

2nd Ontario Education Sector Leadership & Collaboration

# Invitational Networking Symposium

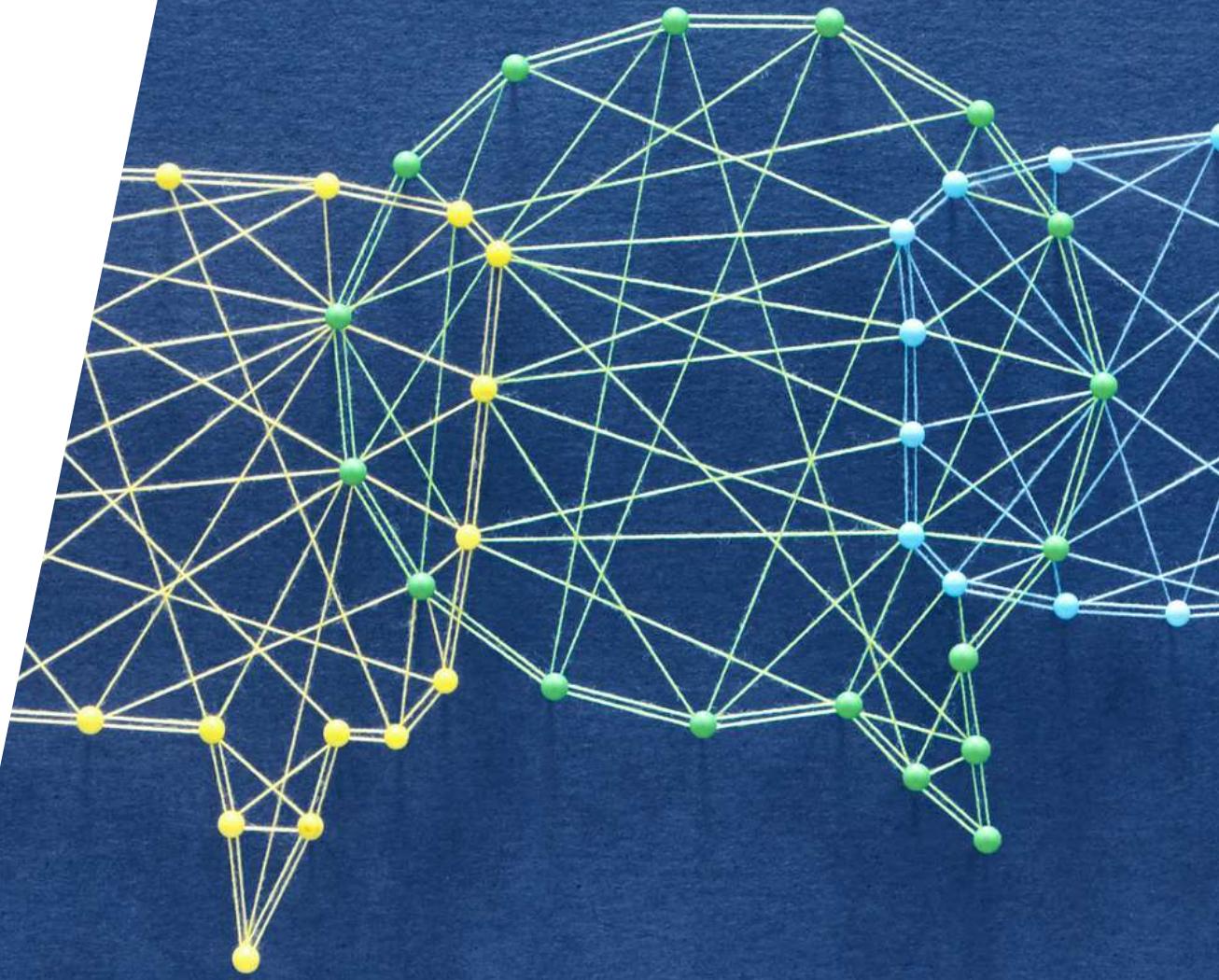
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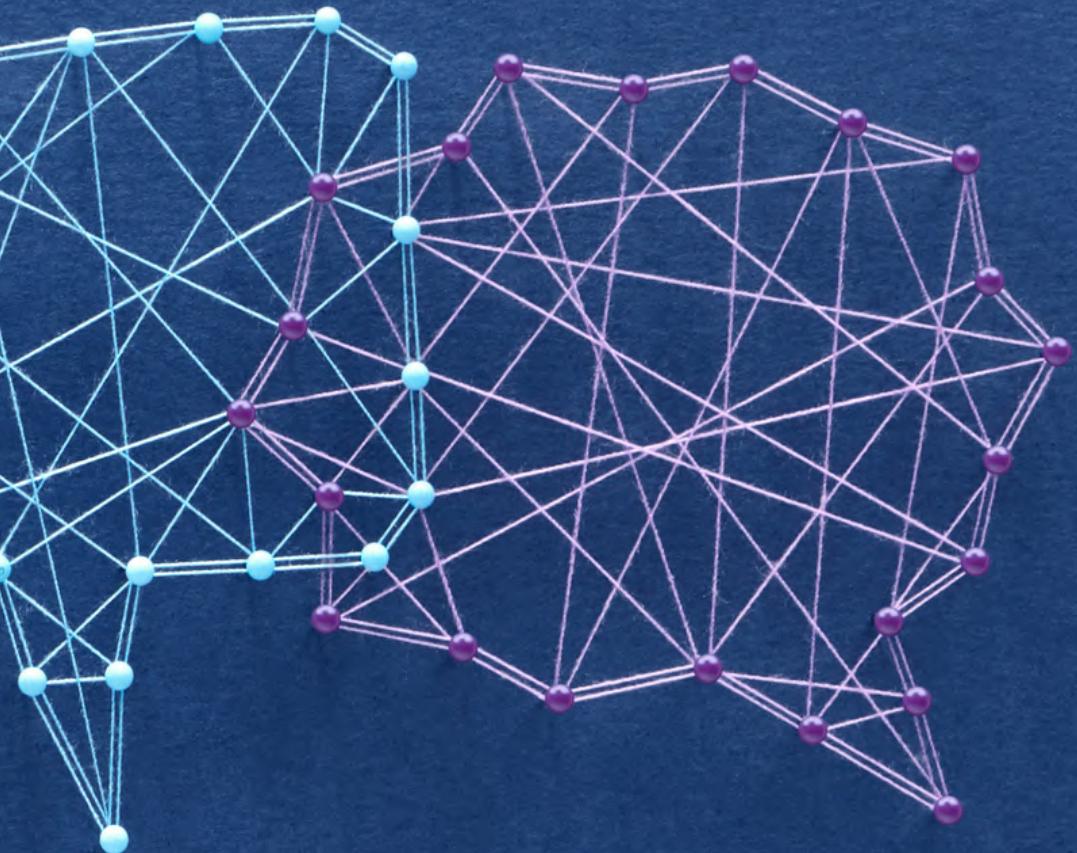
*Leveraging the Power of Collaboration Amongst and  
Between School Boards, Colleges, and Universities,  
as well as other provincial partners.*



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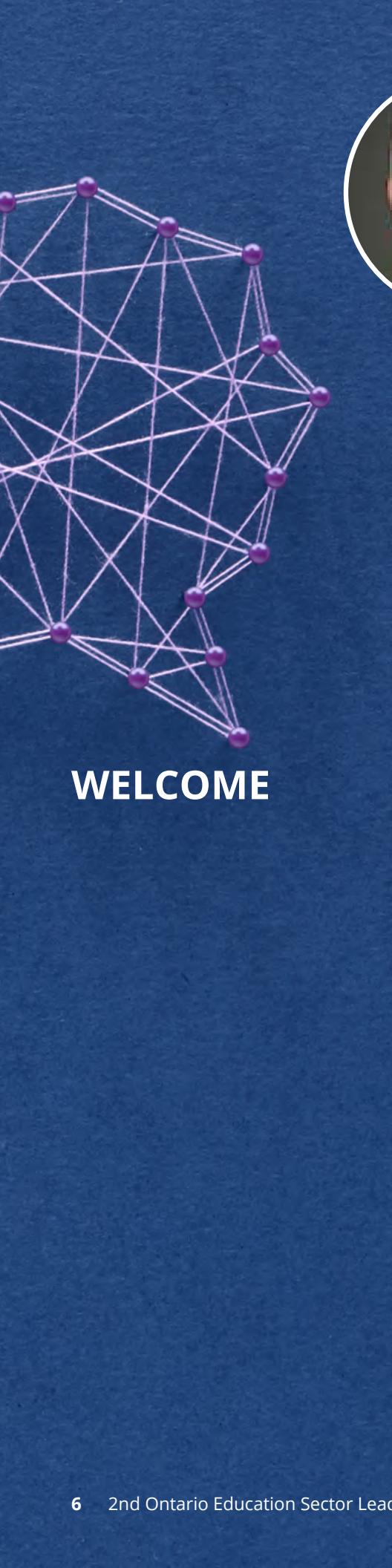


## ***Land Acknowledgement Statement***

We would like to begin by acknowledging that this event is taking place on the traditional territory of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples of Canada; caregivers of the land and keepers of its stories for thousands of years. Blue Mountain is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional territory of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

Over 500 years ago, the First Nations welcomed us to share this land now called Ontario. We are grateful to explore and play on Blue Mountain and thank all those who were and are caretakers of this beautiful area. We are also mindful of the broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our allies and relations.

Let us listen, discover, and care for this land by learning from our mutual history. As benefactors of thousands of years of Indigenous stewardship, we are privileged to share the beauty of Blue Mountain and are responsible for ensuring its sustainability for generations to come.



## John Sabo

President and Chief Executive Officer, OECM

Following a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the **2nd Ontario Education Sector Leadership and Collaboration Invitational Networking Symposium**. Despite these challenging times, we are thrilled to have representation from Ontario's School Boards, Colleges, Universities, as well as other valued provincial partners from the Health and Municipal sectors here in person at this year's event. I am also honoured to acknowledge the support we have received for this Symposium from the Deputy Minister of Education, Nancy Naylor, the Deputy Minister of Colleges and Universities, Shelley Tapp, and the Deputy Minister of Government and Consumer Services, Renu Kulendran.

As a trusted collaborative sourcing partner for Ontario's education sector, broader public sector, and other not-for-profit organizations, OECM is committed to facilitating collaboration amongst and between all our partners, with the goal of assisting them in increasing efficiencies and leveraging and directing resources to support greater opportunities for shared success. Building on the goals and outcomes of the 2019 Symposium, this event again presents a unique opportunity for promoting and supporting collaboration across sectors, and we are confident that our robust and exciting agenda will get us there one more time.

In addition to providing an open forum for senior leaders from across the province to meet "face to face" and discuss opportunities for advancing collaboration amongst and between each other; this event offers us all a chance to gain a new and different perspective around leadership and partnership during these ever-changing and demanding times.

This year, I am proud to welcome our five Guest Speakers – Ontario's esteemed Auditor General, Bonnie Lysyk, Canadian physician-scientist Dr. Joe MacInnis, Nechie Gear® Founder and master storyteller, Kendal Netmaker, Western University's Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), Dr. Opiyo Oloya, and Supply Ontario, President and Chief Executive Officer, Frank P. Rochon – to our Symposium stage. I am confident that their unique real-life experiences will empower us, giving us the fuel needed to collectively move forward as we discover new opportunities to advance collaboration amongst and between sectors.

I'd like to extend my gratitude to all our participants, guest speakers, panelists, and partners, as well as recognize those who have worked behind the scenes to bring this Symposium to life. I invite you to take full advantage of these two days of networking, collaboration, and learning.

Here's to a successful and dynamic event in 2022!



## Dr. F. Haider Alvi

(left) Chair, Board of Directors, OECM



## Kevin Kobus

(right) Chair, Customer Council Committee, OECM

As the Chairs of OECM's Board of Directors and Customer Council Committee (CCC), respectively, we are pleased to extend our welcome to all sector leaders, representing Ontario's School Boards, Colleges, Universities, and other provincial partners, in attendance at OECM's **2nd Ontario Education Sector Leadership and Collaboration Invitational Networking Symposium**.

Since we last convened at the 2019 Symposium, we have faced a global pandemic, navigated changing dynamics, business uncertainty and a multitude of organizational challenges. Throughout this time, OECM's Board of Directors and CCC has remained steadfast and committed to supporting you and working alongside our colleagues and partners to ensure continued success for OECM customers. Now more than ever, we are devoted to maintaining and enhancing OECM's partnerships while strengthening the strategic outlook and performance of the organization.

We are pleased to support this 'meeting of minds' as part of OECM's "Service" mandate, as it represents an investment on behalf of our partners in all sectors. As we kick-off the second edition of this exciting event, we know that the journey to get here has been long, but the rewards are great. We are pleased to have you join us in person this year and we look forward to continuing to endorse even more opportunities for greater cooperation and partnerships.

This Symposium is a bridge between sharing and learning for all of you, the decision-makers within Ontario's education and municipal sectors. It represents a unique opportunity to explore your collective potential, incite action, and discover the power that comes through collaboration. We hope that you find the upcoming meetings, presentations, and discussions both meaningful and impactful to the future of your organizations.

We look forward to welcoming you all personally and connecting with you individually at the event.



## EVENT AGENDA

*Master of Ceremonies:*  
**Sonia Gallo**

*Director, Customer  
Relationship  
Management, OECM*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

2:00 PM-7:00 PM

### Hotel Check-In and Event Registration

- Symposium attendees check-in; rooms assigned upon arrival  
**Location:** Front Desk, Grand Georgian or Blue Mountain Inn
- Event Registration and Symposium Event Package pick-up  
**Location:** Blue's Lounge, Blue Mountain Inn

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

### Sector Meetings

- CODE, COSBO, CO, ASCC, COU, CSAO, MFOA  
**Location:** TBD

8:00 PM-11:00 PM

### Welcome, Networking & Hospitality Reception

- Welcome Reception  
**Welcome address:** John Sabo, President and CEO, OECM & Dr. F. Haider Alvi, Chair, Board of Directors, OECM  
**Location:** Kandahar Room, Blue Mountain Inn
- Snacks and Refreshments
- Retro Video Games
- Photo Booth

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

### Breakfast

**Location:** Kandahar Room, seating in Weider

8:30 AM-8:45 AM

### Welcome/Introductions/ Kick off

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn

#### Opening remarks:

- Dr. F. Haider Alvi, Chair, Board of Directors, OECM
- Kevin Kobus, Chair, Customer Council Committee, OECM

8:45 AM-9:45 AM

### Guest Speaker: Dr. Joe MacInnis

*"Creating Team Genius: A Perspective on Collaboration"*

Dr. MacInnis is a highly acclaimed physician-scientist and storyteller whose pioneering research on undersea science and engineering projects earned him our nation's highest honour, the Order of Canada. He will speak about creating team genius with a perspective on collaboration.

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn

**Introduction:** Kevin Kobus, Chair, Customer Council Committee, OECM

9:45 AM-10:00 AM

### Break

10:00 AM-12:30 PM

### Part 1 - Collaboration Discussion Joint Session

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn

This all-invitee group session will review the following collaboration themes:

1. *How has the Pandemic changed your perspective on Collaboration?*
2. *Barriers to Collaboration & Solutions to Overcome*
3. *How would you increase the level of Collaboration in your sector?*
4. *Models for Sharing in the Success of Collaboration*
5. *Role of OECM in promoting/supporting more collaboration*
6. *To mandate or not to mandate collaboration – The pros and cons*

**Introduction:** Karen Owen, Vice President, Supply Management and Customer Relations, OECM

**Session Facilitator:** Ian C. Smith, Vice President, StrategyCorp

**Table facilitators:** A group of volunteers will assist in the small group discussions

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

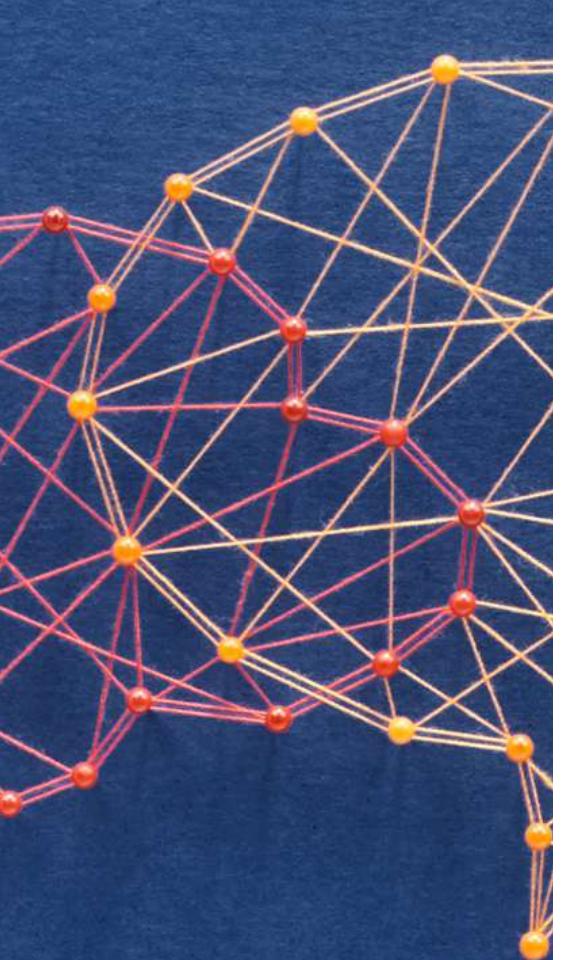
### Lunch

**Location:** Kandahar Room, seating in Weider

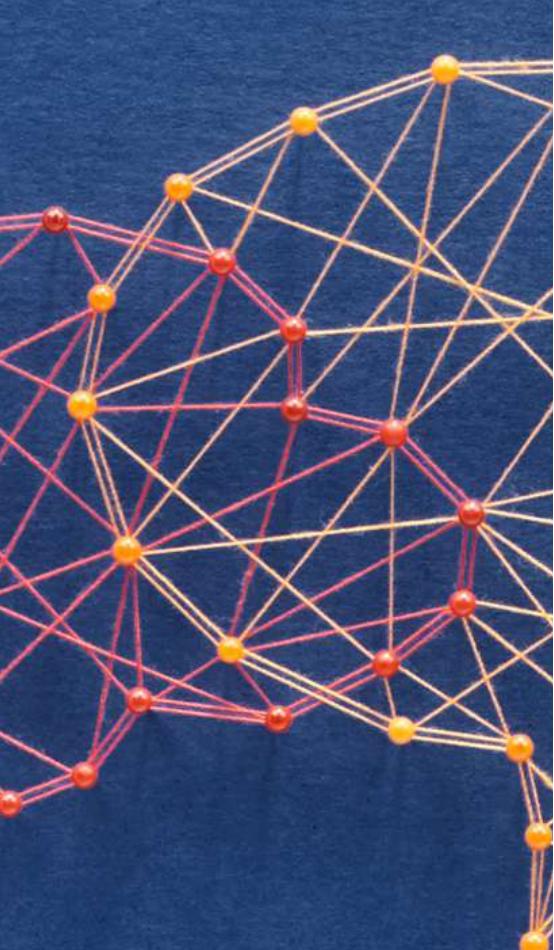
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<b>1:30 PM-2:15 PM</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Bonnie Lysyk, Auditor General of Ontario</b> <i>"An Auditor's Insight on Collaboration"</i>  Ontario's Auditor General will share insights from her 2021 Annual Audit Reports including key thoughts on opportunities for collaboration.  <b>Location:</b> Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn <b>Introduction:</b> John Sabo, President and CEO, OECM	<b>4:00 PM-4:30 PM</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Dr. Opiyo Oloya, Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) at Western University</b> <i>"Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Engagement Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond"</i>  Dr. Oloya will provide his perspective on EDI initiatives and education across Ontario, Canada, and the world. Opiyo will also highlight his groundbreaking work on child warriors in Northern Uganda; and working alongside peacekeepers of the African Mission in Somalia.  <b>Location:</b> Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn <b>Introduction:</b> Sonia Gallo, Director, Customer Relationship Management, OECM
<b>2:15 PM-3:00 PM</b>	<b>Sharing the Success of Collaboration</b>  This panel session will review the OECM model for sharing the success of collaboration highlighting how collaboration between a few has resulted in benefits to many.  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Sabo, President and CEO, OECM</li><li>• Karen Creditor, President and CEO, OCAS</li><li>• Peter Derochie, Executive Director, COSBO</li></ul> <b>Location:</b> Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn	<b>4:30 PM-7:00 PM</b>	<b>Free Time</b>
		<b>7:00 PM-9:00 PM</b>	<b>Dinner</b>  <b>Location:</b> Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn  Charity Raffle in support of <i>Indspire</i> and sponsored by OECM Suppliers and other Partners.
<b>3:00 PM-3:15 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>9:00 PM-11:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking and Hospitality Reception</b>  <b>Location:</b> Kandahar Room, Blue Mountain Inn <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refreshments</li><li>• Retro Video Games</li><li>• Photo Booth</li><li>• Mingle Magic</li></ul>
<b>3:15 PM-4:00 PM</b>	<b>Collaboration through Strategic Partnerships</b>  This panel session highlights several successful strategic collaborative partnerships and examines models for future potential collaborations.  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tammy Quigley, VP, Operations, SSW</li><li>• Wayne Toms, Executive Director, ECNO</li><li>• Sandra Zwiers, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer, County of Essex and Vice President, MFOA</li></ul> <b>Location:</b> Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn <b>Moderator:</b> Jim Hadjiyianni, Director, Business Development, OECM		



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*Master of Ceremonies:*  
**Sonia Gallo**

*Director, Customer  
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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

7:30 AM-8:30 AM

#### **Breakfast**

**Location:** Kandahar Room, seating in Weider

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

#### **Guest Speaker: Kendal Netmaker, Founder of Neechie Gear®**

*"An Empowering Perspective on Leadership and Collaboration"*

Originally from Sweetgrass First Nation, Kendal's gift for telling heartfelt and impactful stories has allowed him to turn real-life experiences into motivating lessons that everyone can use in their own lives and for the benefit of the institutions they serve and collaborate with.

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn  
**Introduction:** Dr. F. Haider Alvi, Chair, Board of Directors, OECM

9:30 AM-9:45 AM

#### **Break**

9:45 AM-10:30 AM

#### **Guest Speaker: Frank Rochon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Supply Ontario**

*"Supply Ontario One Year Later"*

Frank is the first CEO of the newly created Supply Ontario, and he will provide an update on the progress made at Supply Ontario since March 2021 and planned future directions.

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn  
**Introduction:** John Sabo, President and CEO, OECM

10:30 AM-12:15 PM

#### **Part 2 - Collaboration Joint Session: Follow-up**

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn

This session will review the results, outcomes and suggested next steps generated from the joint discussion held on Thursday.

**Session Facilitator:** Ian C. Smith, Vice President, StrategyCorp

12:15 PM-12:45 PM

#### **Symposium Closing**

**Location:** Weider Ballroom, Blue Mountain Inn

##### **Closing Remarks**

- John Sabo, President and CEO, OECM
- Dr. F. Haider Alvi, Chair, Board of Directors, OECM
- Kevin Kobus, Chair, Customer Council Committee, OECM

12:45 PM-2:00 PM

#### **Lunch**

**Location:** Kandahar Room, seating in Weider

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

#### **Sector Follow-up Meetings (if required)**

- Meetings and Rooms TBD
- OECM Staff Meeting - Ravenna I & II (Lower Level)



## Bonnie Lysyk

MBA, FCPA, FCA, LPA

Bonnie Lysyk became the 13th Auditor General of Ontario on September 3, 2013, after having previously served as Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan, and Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer of Manitoba.

Lysyk has held senior positions in both the private and public sectors during a 25-year career spent in three provinces. She has extensive audit, finance, risk management and governance experience. She served as the Deputy Auditor General and Chief Operating Officer for the Office of the Auditor General of Manitoba and, most recently, as Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan. She also held a variety of senior roles at Manitoba Hydro and served as Chief Audit Executive of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission.

A native of Winnipeg, Lysyk graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Administrative Studies (Honours) degree and subsequently obtained her designation as a Chartered Accountant while working with Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers). She also has a Masters in Business Administration and is a Certified Internal Auditor. In 2017, she was named a Fellow of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Lysyk is currently a member of the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors and over the years has actively participated in many professional and volunteer not-for-profit organizations. She has also taught auditing courses in Toronto and overseas.

## GUEST SPEAKER

*"An Auditor's Insight on Collaboration"*



## Dr. Joe MacInnis

C.M., O. Ont., M.D., DSc. (Hon.)

Dr. Joe MacInnis is a medical doctor, explorer, and storyteller with a unique and captivating approach to leadership and teamwork in high-risk environments, including the deep ocean, battlefields, governments, and corporations. With a passion for the high seas and beyond, Dr. MacInnis has led thirty expeditions under the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans, logging more time beneath the surface of the latter than any other scientist in the world. His pioneering research on undersea science and engineering projects has earned him six honorary degrees and our nation's highest distinction – the Order of Canada.

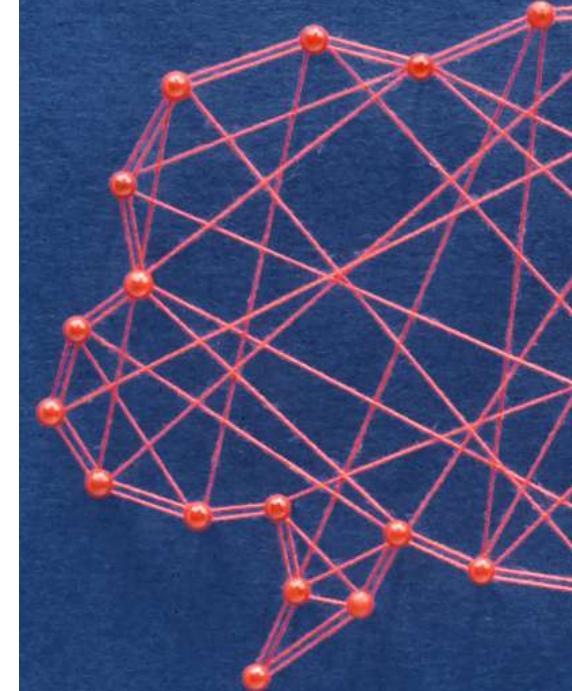
As a member of the Titanic Discovery Team, Dr. MacInnis is among the first to dive into the wreck of the Titanic, a feat that later inspired Canadian filmmaker James Cameron to film the Academy Award-winning movie of the same name. MacInnis also worked with Cameron on the IMAX film *Aliens of the Deep* and served as medical advisor and journalist on the James Cameron-National Geographic seven-mile science dive into the Mariana Trench, the deepest of its kind on Earth.

In 1969, MacInnis built Canada's first subsurface research laboratory, the only freshwater underwater lab, the only under-ice station, and the only "free" submerged habitat in the world at the time. It inspired former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, a diver himself, to commission MacInnis to help write Canada's first national ocean policy in 1970.

Focused on creating hyper-effective teams by sharing deep leadership and team genius principles, MacInnis has worked on more than fifty projects with the U.S Navy, the French and Canadian governments, and the Russian Academy of Sciences. He also spent two years as a consultant to Canada's Privy Council Office and seven years as a consultant to the TD Bank Group.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Joe has been studying the psychology of leadership in high-risk environments. Recently, he began interviewing scientists, artists, politicians, business executives, and journalists about high-risk leadership. He has interviewed fifty people, including Jane Goodall, James Cameron, Margaret Atwood, and Maria Ressa, a journalist from the Philippines who won the 2021 Nobel Peace Prize.

Author of 10 books, including his latest *Deep Leadership: Essential Insights from High-Risk Environments*, published by Random House, Dr. MacInnis is passionate about human performance and sharing leadership lessons he has learned from the high seas and beyond.



## GUEST SPEAKER

*"Creating Team Genius: A Perspective on Collaboration"*

## GUEST SPEAKER

*"An Empowering Perspective on Leadership"*



### Kendal Netmaker

BA, B.Ed.

A master storyteller, Kendal Netmaker is an award-winning entrepreneur, author, and gifted keynote speaker with a powerful approach to leadership through the power of telling your story. The founder of Neechie Gear® and author of Driven to Succeed, he has helped motivate and build resilient leaders and organizations worldwide.

Originally from Sweetgrass First Nation, Netmaker's natural gift for telling heartfelt and impactful stories has allowed him to turn real-life experiences into motivating lessons that everyone can use in their own lives. To date, his passion for succeeding and mastery in storytelling has led him to speak professionally to thousands of people each year.

Netmaker has founded and invested in 5 businesses. One of them is Neechie Gear®, a lifestyle apparel brand that gives back a percentage of its profits to fund unprivileged youth to empower them to participate in sports. Additionally, he has won over 25 business awards, including being named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40® and runner up at the YBI Global Entrepreneur of the Year.

Netmaker lives with his wife and two children in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where he runs his company. He delivers virtual and in-person keynotes and executive leadership coaching to organizations.



### Dr. Opiyo Oloya

MED, PhD, LLD (honoris causa)

Dr. Opiyo Oloya is the inaugural Associate Vice-President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) at Western University in London, Ontario. Appointed in July 2021, Oloya leads, manages, directs, and evaluates EDI values and initiatives at the university. Previously, he was Interim Associate Director of Education at York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB), where he spent 32 years as a teacher, principal, and Superintendent of Education.

Dr. Oloya was born and raised in Pamin-Yai, a small farming village in northern Uganda. After graduating from primary school, he attended Sir Samuel Baker Secondary School and St. Peter's College Tororo, graduating with distinctions in History, English Literature, and Economics.

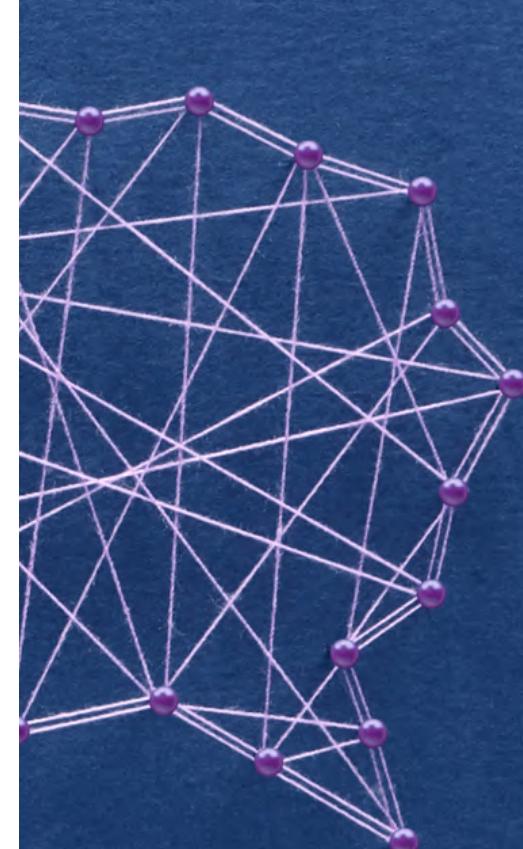
In 1979, Oloya joined the Makere University in Kampala, Uganda, to study political science. Heavily involved in promoting democracy and human rights beside fellow students' leaders, their activism attracted the government's attention, later forcing him to hide and flee to Nairobi, Kenya, on March 6, 1981.

He was granted refugee status and arrived in Canada on June 7, 1981. With degrees from Queen's and the University of Ottawa, Dr. Oloya's passion for social justice and work within the community inspired him to found and promote Toronto's Afropfest, North America's largest celebration of African music and culture.

In September 2004, he enrolled at York University to conduct research on child soldiers. Consequently, he was awarded a PhD for his groundbreaking work on child warriors in Northern Uganda. His book, Child to Soldier, was published in 2013. Since 2010, he has worked alongside peacekeepers of the African Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). His latest book, Black Hawks Rising, chronicles AMISOM's successful war against terror.

In 2012, York University awarded Dr. Oloya an honorary Doctorate of Laws (LLD, honoris causa) for his humanitarian and social justice work in Africa. In June 2016, he was awarded Uganda Heroes Medal by H.E. President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda.

He lives in Toronto with his partner Emily and two young sons, Oceng and Ogaba.



## GUEST SPEAKER

*"Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Engagement Today, Tomorrow, and Beyond"*

## GUEST SPEAKER

*"Supply Ontario One Year Later"*



### Frank Rochon

ICD.D

Frank Rochon is a highly experienced senior executive, business leader, and change agent. He is widely respected for his leadership in guiding complex transformations in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors with expertise in corporate strategy, finance, management, and operational leadership.

Under Frank's leadership and in collaboration with public and private sector leaders, Supply Ontario will build a world-class capability to harness Ontario's buying power to enable economic development, province-wide resilience, and drive value for Ontarians.

Prior to joining Supply Ontario as the agency's inaugural President and Chief Executive Officer on March 1, 2021, Frank had a long and distinguished career at Deloitte Canada, most recently as Vice Chairman and Managing Partner and as a member of Deloitte's Global Client Executive. During his 25 years as a partner, Frank held many of the most senior executive leadership positions at Deloitte.

Frank has devoted his career to strategic and operational leadership across various industries. He has developed a holistic approach to organizational success that encompasses talent leadership, a marketplace strategy, and future-ready transformation. Frank holds a degree in Business from the University of Ottawa and the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

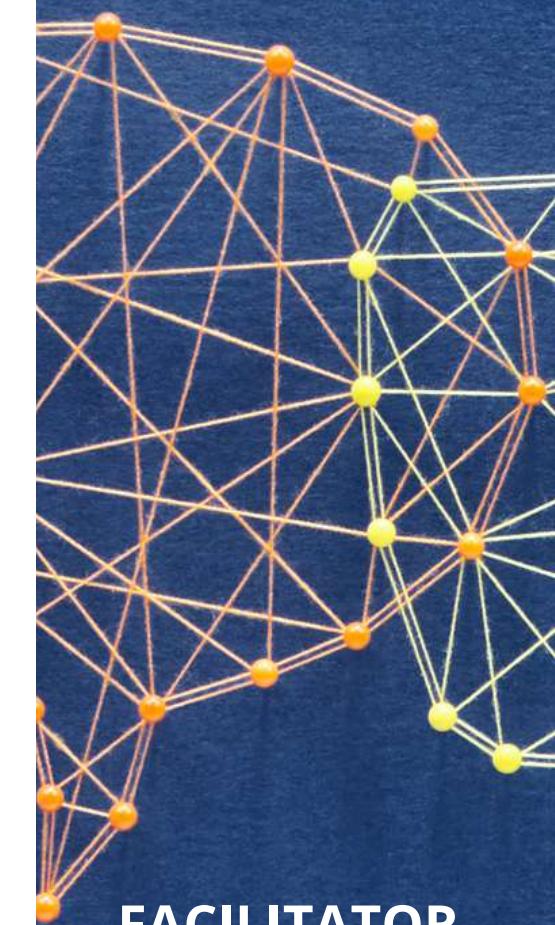


### Ian C. Smith

Ian is a Vice President with StrategyCorp, a public affairs, communications, and management consulting firm in Toronto. He specializes in conducting strategic, organizational and governance reviews and leading large-scale change initiatives for private and public sector organizations.

Ian was formerly a Partner and Regional Lead for the GTA and Southern Ontario Consulting Practice of MNP; a Partner at Oliver Wyman; a Director at Johnston Smith International; and a senior manager with Price Waterhouse. Ian holds an MBA from York University and an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Waterloo and is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC).

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Badminton and Racquet Club and President of the Board of Directors for York Condominium Corporation 33. Formerly, Ian was Chair of the Board for the Hincks-Dellcrest Centre (merged with Sick Kids); a member of the Toronto Region Board of Trade Board of Directors; and a member of the Governance and Nomination Committee for The Learning Partnership.



## FACILITATOR

StrategyCorp

## Blue Mountain Resort Activities

Blue Mountain Resort offers a variety of activities and dining options that are available to Symposium attendees and OECM guests. Please visit [www.bluemountain.ca](http://www.bluemountain.ca)



## Symposium Charity Raffle

### OECM Symposium Charity Raffle in support of *Indspire*

Don't miss out on a chance to nab a few top-notch prizes while also supporting a fantastic charitable cause.

Tickets for the Symposium Charity Raffle are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5, with all proceeds going to *Indspire*. Tickets can be purchased from OECM representatives at the Raffle Desk located in the Kandahar Hospitality Suite on Wednesday evening and throughout the day on Thursday. The draw will take place Thursday night during dinner.

Thank you for your generosity and best of luck!



## Indspire

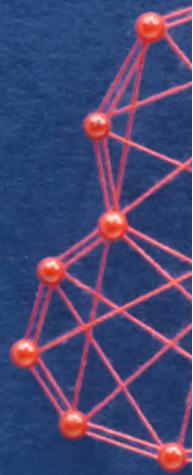
*Indspire*, formerly known as the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, is an Indigenous national charitable organization established in 1985, dedicated to investing in the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, and their families, communities, and Canada. Charity Intelligence Canada has recognized *Indspire* with its four-star rating naming them a Top 10 Canadian Impact Charity since 2017, and Maclean's has also selected *Indspire* as a 2019 and 2020 Top Rated Charity. With the support of funding partners, *Indspire* disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and shares resources with the goal of increasing graduation rates for Indigenous students. Educator Resources serve educators, communities, rural areas, and other stakeholders committed to improving kindergarten to grade 12 Indigenous student success. For more information or to donate, please visit [www.indspire.ca](http://www.indspire.ca)



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Canada's future. | L'éducation des autochtones.  
L'avenir du Canada.

## Charity Raffle Prizes Sponsors

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3. **Blue Mountain Resorts**
4. **Bunzl Canada Inc.**
5. **CDW Canada Corp.**
6. **Compugen Inc.**
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11. **OECM**
12. **Swish Maintenance Ltd.**



## Invited Collaboration Champions

- **Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE)**

Formed in 1991, the Council of Ontario Directors of Education is a Professional Association, representing all Chief Executive Officers of the seventy-two District School Boards in Ontario. It is the common public voice of Senior School District Administrators working with the Government and various Associations. Learn more about CODE at [www.ontariodirectors.ca](http://www.ontariodirectors.ca)

- **Council of Ontario Universities (COU)**

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) provides a forum for Ontario's Universities to collaborate and advocate in support of their shared mission to the benefit and prosperity of students, communities, and the province of Ontario. Learn more about COU at [www.cou.ca](http://www.cou.ca)

- **Council of Senior Administrative Officers (CSAO)**

The Council of Senior Administrative Officers (CSAO) provides leadership and facilitates discussion and the exchange of information on matters related to Universities' administrative policies and practices. Learn more about CSAO at [www.cou.ca/members-groups/affiliates/csa](http://www.cou.ca/members-groups/affiliates/csa)

- **Council of Senior Business Officials (COSBO)**

The Council of Senior Business Officials (COSBO) was established in 2011 and includes membership of Senior Business Officials from all boards in Ontario. The members are financial and business professionals with experience from both private and public sectors. Learn more about COSBO at [www.oasbo.org](http://www.oasbo.org)

- **Educational Computing Network of Ontario (ECNO)**

Founded in the early 1980's, the Educational Computing Network of Ontario began as a joint initiative between the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training and Ontario's School Boards. ECNO is a tried-and-true partnership of educators, administrators and private Information Technology resources. Learn more about ECNO at [www.ecno.org](http://www.ecno.org)

- **Local Authority Services (LAS)**

The Local Authority Services (LAS) was created in 1992 by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). LAS is a preferred provider of competitively-priced and sustainable co-operative business services for Ontario municipalities and the broader public sector. LAS helps communities work better. Learn more about LAS at [www.las.on.ca](http://www.las.on.ca)

- **Mohawk Medbuy**

Mohawk Medbuy is the genesis of the June 2017 amalgamation of two leading health care organizations – Mohawk Shared Services Inc. (an Ontario SSO) and Medbuy Corporation (previously a national GPO) – both of which had long track records of service excellence. Now stronger as a unified organization, Mohawk Medbuy has the expertise, clinical insight and infrastructure to address the changing needs of the health care system. Learn more about Mohawk Medbuy at [www.mohawkmedbuy.ca](http://www.mohawkmedbuy.ca)

- **Ontario College Application Service (OCAS)**

The OCAS is an application processing centre for undergraduate admissions to Ontario Public Colleges. The OCAS receives student applications, processes them, and transfers the information to the Colleges. Learn more about OCAS at [www.ocas.ca](http://www.ocas.ca)

- **Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM)**

OECM is a trusted not-for-profit collaborative sourcing partner for Ontario's education sector, broader public sector, and other not-for-profit organizations. We contract with innovative, reputable suppliers to offer a comprehensive choice of quality products and services and generate significant savings for our customers. Learn more about OECM at [www.oecm.ca](http://www.oecm.ca)

- **Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC)**

The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) provides Ontario School Boards with first-in-class education and business services. OESC offer boards effective and cost-saving solutions with a focus on the success of every student in Ontario's publicly funded education system. Learn more about OESC at [www.oesc-cseo.org](http://oesc-cseo.org)

- **Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE)**

The Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) is a non-profit insurance reciprocal with 121 members, representing 79 School Boards/School authorities and 42 Joint Ventures in Ontario. The primary goals of the Exchange are to insure member school boards against losses, and to promote safe school practices. Learn more about OSBIE at [www.osbie.on.ca](http://www.osbie.on.ca)

- **Plexxus**

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The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA), established in 1989, is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 4,500 individual members. MFOA represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils on matters of finance policy. Learn more about MFOA at [www.mfoa.on.ca](http://www.mfoa.on.ca)

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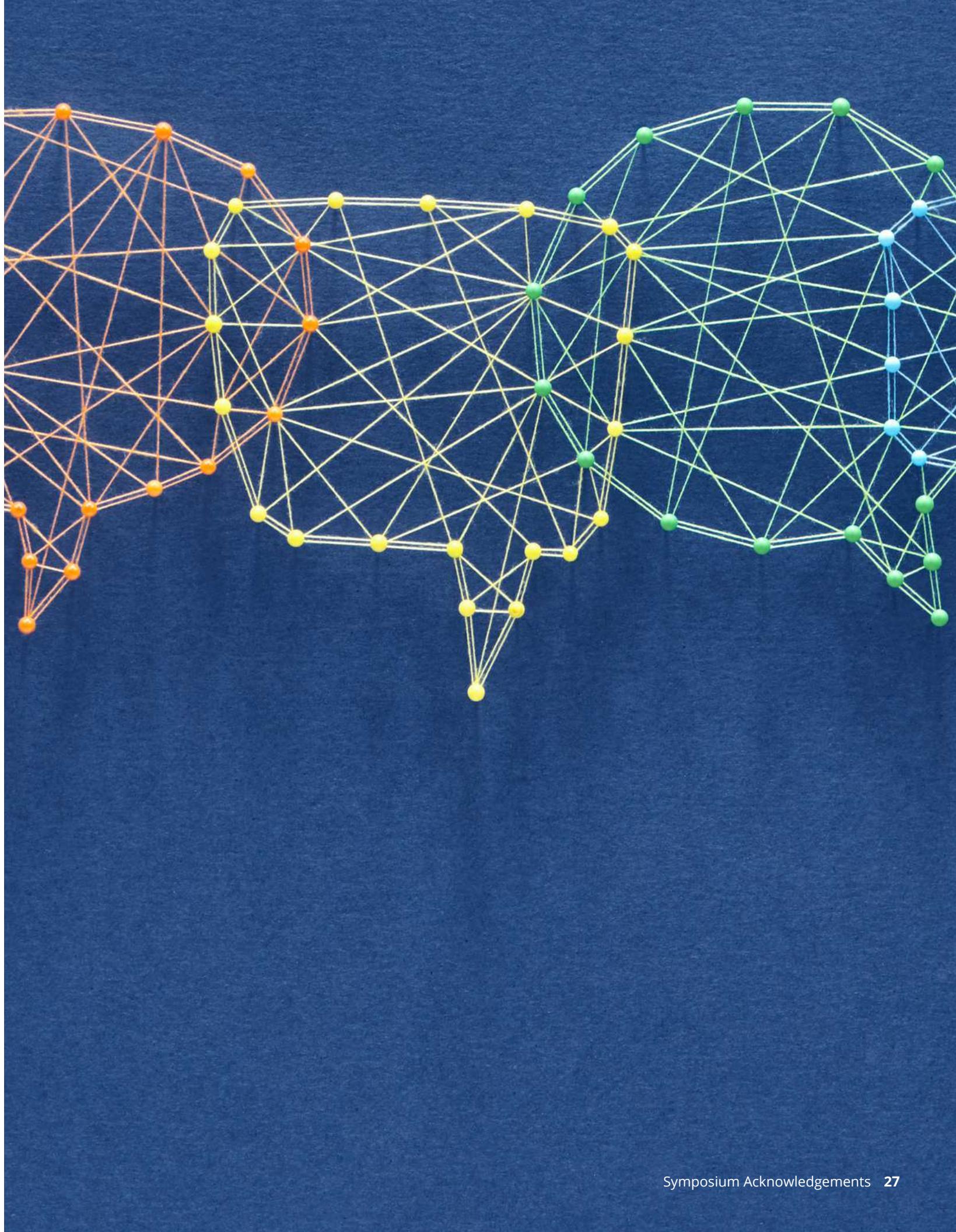
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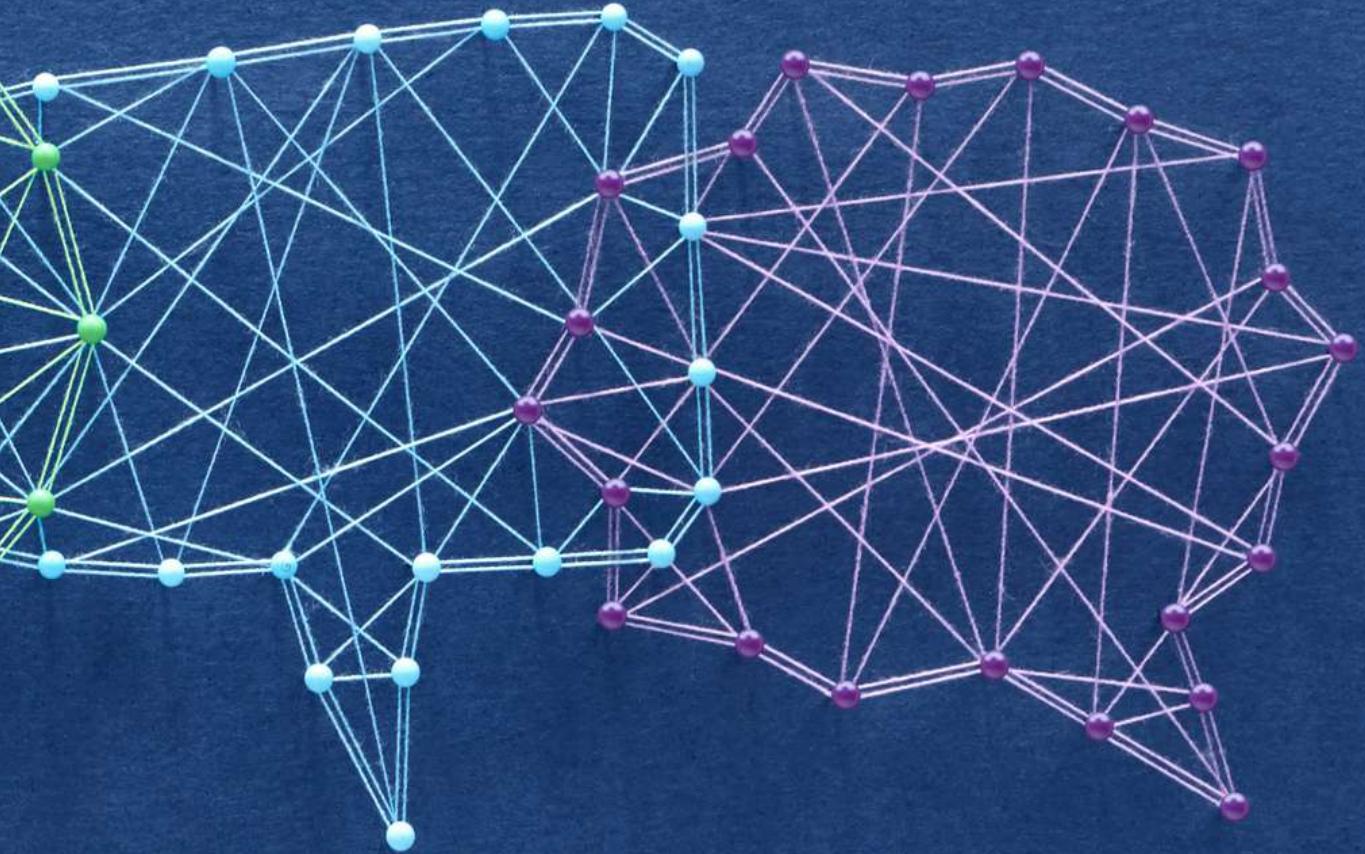
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