SPEAKERS
Bruno Nabagné Koné, Minister of Communication, Digital Economy and Posts; and Government Spokesperson, Côte d’Ivoire
Abdi Youssouf Souguè, Minister of Communication, in charge of Posts and Telecommunications, Djibouti
René Koto Sounon, Ambassador of Benin in Canada
Francois Xavier Toua, Deputy Director, Cultural Cooperation, Sport and Technique, Cameroon
Sané Keita, Chief of Staff of the Minister of Digital Economy and Communication, Mali
M’Hamed Dalla, Advisor of the Minister of Digital Economy, Tunisia; and Ambassador, Smart Africa Alliance
Evelyne Butoyi, Minister of Youth, Posts and Information Technologies, Burundi

CONCLUSION
Stéphane Lelux, Founder, Chairman and CEO, Groupe Tactis / Innopolis

MODERATOR
Emmanuel Adjovi, Director, Regional Office of Caribbean Countries and Latin America, International Organisation of La Francophonie (IOF)
CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION

PRESENTE BY CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ)

12:00 LUNCHEON | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT
Co-Presented by Altissia International and GardaWorld

PART 1 – OPERATING IN THE UNFAMILIAR
SPEAKER
Orit Gadiesh, Chairman, Bain & Company; and Co-Chair of the 24th edition of the Conference of Montreal

PRESENTED BY
Nicolas-Louis Boël, CEO, Altissia International

INTERVIEWED BY
Lily Jamali, Anchor and Executive Producer, Bloomberg TV

PART 2 – INNOVATION IS NOT JUST FOR TECH COMPANIES
SPEAKER
Alexandre Ricard, Chairman and CEO, Pernod Ricard

PRESENTED BY
Louis Audet, President and CEO, Cogeco and Cogeco Communications

INTERVIEWED BY
Vanmala Subramaniam, Money & Economics Editor, Vice Media

CONCLUSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Christian Paradis, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Development, Protective Services, GardaWorld

14:00 NETWORKING (DESSERTS AND COFFEE) | ROOM FONTAINE B

14:45 PLENARY SESSION | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT
EXPANDING THE ROLE OF MARKETS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
In collaboration with the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)
Significant progress is being made to foster investment and advancement in the renewable energy space. How do the current opportunities in renewable compare to traditional energy sources? What will be the main drivers for the next phase of development? How can markets best support this new phase?

SPEAKERS
Michael Polsky, Founder, President and CEO, Invenergy
Inderpreet S. Wadhwa, Founder, President and CEO, Azure Power Global
Rana Ghorayeb, Senior Vice-President, Investment, Infrastructure, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)

MODERATOR
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

CLIMATE CHANGE AND INNOVATION

PRESENTED BY CAISSE DE DÉPÔT ET PLACEMENT DU QUÉBEC (CDPQ)

16:00
FIRESIDE CHAT | ROOM WESTMOUNT-OUTREMONT

SPEAKERS
Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary General of the United Nations
Michael Sabia, President and CEO, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)

CONCLUSION
Nicolas Patard, Chairman of the Board, Finance Montréal
Michèle Boisvert, Executive Vice-President, Business Outreach, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ)

CLOSING OF THE 24TH EDITION OF THE CONFERENCE OF MONTREAL

SPEAKERS
Hélène Desmarais, Chair of the Board of Directors, HEC Montréal; Chair of the Board and CEO, Centre d’entreprises et d’innovation de Montréal (CEIM); and President, Consultative and Strategic Orientation Board, Conference of Montreal
Nicholas Rémillard, President and CEO, International Economic Forum of the Americas (IEFA)

17:00
CLOSING RECEPTION | SALON BONAVENTURE TERRACE

Hosted by the Young Leaders Circle of The International Economic Forum of The Americas (IEFA)
Health and Biosciences are a significant contributor to Canada’s economy. Generating $7.8 billion in GDP in 2016, the sector is recognized worldwide for the quality of its science and health care solutions. Canada is home to longstanding and emerging clusters of universities, entrepreneurs, researchers and capital in regenerative medicine, oncology, infectious diseases, metabolic diseases, neurodegeneration, genomics and personalized medicine. Canada also boasts several of North America’s top medical schools, producing cutting-edge research. New growth opportunities abound in fields as diverse as digital health, artificial intelligence, drugs, precision medicine, big data and smart devices. Yet for all its strengths, the Canadian health and bioscience sector faces major challenges. Firms can face obstacles getting their innovations accepted into the Canadian public health care system. Raising capital and finding qualified personnel are constant concerns. To chart a course for the future, the Government of Canada established in its Budget 2017 the Health and Biosciences Economic Strategy Table. This industry-driven forum brings together CEOs and government officials to set ambitious growth targets, identify sector-specific bottlenecks to growth, recommend specific strategies for achieving targets, drive long-term and sustainable economic growth, and create high-quality jobs for Canadians. At the Conference of Montreal, the Chair and several members of the Health and Biosciences Economic Strategy Table will discuss their work and emerging recommendations to the Government of Canada.

SPEAKERS
Karimah Es Sabar, CEO and Partner, Quark Venture
Martin Leblanc, President and CEO, Caprion Biosciences
Ed Dybka, President and CEO, AstraZeneca Canada (2015-2018)
Huda Idrees, Founder and CEO, Dot Health

MODERATOR
David G. Knott, Senior Partner, McKinsey & Company