

A Canadian Strategy to Harness
the Power of Science Diplomacy

JUNE 15-18
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Montréal, Canada

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 15	
13:30	Registration
14:00 – 15:30	Science Diplomacy Training: GESDA Anticipatory Leadership Lab
15:45	Welcoming remarks: day's agenda and panelists introductions
16:00 – 16:30	Opening Remarks
16:30 – 17:00	Introducing GESDA-RADAR
17:15 – 18:15	Opening public conference: Science Diplomacy without Borders Yoshua BENGIO, Université de Montréal David SAINT-JACQUES, Canadian Space Agency
TUESDAY, JUNE 16	
8:30	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Welcoming remarks: day's agenda and panelists introductions
9:15 – 10:30	Reinvigorating Multilateralism with Science Diplomacy
10:30 – 11:00	Networking Break
10:45 – 13:15	Science Diplomacy Training: GESDA Quantum Diplomacy Game
11:00 – 12:30	Building Resilient Food-Health-Environment Systems: One Health Innovation for Sustainable Development
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch – Talk Swiss and Canada Funding Agencies: Approach and Support for Science Diplomacy
13:30 – 15:00	Quantum Technologies: Balancing Scientific Cooperation and Strategic Competition
15:00 – 15:30	Networking Break
15:30 – 17:00	Artificial Intelligence, Technology Governance and Diplomacy
17:00 – 17:15	Wrapping up Day
17:30 – 19:30	Networking Cocktail
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17	
8:30	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Welcoming remarks: day's agenda and panelists introductions
9:10 – 10:10	Science Diplomacy in a Challenging Arctic Landscape
10:10 – 10:40	Networking break
10:30 – 13:00	Science Diplomacy Training: GESDA Neurotechnology Diplomacy Game
10:40 – 12:10	Trust Under Pressure: Ethics, Misinformation, And Science Policy
12:10 – 13:40	Lunch – Talk Youth Perspectives on Global Science Diplomacy
13:40 – 15:10	Science Diplomacy in Today's Most Pressing Global Challenges: Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change
15:10 – 15:40	Networking Break
15:40 – 17:10	Open Science vs. Security: Navigating A Delicate Frontier for Science Diplomacy
17:10 – 17:30	Wrapping up Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 18	
8:30 – 8:40	Welcoming remarks: day's agenda and panelists introductions
8:40 – 10:10	Water Diplomacy: Should Science Divert or Follow the Stream?
10:10 – 11:10	Science Diplomacy as a Catalyst for Growth Targets
11:10 – 12:10	Closing conference: From Science Diplomacy to Action Rémi QUIRION, Chief Scientist of Québec
12:10 – 12:30	Wrapping up closing remarks and next steps
12:30	Activity ends