

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

TIME	TOPIC	INFO
12:00 - 4:00pm	DealSource North Atlantic	Location: Deloitte, 1741 Lower Water Street Suite 800, Halifax, NS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-scheduled 1:1 meetings for Investment Banks and M&A Advisors to meet with Private Equity, Capital Providers, Family Offices, and Corporate Development teams Senior executives from across Atlantic Canada, ACG Toronto & Quebec members and the U.S ACG chapter network Curated networking in an efficient, focused format
6:00 - 9:00pm	Opening Reception	Location: Stewart McKelvey Office – Rooftop Patio, 1741 Lower Water St Suite 600, Halifax, NS

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LOCATION: PIER 21 – CANADIAN MUSEUM OF IMMIGRATION
1055 Marginal Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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8:00 - 8:30am	Registration and Networking Breakfast	
8:30 - 8:45am	Welcome Remarks	Conference Co-chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jillian Murray – Partner, Doane Grant Thornton LLP Jack Dallaire – Principal, SeaFort Capital Sean McKinnon – Head of Business Development, Sagard Holdings & Chair, ACG Board of Directors
8:50 - 9:40am	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: CANADA'S MOMENT: SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY	Introduction: Geoff Bennett – President, Bennett Brown Capital Partners Moderator: Christine Pound – Partner, Stewart McKelvey Keynote Speaker: Hon. Erin O'Toole, P.C., C.D., – Managing Director, ADIT North America
9:45 - 10:30am	TOPIC: ATLANTIC EXPANSION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR	Introduction: Sally Ng – Client Partner, Advisory Services, BDC Moderator: Tim Robbins – Market Vice President, Atlantic, CIBC Commercial Banking Speakers: Melanie Nadeau – CEO, COVE Cory Bell – President & CEO, Lindsay Construction David Benoit – President and CEO, BUILD Nova Scotia Tim Houtsma – CEO, Marid Industries
10:30 - 11:00am	Networking Break	
11:05 - 11:50am	TOPIC: HOW AI AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION ARE IMPACTING THE M&A SECTOR	Introduction: Sean Flinn – VP M&A Practice, BFL Canada Moderator: Michael Young – Partner, Private Equity Technology Value Creation and AI, Deloitte Canada Speakers: Jennifer LaPlante – Deputy Minister, Cyber Security & Digital Solutions, Government of Nova Scotia Jordan Kyriakidis – Co-Founder and CEO, QRA Engineering Intelligence Louis Beaubien – Chief Scientific Officer, ResolveHD and Academic Director, Creative Destruction Lab Atlantic Jack Dallaire – Principal, SeaFort Capital

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11:55 - 12:40pm	TOPIC: EXPANDING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES	Introduction: Andrew Frazer – Director & Team Leader, National Accounts (Atlantic) & Mid-Market (NB & PEI) Moderator: Sean Stager – Director, Transactions, Doane Grant Thornton, National FP&A Leader Speakers: Gioia Usher – Chief Executive officer, We'koqma'q First Nation Michael Maracle-Polak – President & CEO of Akwekon Enterprise, Chief Administrative Officer of Glooscap First Nation Jenny Brake – Chief, Qalipu First Nation
12:45 - 1:45pm	Lunch & Networking Break	
1:50 - 2:35pm	TOPIC: NAVIGATING CROSS-BORDER M&A TRANSACTIONS	Introduction: Jeff MacKenzie – Partner, Confederation M&A Moderator: Matthew Galgay – Partner Atlantic Canada, BDO Speakers: Loren Rafeson – Partner, Growth Equity Partners, BDC Capital Corey MacKinnon – Chief Legal Officer, Cooke Seafood Zac McIsaac – Managing Partner, McCain Capital Partners Damian Burke – Managing Director, Main Street Capital Corporation
2:40 - 3:30pm	CLOSING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: TOWARD PROSPERITY – THE TRANSFORMATION OF ATLANTIC CANADA'S ECONOMY	Introduction: Derrick Dempster – Partner, Audit & Advisory, Deloitte Moderator: Don Mills – Co-Host, INSIGHTS PODCAST Speakers: Greg Wanger – CEO, Oberland Agriscience Michelle Robichaud – President, Atlantica Centre for Energy Cathy Bennett – Founder and Managing Partner, Sandpiper Ventures Lauren Ledwell – CEO, PEI BioAlliance
3:35 - 3:45pm	Closing Remarks	Conference Co-chairs: • Jillian Murray – Partner, Doane Grant Thornton LLP • Jack Dallaire – Principal, SeaFort Capital
3:45 - 4:45pm	CLOSING RECEPTION & NETWORKING	

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