

Thursday November 7, 2024
Pier 4 & 5

08.30 REGISTRATION - ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

09.00 WELCOME REMARKS

- ✓ **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum
 - ✓ **John Sotos**, Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada
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09.10 OPENING STATEMENT

- ✓ **Nikos Papathanasis**, Alternate Minister of Economy & Finance, Hellenic Republic
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09.15 STATEMENT

- ✓ **Honourable Doug Ford**, Premier of Ontario
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09.30 **A DISCUSSION ON THE BILATERAL RELATIONS FOLLOWING THE GREEK PM's VISIT TO CANADA**

The discussion will delve into the diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations between the two countries as well as the strategic alliances that come up. The aim is to analyze the impact of the Greek PM's visit on these various aspects of bilateral relations, evaluating both immediate outcomes and long-term implications for Greece-Canada relations.

- ✓ **Ekaterini Dimakis**, Ambassador of Greece to Canada
 - ✓ **Annie Koutrakis**, Parl. Sec. to the Ministers of Tourism & Econ. Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec
 - ✓ **Chair: Ambassador Robert Peck**, Hon. Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada & Canada - Greece Chamber
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10.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

- ✓ **Luis Laguna**, Regional Managing Director-North America, METLEN Energy & Metals
 - ✓ *Introduced by* **Symeon G. Tsomokos**, Delphi Economic Forum
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10.25 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: ONTARIO'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

- ✓ **Daniel Tisch**, President & CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Canada
 - ✓ *Introduced by* **Ambassador Robert Peck**, Hon. Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada & Canada - Greece Chamber
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10.55 ENHANCING BUSINESS COOPERATION: FROM ENERGY AND AVIATION TO NUTRITION AND INNOVATION. WHAT NEXT?

By building on existing strengths and exploring new opportunities, both countries can achieve significant economic growth and technological advancement. The next steps involve strategic investments, joint ventures, and collaborative research, supported by robust government policies and industry partnerships.

- ✓ **Effie J. Triantafilopoulos**, Parl. Assist. to the Minister of Econ.Development, Job Creation & Trade, Ontario Government
 - ✓ **Nikos Stamou**, Director of Investment Promotion, Energy, Environment & Services, Enterprise Greece
 - ✓ **Antigoni Lyemperopoulou**, CEO, Hellenic Development Bank of Investments, Greece
 - ✓ **Sven List**, Senior Vice President, Canadian Corporate Business, Export Development Canada

 - ✓ **Chair: Dionyssi Protopapas**, Senior Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Greece in Toronto
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11.40 NETWORKING BREAK

12.00 THE INTERSECTION OF RARE EARTHS & RAW MATERIALS IN A CARBON-FREE ENERGY FUTURE

"The year of Rare Earths & Raw Materials" underscores the critical role that the raw materials sector plays in supporting the economic development of Canada and Greece. How can exploration of various energy sources help transition the energy sector away from carbon-emitting fuels creating a sustainable and resilient energy system for the future.

- ✓ **George Christidis**, VP, Government Relations & International Affairs, Canadian Nuclear Association
 - ✓ **Dionysis Gkoutis**, Director-General, Hellenic Survey of Geology & Mineral Exploration, Greece

 - ✓ Opening remarks and **Chair: Vasileios Tsianos**, Vice President, Neo Performance Materials, Canada
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12.30 **IN CONVERSATION**

- ✓ **George Milonas**, President & CEO, ALUMIL Group, Greece
 - ✓ *Introduced by* **Angelo Tsakumis**, Principal, Epta Development Corporation, Canada
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12.55 **FUELING DREAMS IN A WORLD THAT'S LOSING FAITH**

How PeopleCert empowers society to break barriers, build futures and drive the dream economy

- ✓ **Byron Nicolaides**, Founder & CEO, PeopleCert Group of Companies, Greece
 - ✓ *Chair:* **Katerina Sokou**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, USA
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13.20

LUNCH BREAK

14.00 **PRESENTATION**

- ✓ **Nik Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist & Founder, Nanos Research, Canada
 - ✓ *Introduced by:* **Katerina Sokou**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, USA
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14.15 **CONNECTING THE GREEK DIASPORA WITH THE HOMELAND: KEYS TO UNLOCKING POTENTIAL**

Create a robust framework to meet the needs of the Diaspora in their business interaction with Greece, unlock their potential and turn them into powerful advocates and investors for their homeland, aiming to meaningfully contribute to Greece's economic landscape.

- ✓ **Maira Myrogianni**, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad & Public Diplomacy, MFA, Hellenic Republic
 - ✓ **Athanasios Balermipas**, Sec. Gen. of Interior & Organization, Ministry of Interior, Hellenic Republic
 - ✓ **John Sotos**, Co-President, The Hellenic Initiative Canada
 - ✓ **Endy Zemenides**, Executive Director, Hellenic American Leadership Council, USA
 - ✓ **Afroditi Xydi**, Executive Director, Deon Policy Institute, USA

 - ✓ **Chair: Constantine Katsigiannis**, President, Canada-Greece Chamber of Commerce, Greece
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15.10 **GREECE - CANADA COOPERATION ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

Ways of leveraging the opportunities the two countries have to build a strong partnership that fosters innovation and economic growth in the digital age.

- ✓ **George Nounesis**, Dir. & Chairman of the BoD, National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos", Greece
 - ✓ **Ian Spence**, Discovery District Senior Manager, MaRS, Canada
 - ✓ **John Psihos**, Co-founder & CEO, Axilogic, Canada

 - ✓ **Chair: Tony Lourakis**, CEO, Fleet Complete, Canada
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15.55 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

- ✓ **Stephen Lecce**, Minister of Energy & Electrification, Government of Ontario, Canada
 - ✓ *Introduced by* **Vasileios Tsianos**, Vice President, Neo Performance Materials, Canada
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16.15 **IN CONVERSATION**

- ✓ **Honourable Mary Ng**, Minister of Int'l Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business & Econ.Development, Canada
 - ✓ **Nikos Papathanasis**, Alternate Minister of Economy & Finance, Hellenic Republic
 - ✓ *Chair:* **Katerina Sokou**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, USA
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16.45 **MITIGATION POLICIES IN LIGHT OF THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CRISIS AND NATIONAL DISASTERS**

Explore the strategic actions and regulatory measures implemented by the local governments and organizations which are essential for protecting ecosystems, human health, and economic stability. Effective mitigation requires coordinated efforts at local, national, and global levels, supported by strong political will, financial investments, and community engagement.

- ✓ **Julie Dabrusin**, Parl. Sec. to the Ministers of Environment & Climate Change and Energy & Natural Resources, Canada
 - ✓ **Abigail Coholic**, Senior Director, Channel Partnerships, Ecopia AI, Canada
 - ✓ **Maria Karra**, Co-Founder, Emfasis Non-Profit, Greece
 - ✓ *Chair:* **Tula Alexopoulos**, Director, The Hellenic Initiative Canada
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17.15 **THE UNTAPPED POTENTIAL OF COOPERATION IN EDUCATION**

By leveraging partnerships across institutions, sectors, and borders, stakeholders can create a more inclusive, effective, and resilient education system while significant opportunities arise to enhance learning outcomes, foster innovation, and address global challenges. Embracing these collaborative efforts can lead to transformative impacts, benefiting individuals, communities, and societies worldwide.

- ✓ Spiros N. Pollalis, President, Athens College, Greece
 - ✓ Alexis Phylactopoulos, Executive Chair, Board of Trustees College Year in Athens, Greece
 - ✓ Kostis Papandreou-Katsanevas, Managing Director, Career Gate, Greece
 - ✓ Robert C. Austin, Professor & Associate Director, University of Toronto
 - ✓ Sakis Gekas, Assoc. Prof., York University; President, Hellenic Canadian Academic Association of Ontario

 - ✓ Chair: Claudia Carydis, Vice President, Public Affairs, The American College of Greece
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18.00 **END OF FORUM**

19.30 **FUNDRAISING DINNER** hosted by The Hellenic Initiative Canada
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US ELECTIONS & THE GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS

- ✓ **Alexis Papahelas**, Executive Editor, KATHIMERINI Newspaper, Greece
In conversation with
 - ✓ **Nik Nanos**, Chief Data Scientist & Founder, Nanos Research, Canada
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Friday November 8, 2024
Dockside 6

09.30 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION** (*by invitation only*)

**EXTROVERSION OF GREEK HIGHER EDUCATION & THE ROLE OF THE GREEK DIASPORA:
OPPORTUNITIES & CHALLENGES**

A roundtable co-organized by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deon Policy Institute and the American College of Greece to discuss the opportunities and challenges in increasing the extroversion of higher education in Greece.

- ✓ **Maira Myrogianni**, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad & Public Diplomacy, MFA, Hellenic Republic
- ✓ **Afroditi Xydi**, Executive Director, Deon Policy Institute, USA
- ✓ **Claudia Carydis**, Vice President, Public Affairs, The American College of Greece
- ✓ **Sakis Gekas**, Associate Professor, Modern Greek History, York University; HHF Chair in Hellenic Studies

- ✓ **Chair: Katerina Sokou**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, USA