



Agenda as of Oct.23, 2025

Monday November 3, 2025
Ballroom, Fairmont Royal York Hotel,
Toronto

08.30 Arrival of Guests - Registration

09.00 Welcome Remarks

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

09.08 Welcome message (*prerecorded message*)

- ✓ **Honourable Doug Ford**, Premier of Ontario

09.10 Opening Statement

- ✓ **Christos Dimas**, Minister of Infrastructure & Transport, Hellenic Republic

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 & Parl. Assist. to the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Gaming, Ontario Gov't
- ✓ **Mike Manatos**, Executive Director, The Hellenic Initiative, USA
- ✓ **Constantine Katsigiannis**, President, Canada-Greece Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ **Peter Polydor**, Founder & President, Ergo Holdings, Canada
- ✓ *Chair: Katerina Sokou*, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, USA

11.05

Networking break

✓ *confirmed speakers*



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11.30 Presentation

Presentation on the latest Nanos long term tracking on the Hellenic brand in Canada. Learn about what Canadians think about Greece as a place to invest, visit, as a security partner and get insight on the views of products from Greece compared to the 2013 benchmark when the tracking started.

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

*Introduced by **Katerina Sokou**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, USA*

11.50 In Conversation

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

✓ **Robert Peck**, Honorary Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada & Canada - Greece Chamber

12.10 Fireside Chat

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

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12.30

Networking lunch break

13.30 Cutting the Gordian Knot of Diaspora Relations with Greece: Is Digital Greece the Answer?

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.

Aris Babikian, Parl. Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Ontario (*tbc*)

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

✓ **Stergitsa Zamagias-Hill**, CEO, The Hellenic Initiative Australia

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

✓ *Chair:* **Theo Argitis**, Senior Vice President, Policy, Business Council of Canada

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14.10 **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.

- ✓ **Neil Sweeney**, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, De Havilland Aircraft of Canada
- ✓ **Robert Peck**, Honorary Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada & Canada - Greece Chamber
- ✓ **Dr Haris Lambropoulos**, President, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments
- ✓ **Katerina Sokou**, Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, USA
- ✓ **Nikos Stamou**, Investment Promotion Director – Energy, Environment & Services, Enterprise Greece
- ✓ **Ioannis Orfanos**, Partner, Head of Capital Markets, Colliers Greece & Cyprus

- ✓ *Chair: Theo Argitis*, Senior Vice President, Policy, Business Council of Canada

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.

Statement

- ✓ **Stephen Crawford**, Minister, Public & Business Services Delivery & Procurement, Gov't of Ontario

Discussants

- ✓ **John Psihos**, Co-Founder & CEO, Axilogic, Canada
- ✓ **Jason Varmazis**, Principal Consultant, Random Signal, Canada

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



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15.50 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 & Mines of Ontario
- ✓ **Jim Sarvinis**, Global Managing Director, Energy, Hatch Ltd, Canada
- ✓ **Alex Kotsopoulos**, Partner, ESG Advisory RSM Canada

- ✓ *Chair:* **Garry Keller**, Vice President (Gov't Relations & Geopolitical Practice), StrategyCorp Inc., Canada

16.20 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, THI Canada; President, Krinos Foods Canada
- ✓ **Mike Manatos**, Executive Director, The Hellenic Initiative, USA
- ✓ **Kostis Katsanevas**, Managing Director, Career Gate, Canada
- ✓ **George Soleas**, President and CEO, Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO)

- ✓ *Chair:* **Polydefkis Papadopoulos**, Journalist, ERT; Research Associate of ELIAMEP, Greece

17.00 Closing remarks - End of Forum



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19.30 Oloi Mazi Gala
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In conversation with
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