



Agenda as of Oct.10, 2025

Monday November 3, 2025

Ballroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto

08.30 **Arrival of Guests - Registration**

09.00 **Welcome Remarks**

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum
- ✓ **John Sotos**, Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada

09.10 **Opening Statement**

**Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, Hellenic Republic (*tbc*)

09.30 **The Tectonic Geopolitical Shifts: Supercharging EU-Canada**

- ✓ **Annie Koutrakis**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Jobs & Families, Government of Canada
- ✓ **Ekaterina Dimakis**, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Canada
- ✓ **Chair: Vassy Kapelos**, Chief Political Correspondent, CTV news

10.15 **Inclusive Growth and Innovation for Canada's Next Decade: The Greek-Canadian Contribution**

*How the Greek-Canadian diaspora can specifically contribute to sustainable growth and innovation in Canada over the next decade.*

- ✓ **Effie Triantafilopoulos**, Dep. Speaker, Ontario Legislature; Parl. Assist. to Ontario Minister of Tourism, Culture & Gaming
- ✓ **Mike Manatos**, Executive Director, The Hellenic Initiative
- ✓ **Constantine Katsigiannis**, President, Canada-Greece Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ **Chair: Katerina Sokou**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, USA

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11.00 **Fireside Chat**

✓ **Honourable Stan Cho**, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Gaming, Legislative Assembly of Ontario

11.15 **Networking break**

11.45 **In Conversation**

✓ **George Burns**, CEO, Eldorado Gold  
with

12.05 **Fireside Chat**

✓ **Vivian Bouzali**, Chief Corporate Affairs & Communication Officer, Metlen Energy & Metals, Greece

12.25 **Networking lunch break**

13.10 **A Digital Greece for a Global Diaspora: The Strategic Plan to Modernize Consular Services**

*The strategic plan of Greece for 2024-2027 places special emphasis on combating bureaucracy for Greeks living abroad through new digital tools and the creation of a website exclusively for the diaspora (diaspora.gr). These new technological developments bring Greeks closer to their homeland, helping to upgrade the services provided by Consular Authorities.*

**Athanasios Balermipas**, Secretary General of Interior & Organization, Ministry of Interior, Hellenic Republic

**John Sotos**, Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada

**Stergitsa Zamanias-Hill**, CEO, The Hellenic Initiative Australia

**Steve Mirkopoulos**, Co Founder, Cinespace Film Studios

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#### 14.00 **Canada and Greece: A Growing Partnership in Business and Investment**

*A discussion on the evolving economic relationship between Canada and Greece, the foundational role of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the promising new investment opportunities that are emerging in sectors like renewable energy, technology, and tourism.*

- ✓ **Harris Lambropoulos**, President, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments
- ✓ **Robert Peck**, Honorary Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada & Canada - Greece Chamber
- ✓ **Katerina Sokou**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, USA
  
- ✓ **Chair: Theo Argitis**, Senior Vice President, Business Council of Canada

#### 14.40 **Energy Transition & Net-Zero:**

##### **The Contribution of Nuclear Power & the Mineral Supply Chain to Energy Security in the EU & Canada**

*A discussion on how the EU and Canada can achieve their climate goals while maintaining a stable and affordable energy supply. The central theme explores the dual challenge of energy transition, which is the shift from fossil fuels to clean energy, and net-zero emissions, the goal of balancing greenhouse gas emissions with their removal from the atmosphere.*

- Rudy Cuzzetto**, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines (*tbc*)
- ✓ **Jim Sarvinis**, Global Managing Director, Energy, Hatch
- ✓ **Alex Kotsopoulos**, Partner, ESG Advisory RSM Canada

**Chair: Vasileios Tsianos**, Vice President, Neo Performance Materials (*tbc*)



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#### 15.10 **AI Future: Business, Work, & the Digital Economy**

*What opportunities and challenges does the growth of AI and the digital economy present for Canadian businesses and the workforce? How can businesses strategically adopt AI and digital technologies while addressing the potential disruptions to the workforce and ensuring responsible innovation.*

✓ **Nik Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist & Founder, Nanos Research, Canada

✓ **John Psihos**, CEO, Axilogic

✓ **Jason Varmazis**, Principal Consultant, Random Signal, Canada

✓ **Chair: Stephanie Petsis**, Hellenic Canadian Board of Trade

#### 15.50 **Hellenic North America:**

##### **An Enduring Connection Through Economic, Cultural, Political and Social Influence**

*The discussion will reveal how the global Greek community leverages talent, resources, and economic relations between the United States, Canada, and Greece to create a brighter future.*

✓ **Alexander Georgiadis**, Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative; President, Krinos Foods Canada

✓ **Mike Manatos**, Executive Director, The Hellenic Initiative, USA

✓ **Kostis Katsanevas**, Managing Director, Career Gate, Canada

**Basile Angelopoulos**, President, Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal

✓ **Chair: Polydefkis Papadopoulos**, Journalist, ERT

#### 16.30 Closing remarks - End of Forum

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**19.30 Fundraising Dinner**

**hosted by The Hellenic Initiative Canada (by registration only)**

✓ **Nik Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist & Founder, Nanos Research, Canada

*In conversation with*

✓ **Vassy Kapelos**, Chief Political Correspondent, CTV news