

AIC Conference 2026

Agri-Food Innovation 2026 - Canada's Unique Advantage for Nation Building

May 26 & 27, 2026

Sheraton Hotel – Ottawa, ON

Day 1 – May 26, 2026	
8:00 am	Networking Breakfast
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks (AIC CEO)
9:10 am	Setting the stage – A vision of where agri-food research and innovation should be by 2030 in a world in transition
9:30 am	Keynote Speech
9:45 am	Panel One – From Lab to Market to Global Impact: Connecting Innovation to Power Canada's Agri-Food Trade
10:45 am	Networking Break
11:00 am	Presentation on Trade Diversification - What are other markets looking for and how it may impact research and innovation
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:15 pm	Panel Two – Harvesting Innovation - Solving Workforce Challenges in Agri-Food
2:15 pm	Moving beyond a human workforce
3:00 pm	Networking Break
3:15 pm	Robotics in food processing
4:00 pm	AAFC
4:30 pm	End of presentations
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Reception
Day 2 – May 27, 2026	
8:00 am	Networking Breakfast
9:00 am	Recap of Day 1
9:15 am	Keynote speech – Agri-Food as a Catalyst for our economy
9:45 am	TBD
10:45 am	Networking Break
11:00 am	Success Story
11:30 am	Success Story
12:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:15 pm	Panel Three – Re-imagining the Agri-Food Science, Technology and Innovation Ecosystem: Connections, Investments and Solutions
2:00 pm	Canada's agriculture and food innovation deficit
2:45 pm	Networking Break
3:00 pm	Innovation in Canada - A Way Ahead
3:45 pm	Showcasing Canada's Innovation
4:30 pm	Conference Wrap Up