

AIC Conference

Showcasing Innovation – Agriculture and Food: Key Drivers of our Economy

May 6 & 7, 2025 | Delta Ottawa – Ottawa, ON

DAY 1 – May 6, 2025	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:10 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:10 – 9:30 am	Setting the stage – A vision of where agri-food research and innovation should be by 2030 in a world in transition
9:30 – 9:45 am	Keynote Speech
9:45 – 10:45 am	Panel One – An international perspective
10:45 – 11:00 am	Networking Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Panel Two – Effectiveness of government programs – An industry perspective
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Networking Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Report on Foodtech
2:15 – 2:45 pm	A business case for carbon emissions reductions in agriculture and food
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Networking Break
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Breakout sessions on identifying key policies for the next government (research and innovation in agriculture and food breakouts)
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception
DAY 2 – May 7, 2025	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15 am	Recap of Day 1
9:15 – 9:45 am	Keynote speech – Comparing Canada’s agri-food research funding programs to other countries
9:45 – 10:30 am	Panel Three – Impact of government programs on innovation
10:30 – 10:45 am	Networking Break
10:45 – 11:30 am	Accountability – effectiveness of government programs
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Government priorities and predictability for industry
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Networking Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 pm	A view from the outside – Looking at Innovation in the Agriculture and Food Sector from an Outside Perspective
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Networking Break
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Panel Four - Priorities for the research and innovation – An industry perspective
3:15 – 3:45 pm	Showcasing Canada’s Innovation
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Conference Recap – Power of Relationships

