








LSO's Annual Ideas to Action Life Sciences Forum (formerly LSO Policy Forum), will look at creating tangible actions that we can take to government and key stakeholders to help create a robust life sciences sector. Entering its 13th year, the forum will bring together key stakeholders from across the industry to strategize and collaborate on how we can empower the life sciences sector.

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On November 3rd, we will do a deeper dive into how talent, data, and infrastructure can play key roles in the implementation of successful federal and provincial life sciences strategies. What actions are needed to train and keep an inclusive talent field in Canada in order for the sector to grow? Data has the opportunity to positively impact research, the health systems, patients, government, and industry but how do we build strong data partnerships between all stakeholders? How do we ensure our infrastructure investments are sufficient to support the growing research, biomanufacturing, clinical trials, and coordinated data systems? We'll end the day hearing from leading public policy strategists on how to action the ideas from the forum to ensure meaningful implementation.

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Thursday, November 3rd	
8:00-8:30 am	Registration & Networking Breakfast
8:30-8:40am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Jason Field, President & CEO, Life Sciences Ontario</p>
8:40-9:00am	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Hon. Vic Fedeli (Nipissing), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario</p>
9:00-9:30am	<p>Keynote – Bringing Strategy Home</p> <p>Brigitte Nolet, President & CEO of Roche Canada Pharma will provide her insights and key learnings from her international experience. What can Canada learn from other international jurisdictions? How can we be competitive in the post-pandemic environment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brigitte Nolet, President & CEO, Roche Canada Pharma <p>Sponsored by: Seneca</p>
9:30-10:45am	<p>Coordinating Life Sciences Strategies Panel</p> <p>This panel session will explore the interplay between federal and provincial life sciences strategies. How are these strategies co-dependent and will they be mutually reinforcing? How do we define areas of responsibility to ensure coordination within government and across different levels of government? What steps need to be implemented to ensure these strategies are meeting the needs of the life sciences sector?</p> <p>Moderator: Brigitte Nolet, President & CEO, Roche Canada Pharma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Chan, Vice-President, Policy and Government Affairs, Merck Canada Inc • Lesia Babiak, Head, Canada Government Affairs & Policy, Johnson & Johnson • Darryl Patterson, Director General, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada - Life Sciences and Biomanufacturing branch • Khawar Nasim, Vice President, Business Development, Invest Ontario <p>Sponsored by: Johnson & Johnson CONSUMER HEALTH</p>
10:45-11:05am	<p>Morning Networking Break</p> <p>Sponsored by: town ADVOCACY</p>
11:05 – 12:00 pm	<p>Closing the Talent Gap Panel</p> <p>BioTalent Canada predicts more than 65,000 new life sciences workers will be needed in Canada by 2029. In order to meet this demand, Canada's life sciences sector must take steps to improve Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA). We need to train our young talent with the skills needed for the life sciences jobs of tomorrow and ensure that they have clear career development pathways to allow them to grow and succeed in the Canadian bioeconomy. This panel will explore the actions needed to bridge the talent gap.</p> <p>Moderator: Reg Joseph, Chair, BioTalent Canada; CEO, Health Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Allen, Vice-President, Ecosystem Development, adMare Bioinnovations • Tomas Baldassarre, Specialist Educational Development and Digital Learning, University of Ottawa • Wendy Cukier, Founder & Academic Director; Professor, Entrepreneurship & Strategy, Toronto Metropolitan University • Farah Qaiser, Member, Canada Chief Science Advisor's Youth Council <p>Sponsored by: BioTalent Canada Building skills for Canada's bio-economy</p>

<p>12:00-12:40pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Buffet Lunch (Provided)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p> <p>CASTL Canadian Alliance for Skills and Training in Life Sciences <i>adMare Academy Partner</i></p>
<p>12:40 – 1:35pm</p>	<p><i>Preparing for the Data Revolution Panel</i></p> <p>Data and how we use it will fundamentally shape the life sciences sector in the immediate future. The potential for data to positively impact research, health systems, patients, government and industry hinge on the actions we take now. How do we build strong data partnerships between government, industry and the public? Do we have the right infrastructure and policy frameworks in place? Are we ready for the data revolution?</p> <p>Moderator: Carole Piovesan, Managing Partner, INQ Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alies Maybee, Co-founder and Chair, Patient Advisors Network • Winson Cheung, Professor, University of Calgary • Naheed Kurji, Co-Founder, President & CEO, Cyclica • Michael Duong, Head of Innovation, Roche Canada <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p>
<p>1:35-1:45pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon Break</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p>
<p>1:45-2:40pm</p>	<p><i>Investing in Life Sciences Infrastructure Panel</i></p> <p>As jurisdictions around the world race to build strategies to grow investments in life sciences, are they overlooking the fundamental infrastructure needed support these investments and growth? Ontario is already struggling with access to wetlab space. Do we have other infrastructure to support increased life sciences research, biomanufacturing, clinical trials, and coordinated data systems? How do we ensure our infrastructure investments are sufficient to support our life sciences strategy goals?</p> <p>Moderator: Maura Campbell, CEO, Ontario Bioscience Innovation Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Lacey, Associate Vice President, CBRE Life Sciences Practice Group • Ty Shattuck, CEO, McMaster Innovation Park • Janet Dancey, Director, Canadian Cancer Trials Group (CCTG); Professor, Department of Oncology, Queen's University • Susan Marlin, President and CEO, Clinical Trials Ontario <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p>
<p>2:40-3:35pm</p>	<p><i>Turning Ideas to Action Panel</i></p> <p>This fireside chat with life science leaders and strategists will explore where we go from here. How do we action the ideas presented at this forum? How do we engage government, industry, academia and other stakeholders to ensure meaningful implementation of life sciences strategies and beyond?</p> <p>Moderator: Ryan Wiley, President, Shift Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Elliott, Council, Fasken • Jason Lietaer, President, Enterprise • Ross Wallace, Principal, Santis Health • Leah Cowen, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives, University of Toronto <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p>

3:35-3:55pm	<p><i>Keynote Closing - Celebrating Alexion's 30 years of Innovation in Rare Diseases</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Whelan, Country Lead, International Government Affairs & Policy, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Durhane Wong-Rieger, President & CEO at Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD)
3:55-4:00pm	<p><i>Close the Day & Next Steps</i></p> <p>Jason Field, President & CEO, Life Sciences Ontario</p>
4:00-5:30pm	<p><i>Networking Reception</i></p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> 

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October 5th - 9am	
	<i>Pre-Life Sciences Forum Teaser Event - Virtual</i>
9:00 am	<p><i>Creating a robust life science strategy: Best practice sharing between Denmark, Ontario and Quebec</i></p> <p><i>Christina Kibsgaard</i>, Chief special adviser, Life Science team, Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs of Denmark</p> <p><i>Frank Béraud</i>, Président & CEO, Montréal InVivo</p> <p><i>Andrew Guy</i>, Director, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</p> <p>On behalf of the Royal Danish Embassy, the Danish Life Sciences Forum and Life Sciences Ontario, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend a panel discussion with a focus on best practices for developing a strong life science strategy. Denmark provides a rich source of insights to support the growth of an expanded life science industry in Ontario and Quebec. Life science is one of the largest sectors in the Danish economy, comprising almost 1,500 companies, with the value of the industry nearly doubling in the past decade. Last year, Denmark unveiled a 2021-23 strategy for the Danish life science industry, composed of 38 new initiatives across seven domains. Developed together with industry partners, the initiatives aim to improve conditions for R&D, expand the use of health data, secure a highly skilled workforce and deliver on international partnerships and market access for the benefit of patients, healthcare system sustainability and the economy.</p> <p>Moderated by Jason Field, President and CEO of Life Sciences Ontario, with representatives from Denmark, Ontario and Quebec, this panel is set up for a rich dialogue to ensure ongoing innovation in the life sciences sector.</p> <p>Key themes will include economic pillars of the strategy, the resulting benefits to life sciences and the healthcare system, and the approach to public private partnerships, exploring benefits, challenges and lessons learned.</p>

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