

# AGENDA



September  
23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



Mississauga  
Convention Centre

**9:00 – 9:30**  
**INAUGURATION &  
WELCOME ADDRESS**

Kickstart your day with a networking breakfast. Meet fellow change makers, investors, ecosystem builders, and immigrant founders.

**9:30 – 10:00**  
**FIRESIDE CHAT WITH  
GREGG SHEPARD**

Lessons from the Journey  
Insights and stories, moderated by Naz  
Noorani

**10:00 – 10:30**  
**FIRESIDE CHAT WITH  
MUDDASSIR AHMED**

Breaking New Ground  
Conversation led by Anuj Rastogi

**10:30 – 11:00**  
**FIRESIDE CHAT WITH  
MYRIAM FRANCISQUE**

Global Perspectives, Local Impact  
Guided by Tehmina A. Chaudhry

**11:00 – 11:30**  
**STARTUP ECOSYSTEM  
INSIGHTS**

Building Canada's Next Big Thing  
Yasir Naqvi in dialogue with Hammad  
Siddiqui

**11:30 – 11:45**  
**ENERGIZER BREAK**

Stretch • Sip • Connect  
Refresh and network.



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**11:45 – 12:45 | BUILDER'S  
ROUNDTABLE**

Ideas in Action  
A dynamic panel moderated  
by Naila Qazi

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**1:00 – 2:00  
LUNCH & NETWORKING**

Fuel Up & Forge New Connections  
Enjoy lunch across the Main Hall,  
Lunch Area, and Exhibition Hall.

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**2:00 – 2:30  
FUNDRAISING  
PLAYBOOK**

Scaling with Smart Capital  
Miryam Lazarte with moderator  
Zavosh

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**2:30 – 3:00  
PROCUREMENT  
CANADA: DOING  
BUSINESS WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT**

Your Gateway to Federal  
Opportunities  
Breakout Room session.

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**3:00 – 3:15  
DELOITTE:  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Funding Pathways Made Simple  
Breakout Room presentation.

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**3:15 – 4:00  
PITCH COMPETITION  
POWERED BY EDC**

Where Vision Meets Venture  
Startups pitch to an expert judges'  
panel for top honors

