

## LSO Ideas to Action Forum 2024

Reflecting on 15 Years and Powering Ontario's Hard Pivot to the Future  
Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Venue: Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

Bay Adelaide Centre, E. Tower – 22 Adelaide St W., 34th floor, Toronto, ON M5H 4E3

Marking its 15th anniversary, our Annual Ideas to Action Forum brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to discuss practical steps for fostering a resilient, dynamic, and diverse life sciences sector.

This year's theme, reflecting on 15 Years and Powering Ontario's Hard Pivot to the Future, highlights the sector's journey of innovation, resilience, and growth over the past decade and a half. We will also explore ways in which we can drive forward-thinking solutions and strategies that will shape the future of life sciences in Ontario.

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8:00-8:30am	<i>Registration &amp; Networking Breakfast</i>
8:30-8:40am	<i>Welcome</i>
8:40-9:10am	<i>Keynote Address –Reflecting on the past 15 years and future? - Evolution of Canada Life Sciences</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Zayna Kayat</b>, In-House Health Futurist, <i>Deloitte</i></li></ul>
9:10–10:10am	<i>Debate Panel: Ontario's Opportunities in the Life Sciences Sector</i> <b>Moderator: Rachel Simeon</b> , Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maura Campbell</b>, President and CEO, <i>Ontario Bioscience Innovation Organization (OBIO)</i></li><li>• <b>Ivy Parks</b>, President, <i>BD Canada</i></li><li>• <b>Peter van der Velden</b>, Founder and Managing General Partner, <i>Lumira Ventures</i></li></ul>
10:10-10:30am	<i>Morning Networking Break</i>
10:30-11:30am	<i>Panel 1 – Life Sciences Thought Leadership Panel</i>

	<p><b>Moderator: Jason Field</b>, President and CEO, Life Sciences Ontario</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrew Casey</b>, President and CEO, <i>BIOTECanada</i></li> <li>• <b>Nicole DeKort</b>, President and CEO, <i>Medtech Canada</i></li> <li>• <b>Bettina Hamelin</b>, President, <i>Innovative Medicines Canada (IMC)</i></li> <li>• <b>Pierre Petelle</b>, President and CEO, <i>Croplife Canada</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>11:30-12:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 2 – Building and Strengthening Canadian Anchor Companies: Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Parimal Nathwani</b>, President &amp; CEO, Toronto Innovation Acceleration Partners (TIAP)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christine Allen</b>, Professor, <i>University of Toronto</i></li> <li>• <b>Mike Canzoneri</b>, President and CEO, Canadian Hospital Specialities</li> <li>• <b>Diana Chan</b>, Managing Director, BridgeGap Solutions Group</li> <li>• <b>Tamara Seales</b>, President, <i>Seaford Pharmaceuticals</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>12:30-1:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Buffet Lunch (Provided)</b></p>
<p><b>1:15-2:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 3 – Political Pundit Panel – How to Engage Government in a Strategic Way?</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mark Smithyes</b>, National Director, Life Sciences, <i>Delphic Research</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jordan Lechnitz</b>, Political Advisor, <i>Curse of Politics</i></li> <li>• <b>Sarah Letersky</b>, Senior Vice President, <i>Rubicon Strategy</i></li> <li>• <b>Jason Lietaer</b>, President, <i>Enterprise Canada</i></li> <li>• <b>Kim Wright</b>, Principal, <i>Wright Strategies</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>2:15-3:15pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 4 – Advancements in Life Sciences – Frontiers of Technology</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Philippa King</b>, Assistant Vice President of Strategic Programs, <i>Ontario Centre Innovation</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Doug Baumann</b>, <i>ViveCrop Protection</i></li> <li>• <b>Alexis Sciuk</b>, Global Medical, Digital Health Solutions, Pipeline Lead, <i>Pfizer</i></li> <li>• <b>Melody Greaves</b>, Manager Business Strategy, <i>Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council</i></li> <li>• <b>Fahad Razak</b>, Co-Lead, <i>GEMINI</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>3:15-3:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Break</b></p>
<p><b>3:30-4:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Panel 5 – Preparing for Personalized Medicine</b></p>

**Moderator: Dr Carolyn Cummins**, Associate Scientific Director, *PRiME*

**Panelists:**

- **Marc Fiume**, Co-Founder & CEO, *DNASTack*
- **Ben Hedley**, Hematology Scientist, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, *London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC)*
- **Don Husereau**, Adjunct Professor, *University of Ottawa*

**4:30-4:50pm** *Remarks from Government*  
*Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade*

**4:50-5:00pm** *Close the Day & Next Steps*

**5:15 - 6:00pm** *Networking Reception*