



# Canada–Singapore AI + Quantum Roundtable

May 19, 2026 | Singapore

## About the Roundtable

As secretariat for the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Canada, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is partnering with SGTech to lead a delegation of senior industry leaders, researchers, and officials to Singapore May 18-22, 2026, to advance bilateral collaboration in AI and quantum technologies. Anchored around Asia Tech x Singapore, the Mission will convene senior leaders from both countries’ AI and quantum innovation ecosystems.

Developed in collaboration with ABAC Canada, senior industry leaders, the High Commission of Canada in Singapore, and Export Development

Canada, the Mission represents an early engagement under the AI+Q initiative and a focused platform to advance Canada’s priorities with trusted partners.

Programming for the five-day Mission includes an invitation-only Canada–Singapore AI+Quantum Roundtable at APF Canada’s Asia Regional Office (ARO) in Singapore (May 19), an AI & Quantum Networking Reception (ARO; May 19), and targeted bilateral meetings, connecting Canadian companies with key Singaporean government stakeholders and leading enterprises across cybersecurity, defence, maritime logistics, and health and life sciences.

## Hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, ABAC Canada, and SGTech

**Venue:** Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, Asia Regional Office  
Manulife Tower, 8 Cross Street #21-04, Singapore 048424

**Purpose:** A half-day working dialogue bringing together senior government officials and industry leaders from Canada and Singapore to identify concrete AI and quantum collaboration opportunities across three priority sectors.

**Desired Outcome:** To produce actionable partnership proposals feeding directly into a Canada - Singapore AI & Quantum MOU, targeted for signature in November 2026.

### Agenda (subject to change)

Time	Session
0830-0900	Networking and Registration
Opening Session	
0900-0910	<p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <p>Vina Nadjibulla, Vice-President Research &amp; Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada</p> <p>Yean Chong, Executive Director, SGTech</p>

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0910-0930	<p><b>Ministerial/Senior Official Keynote Addresses</b></p> <p>Paul Thoppil, Canada’s High Commissioner to the Republic of Singapore</p> <p>Nicholas Lee, Chair, SGTech</p>
0930-0950	<p><b>Scene-setting</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Yean Cheong, Executive Director, SGTech</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Lee Shiang Long, Group Chief Technology &amp; Digital Officer, ST Engineering</li> <li>• Lisa Lambert, CEO, Quantum Industry Canada</li> <li>• Frédéric Margotton, Cyber and Digital Attaché – Southeast Asia, Government of Canada</li> </ul> <p>This will provide an overview of the state of AI and Quantum development today. It will highlight strengths of the respective ecosystems, cross-cutting applications of these technologies, and the critical role of cybersecurity and digital trust.</p>
0950-1020	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Yean Cheong, Executive Director, SGTech</p>
<p><b>Session 1. Defence and Security</b></p>	
1020-1045	<p><b>AI +Q Applied in Defence and Security</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Vandit Bhatia, Director, Security &amp; Resilience, PwC</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wong Chia Sern, Director Infocomm Infrastructure, DSTA</li> <li>• Raja Gopal, Deputy President (Defence) Digital Systems /ST Engineering</li> <li>• Gina Wong, General Manager ASEAN, Cohere (TBC)</li> <li>• Bruno Couillard, CEO &amp; Co-Founder, Crypto4A</li> </ul> <p>This session will focus on Canada–Singapore partnership opportunities at the intersection of AI and quantum, including PQC readiness and migration, quantum-safe communications, and AI-enabled threat detection, informed by a PwC briefing.</p> <p>Discussion will also explore collaboration in defence innovation, including sensing, and the protection of critical infrastructure, with an emphasis on near-term, secure applications.</p>
1045-1100	<p><b>Refreshment Break</b></p>
<p><b>Session 2. Maritime, Trade &amp; Logistics</b></p>	
1100-1125	<p><b>AI + Q applied in Maritime &amp; Trade</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr Lee/ST Engineering</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ken Soh, Founding CEO, Athena Dynamics</li> <li>• Jan De Silva, Incoming Chair, Canada’s Ocean Supercluster</li> </ul> <p>This session will discuss opportunities for partnership in areas such as port optimization; AI vessel tracking; digital trade corridor pilots, quantum sensing for navigation and logistics; and deployment of AI + Q in critical trade infrastructure.</p>

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Session 3. Health Care, Life Sciences	
1125-1150	<p><b>AI + Q applied in Health Care &amp; Life Sciences</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Tony Gaffney, Founder and CEO, Lambay Group &amp; Former CEO, Vector AI Institute</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Li Hoi Yeung, Nanyang Biologics</li><li>• Wilber Lim, Director, National Quantum Office</li><li>• Padraic Foley, Director, Strategy and Partnerships, Acceleration Consortium</li><li>• Dr. Andrew Costa, Co-founder, OnSpark</li></ul> <p>This session will explore opportunities in AI drug discovery; patient data protection in AI, AI + Q applications in materials design and therapeutics; and pathways to near-term quantum advantage in research and development.</p>
Session 4. AI + Q Enablement Organizations	
1150-1215	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Vina Nadjibulla</p> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Philbert Gomez, Executive Director &amp; SVP, Digital Industry Singapore, Economic Development Board (TBC),</li><li>• Giang Nguyen, Nanyang Biologics,</li></ul> <p><b>CA Lead Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greg Dick, CEO, Open Quantum Design</li><li>• Frédéric Laurin, Senior Director, Partnerships, Mila (TBC)</li></ul> <p>This session will highlight the structure and role of AI + Q enabling organizations in Canada and Singapore and the role they can play in institutionalizing the AI + Q initiative. Discussions may include tangible partnership proposals towards the MOU and workplan.</p>
Closing Session	
1215-1230	<p><b>Wrap-up/Next Steps</b></p> <p>Vina Nadjibulla and Yean Chong</p>
1230-1400	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
Optional Afternoon Programming	
1400-1600	<p><b>Sector-Specific Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optional curated bilateral meetings for continued B2B engagement.</li></ul>



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