

Friday, March 1st, 2024

2024 ESG Symposium

Delivering on the "G" in ESG



Toronto

ESG Symposium

Environment Social Governance

AGENDA

1:00PM: Registration and Networking

1:30PM: Welcome

Opening Remarks: ESG - What Does It Mean?

Unpacking sustainability and the key terms you hear often; ESG, climate change, corporate social responsibility. They are used synonymously and interchangeably but what do they really mean? Whose role is it? What's in it for you? Is this a fad? Who really cares? Let's dive in.



Heather Taylor
Partner,
Climate Change & Sustainability Services
EY

Keynote: Governance to Build Better Companies

The "G" in "ESG" used to be an after-thought to a company's success. But Governance is now vital for board directors to secure their organization's long-term success. What is governance, and how can companies use good governance to build better companies, better industries and a better Canada? Rahul Bhardwaj proposes six ideas for boards to function in today's environment of perpetual and accelerating change.



Rahul Bhardwaj
President and CEO
Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD)

Featured Speaker: **Building Trust and Credibility in a "Show Me World"**

It's no longer enough to set goals and targets, companies need to spur action, drive change and demonstrate progress. Embracing data, scorecards and reporting is a win win. It helps companies make better decisions and address stakeholder expectations to be more transparent on both successes and the challenges they are still working through.



Andrea Barrack
SVP, Corporate Citizenship & ESG
Royal Bank of Canada

ULI Toronto: **2024 ESG Symposium Chair**



Antonio Gómez-Palacio
Partner
DIALOG

2:20PM: Collective Commitments Introduction

Paddy Harrington of Frontier will introduce an interactive workshop that will conclude today's session. As you listen to the day's talks, use the cards and writing tools on your tables to record your thoughts on how we can all collectively implement the G in ESG.

2:25PM: Panel 1 - The "G" in ESG

Governance is the weak link in most corporate ESG strategies. Without a change in how decisions are made and enforced there will be no change in outcomes. Governance is the process, codified and implicit, that organizations use to make decisions. Learn how leading real estate companies have addressed this shortcoming, how they achieved internal buy in to the changes, what barriers had to be overcome, and how these changes are driving value.



Moderator
Luka Matutinovic
Co-Founder and Principal
Purpose Building



Jamie Gray-Donald
Senior Vice President,
Sustainability & EHS
QuadReal Property Group



Ali Hoss
Chief Sustainability Officer
Triovest



Toni Rossi
Chief ESG Officer
Infrastructure Ontario



Della Wang
Director, ESG
Fengate Asset Management

Speaker Bios



3:00PM: Panel 2 - Climate Smart Buildings Alliance

How industry leaders are working together to set more ambitious climate performance targets and accountability, address barriers, seize opportunities and drive greater impact by working cross-sector in focused collaboration. Learn about the emergence of a new, voluntary industry alliance committed to the advancement of more sustainable, denser, healthier and smarter cities.



Moderator:
Karim Bardeesy
Executive Director, the Dais
Toronto Metropolitan University



Jody Becker
Chief Operating Officer, and Executive
Vice President Infrastructure Services &
Technology
EllisDon



Brad Carr
CEO, Canada
Mattamy Homes



Theresa Do
Director, Strategic Programs,
RBC Climate Action Institute
Royal Bank of Canada

3:30PM: Culminating 'Collective Commitments' Workshop

Led by purpose driven design firm Frontier founder Paddy Harrington.

Join us in this interactive session as we explore ways we can both collectively and individually turn thinking into action, and walk away with a commitment to improve governance in your own teams and organizations.

4:00PM: Closing Reception

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