

# 2025 NEW PROFESSIONALS FORUM

## EVENT AGENDA

JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> | 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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# MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 AM

## Registration

9:00 AM

## Welcome Address

Opening ceremony by Knowledge Keeper **Monique Manatch**

Opening remarks by **Camille Beausoleil**, Executive Director, National Managers' Community

9:30 AM

## Working Together: The Four Orders of Government

This panel will bring together leaders from federal, provincial, municipal, and Indigenous governments to discuss how different orders of government collaborate to address shared priorities.

Panelists will explore intergovernmental coordination, effective partnerships, and approaches to inclusive and respectful governance.

*Moderator: Sandra DiGnagbo, Deputy Director, The Black Executive Network, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada*

- **Rodney Ghali**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Impact Innovation Unit, Privy Council Office, Government of Canada
- **Roda Muse**, Deputy Minister of Francophone Affairs, Government of Ontario
- **Clara Freire**, General Manager of Community and Social Services, City of Ottawa
- **Savanna McGregor**, Grand Chief of the Algonquin Anishinabeg Tribal Council

10:00 AM -  
12:00 PM

## CV Review & Headshots



# EARLY AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

10:30 AM

## How to Network & the Power of Networking

This session will feature small-group discussions led by facilitators exploring the diversity of experiences in networking, effective techniques, and how networking can shape career growth. Participants will engage with professionals from across the public service, including hiring managers, executives, and academics, offering a range of perspectives and practical insights.

10:50 AM

## Coffee Break

11:10 AM

## AI and Data: Do's, Don'ts, and the Future

This panel will explore the current and emerging uses of AI in the public sector, including best practices, common pitfalls, and available training opportunities. The session will highlight how public servants can responsibly and effectively integrate AI into their work.

*Moderator: Jahanzaib Ansari, CEO, Knockri*

- **Mark Schaan**, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Artificial Intelligence), Privy Council Office, Government of Canada
- **Melissa Judd**, Vice President, Research Operations & Academic Partnerships, Vector Institute;

12:00 PM

## Lunch Break

1:00 PM -  
3:20 PM

## CV Review & Headshots

1:00 PM

## Values and Ethics in Public Service

This interactive session, developed by the Canadian School of Public Service, will explore values and ethics in the public service.

- **Jodi Brouillard**, Vice President and Chief Digital Officer, User Experience and Service Branch, Canada School of Public Service, Government of Canada

2:15 PM

## Coffee Break

# LATE AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

2:35 PM

## Navigating Career Paths

This panel will explore diverse career journeys across public, private, and academic sectors—from early-career professionals to executives. Panelists will share insights on career development, leadership transitions, and how to work effectively across generational lines in evolving workplaces.

*Moderator: Émilie Sauriol, Policy Analyst, Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan)*

- **Paul Samson**, President, Centre for International Governance Innovation
- **Mathieu Grondin**, Nightlife Commissioner, City of Ottawa
- **Andrea Johnston**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Innovation Canada
- **Youri Cormier**, Visiting Professor, University of Ottawa

3:40 PM

## The Future of the Public Services

This fireside chat will explore the future of the public service through the lens of values, ethics, and the evolving importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The discussion will reflect on how these principles are shaping public service renewal and the changing expectations of public servants.

*Moderator: Christopher K. Scipio, Manager, Corporate Secretary, Department of National Defence.*

- **John Hannaford**, Clerk of the Privy Council, Privy Council Office, Government of Canada
- **Gaveen Cadotte**, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Public Service Renewal), Privy Council Office, Government of Canada

4:20 PM

## Closing Remarks

Closing ceremony hosted by  
Knowledge Keeper Monique Manatch

5:00 PM

## Reception

**IPAC-NCR Annual General Meeting (for Members)**



# MEET OUR SPEAKERS



**John Hannaford**

Clerk of the Privy  
Council,  
Privy Council Office



**Jodi Brouillard**

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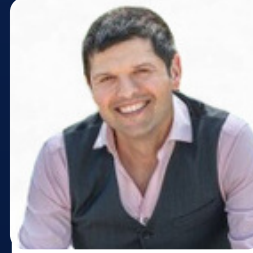
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