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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast & Registrations

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM **Main Room**

Opening Remarks

Sherry Rumbolt / Master of Ceremonies
Senior Strategic Advisor in Cybersecurity, Government of Canada

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9:15 AM – 10:00 AM **Main Room / Session 1 / Keynote**

Before the Agent: Building an Agentic SOC from the Ground Up

From an agent-ready data layer to securing the agents themselves

Iacob Cozma
Senior Solutions Engineer, Exaforce

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10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

MAIN ROOM
Session 2A / Keynote

The Lethal AI Trifecta

Peter Buckley
Founder and CISO, Buckley Cyber Consulting Inc.

BREAKOUT ROOM
Session 2B / Fireside Chat

A New Framework for OT

Edward Pereira
Founder, Carmel Info-Risk

Rob Labbé
CEO and CISO-in-Residence, Global Mining and Metals ISAC

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Morning Break
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11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

MAIN ROOM
Session 3A / Panel

Putting the E in GRCE: Adapting Risk Management for the AI Era

Mary Carmichael / Moderator
Field CISO, Western Canada, Bell Cyber

Thaïs Ramos
Director of Governance, Risk & Compliance, Simon Fraser University

Thelma Muronzi
Cybersecurity Awareness Program Project Manager, BC Hydro

Maryam Hamidirad
Director of Security & GRC, FISPAN

BREAKOUT ROOM
Session 3B / Panel

OT/IoT in the Wild: Emerging Trends and Advances

Parisa Saqib / Moderator
Associate Director of Communications, ISACA Vancouver

Ali Deheshi
Cybersecurity Executive, Public Sector

Shamsher Dullet
Director Cybersecurity Operations, Lululemon

Mina Girges
Vice President and Chief Information Officer, TransForm Shared Service Organization

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11:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Main Room / Session 4 / Keynote**

IT Strategy is Not Enough

Mina Girges
Vice President and Chief Information Officer, TransForm Shared Service Organization

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12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch Break
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1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

MAIN ROOM
Session 5A / Panel

AI in Higher Ed: How it Started, How it's Going

Farooq Naiyer / Moderator
Practice Leader Risk, Assurance and Compliance, Arancia

Brent Fowles
CISO, Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Services, Western University

Laleh Mosadegh
Director of Enterprise Digital Transformation and Automation, Office of the CIO , University of British Columbia.

Momchil Karov
Director of Information Security , Vancouver Community College (VCC)

BREAKOUT ROOM
Session 5B / Panel

Canada's Evolving Privacy Landscape

Joni Brennan / Moderator
President, DIACC

Cat Coode
Founder, Binary Tattoo

Steven Tam
Partner, INQ Law

Walter Anderson
CISO, Nanaimo Port Authority

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2:00 PM – 2:45 PM **Main Room / Session 6 / Fireside Chat**

Smart Homes and Businesses: The Perfect Storm of OT & IoT, with AI on Top

Sonny Sarai
Co-founder, Brockton Point Solutions

Cat Coode
Founder, Binary Tattoo

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Afternoon Break
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3:15 PM – 4:00 PM **Main Room / Session 7 / Closing Panel**

Beyond the Keyboard: Turning Technical Minds into Business Influencers

Dominic Vogel / Moderator
President, Vogel Cyber Leadership & Coaching

Maleena Singh
Director of Incident Response, Mirai Security Inc.

Sabino Marquez
Co-founder, Trustable

Tasleem Jessani
Leadership Coach & Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Tasleem Jessani Co.

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Closing Remarks & Prize Draws

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