

Seventh Annual National Energy Roundtable Conference

THE DESIGN EXCHANGE, 234 BAY STREET, TORONTO
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

MC Jason Langrish, President, The Energy Roundtable

8:00 am Registration open. Breakfast served.

8:30 am Welcome remarks

8:40 am Fireside chat: Energy transition- to what, when and how?

9:15 am Panel discussion: Asset aggregation and grid integration

Electricity provides a tremendous potential competitive advantage in a world focused on carbon reduction. Canada has abundant capacity to create and distribute electricity, but remains a patchwork of technologies, production and distribution systems that have been developed over time, often with disparate outcomes. Initiatives to spur generation have been effective, but greater aggregation and use of these resources at the distribution level is required, including to serve bulk energy needs. Provinces typically focus on energy self-sufficiency and there is little interprovincial and cross border trade to take advantage of strengths and weaknesses, and no comprehensive strategies in this area of provincial jurisdiction. The panel will examine how grid integration and asset aggregation strategies can be the basis for turning what is a vulnerability into a competitive advantage.

10:00 am Networking break

10:30 am Panel discussion: Optimization of non-emitting resources

Discussions on energy transition are often framed around what we need to cut in the decades ahead—oil production, carbon pollution. Equally important is the conversation around what we need to build and how we can best utilize these assets. And build we must. The federal government has committed to have 90 per cent of Canada's electricity coming from non-emitting sources by 2030, up from 80 per cent now. The panel will examine how we can best optimize our non-emitting sources of electricity to ensure meaningful transformation in the energy sector.

11:15 am Energy Ministers discussion

12:00 pm Networking luncheon

1:15 pm Presentation: Canada's energy policy framework

1:45 pm Fireside chat: financing the energy transition

2:15 pm Panel discussion: Indigenous equity participation on projects

Over the past two decades, resource exploration and development activities have pushed further into every region of Canada, bringing significant opportunities in the form of jobs, business opportunities and revenue streams to the doorstep of indigenous communities. Not all indigenous groups agree with the existence, direction or pace of current and proposed natural resource development projects. However, it is abundantly clear that – where consensus can be reached – the viability and long-term success of these opportunities increasingly depend on indigenous communities and industry working together. Panelists will discuss Increasing the participation of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in major projects as equity partners, entrepreneurs and workers as a means to helping close the socio-economic gaps between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians.

3:00 pm Electric System Operator discussion

4:00 pm Close

4:30 pm Cocktail reception