



VISION & LEADERSHIP

Symposium



Saturday, January 26th, 2019
Royal Glenora Club





Welcome to the Alberta Council of Technology Society's 2019 Vision & Leadership Symposium and our Annual General Meeting.

The Symposium will continue to explore the business opportunities created by emerging technologies and the innovations required to monetize them. ABCtech is an independent, non-profit society comprised exclusively of volunteers.

We are technology agnostic with a focus on the impact of emerging technologies and connecting the nodes within the Innovation Ecosystem, encouraging collaboration. We do this by producing events such as this one that act as collision spaces where people and ideas are brought together through serendipitous encounters. Our hope is that these encounters will result in business opportunities that will make the Alberta economy more resilient and inspire our next generation not only to survive but to thrive in the new knowledge driven economy that is rapidly changing everything, everywhere, and fast!

For more than a decade ABCtech has explored a broad spectrum of emerging technologies through events such as: **Rising Stars** that brings together entrepreneurs from successful start-ups plus **Moonlight in the Meadows, the Creativity & Convergence Conference**, and the **Festival of Big Ideas** each offering unique and creative networking spaces.

In 2018 we scanned emerging technologies that will make **fusion energy** a reality, extended our **outreach to Europe** to explore collaboration opportunities, launched the **Engaging Youth** initiative to ensure that the voices of Alberta youth become part of the discussion, and co-hosted the **Industrial Hemp Conference** aimed at creating a Western Canada Industrial Hemp industry. We also commissioned the establishment of **TechInvest** for building an Alberta-based investment fund and developing the protocols needed to monetize intangible assets.

Before stepping down this year as ABCtech's President, I want to thank all our Directors and many volunteers who have contributed to the success of the organization and building a strong foundation for the future.

We have an extremely well-qualified slate of Directors nominated for 2019 to take ABCtech into the future - providing vision and leadership on **Alberta's Economic Resilience, The Future of Work, Public Procurement**, and **Advancing Financing and Innovation**.

I would like to invite every one of you today to reach out, explore new ideas, and partnerships that will lead to the creation of new start-up ventures or accelerate the scale-up of small and medium size enterprises. And of course, please consider becoming a member of ABCtech.

Thank you for contributing your time and expertise today to engage in creating a resilient Alberta economy with opportunities for everyone.

Klaas Rodenburg, President
January 26th, 2019



Schedule

8:30 Registration Desk Opens

8:55 Welcome and AM. Chair – Klaas Rodenburg, President – ABCtech

9:00 Presentation – Alberta New Democratic Party leader

9:20 Audience Q&A

9:30 Economic Residence Panel – Leann Hackman-Carty, Economic Developers Alberta

10:10 Networking Break

10:30 Presentation – Stephen Mandel, Alberta Party Leader

10:50 Audience Q&A

11:00 Engaging Youth – the future of work Panel – Phil Davidson, ABCtech

11:40 Networking Break

Noon – Buffet Luncheon

1:00 ABCtech AGM. Chair – Klaas Rodenburg, President – ABCtech

1:25 Welcome and PM Chair – Werner Biegler, ABCtech

1:30 Presentation – David Khan, Alberta Liberal Party leader

1:50 Audience Q&A

2:00 Public Procurement Panel – Sean Baker, Supply Chain Management Association

2:40 Networking Break

3:00 Presentation – Jason Kenney, United Conservative Party leader

3:20 Audience Q&A

3:30 Advancing & Financing Innovation Panel – Werner Biegler, ABCtech

4:10 Thank you and wrap-up comments – Perry Kinkaide, ABCtech

Networking continues

WEBSITE



WEBCASTING



Invited Presentations

9:00AM



Rachel Notley – **alternate pending**

10:30AM



Stephen Mandel

1:30PM



David Khan

3:00PM



Jason Kenney

Invited Panels

9:30AM

Alberta's Economic Resilience



**Moderator – Leann Hackman Carty,
Economic Developers Alberta**

Panelists

Chris King – County of Grande Prairie
Natalie Gibson – InnoVisions & Associates
Mark Plamondon – Alberta's Industrial Heartland

11:00AM

Engaging Youth – the future of work



**Moderator – Phil Davidson, Alberta
Council of Technologies Society**

Panelists

Terry Godwaldt – Centre for Global Education
Leighton Healy - Bootkik
Haley Simons – Alberta Creativity Network
Ananya Ayachit – University of Calgary

2:00PM

Public Procurement



**Moderator – Dyane Zalasky, Supply Chain
Management Association - Alberta**

Panelists

Chelle Busch – Service Alberta - GOA
Gaetan Demers – City of Edmonton
Kevin Turner – Public Services and Procurement - Govt. of Canada
Michael Leung – MacEwan University School of Business

3:30PM

Advancing & Financing Innovation



**Moderator – Werner Biegler, Alberta
Council of Technologies Society**

Panelists

Robert McGarvey – TechInvest
Sandi Gilbert – Seedups Calgary
Wayne Karpoff – TEC Edmonton

Creating the NEW Alberta – Contributions 2018

 <p>Creating A Western Canada Hemp Industry</p> 	 <p>Engaging (Alberta) Youth – the future of work</p> 
 <p>REGIONAL, ALL-INDUSTRY, SUMMER NETWORKING BBQ AND GARDEN FLOWER AUCTION</p> 	<p>Network Surveys</p> <p>Mar/Apr and Sep/Oct – Alberta’s Economic Resilience and the Effectiveness of its Innovation Ecosystem</p>  <p>Spring – Fixing Alberta’s Public Procurement</p> 
 <p>Innovations in Healthcare Symposium</p> 	 <p>Commissioned and spun off a technology investment fund targeting intangible assets</p> 

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2019 Event Schedule

Vision & Leadership Symposium – January 26th, Edmonton

Engaging Youth – the future of work – February through June, Canada-wide

Creating the Western Canada Hemp Industry – March 15th, Olds

Surveys – Economic Resilience and the Effectiveness of the Innovation Ecosystem
– March/April, Alberta and Ontario

EDA 2019 Conference - April 3-5th, Banff

Launching the Ontario Council of Technologies Society – Spring, Toronto

Innovations in Transportation Conference – May 6/7th, EIA - Edmonton

Moonlight in the Meadows BBQ and Flower Garden Auction – June, Edmonton

Surveys – Economic Resilience and the Effectiveness of the Innovation Ecosystem
– September/October, Alberta and Ontario

NGOs as Members of our Technology Alliance agree to exchange and display logos, offer discounts to members and co-host at least one project/event/year.

Our Alliances – demonstrating collaboration in "Creating the new - more resilient, Alberta!"



PLEASE SUPPORT

Engaging Youth – the future of work

A consultation with Canada's post-secondary and high-school students – giving them a voice and sharing their views on the impact of emerging technologies on their well-being and careers.

You can support the project through our On-line **GoFundMe** campaign.

VISIT - <https://www.gofundme.com/engaging-youth-the-future-of-work>

Funds raised are directed to the charity Taking IT Global and the EPSB's Centre for Global Education, our experienced partners for the National campaign providing the:

Student collaboration facilitator - \$10,000

Province led Student travel - \$12,500

Technology and Infrastructure - \$5,000

Project Management - \$7,500



A charitable tax receipt will be provided for donations received.

Creating the NEW Alberta!

Technology is changing everything, everywhere, and fast!

Learn, network, prepare for change

**BECOME A \$100 General
MEMBER \$ 25 Students/Seniors
with benefits**



An all-industry, creative network of 20,000 strong and growing

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