



**Krista Thomas**  
**Vice President, Trade Policy – Seed Innovation**  
**Canada Grains Council**

The Canada Grains Council (CGC), is an organization representing Canada’s grain value chain including technology developers, farmers, commodity associations, and grain processors and exporters. The Council works to coordinate and improve dialogue within industry and between industry and governments.

Prior to joining the CGC, Krista held various positions with the Canadian federal government, including with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as the National Manager of the Plant Biosafety Office, responsible for regulating the environmental release of plants with novel traits including genetically modified plants. Krista also worked at the Canada-US Regulatory Cooperation Council, a body that enhances economic competitiveness by aligning regulatory systems, while maintaining protection for health, safety and the environment. Krista holds a M.Sc. in plant agriculture from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada.