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Indo-Pacific Young Leaders

PROGRAM





The Indo-Pacific Young Leaders Program

is an integral part of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's broader effort to strengthen Canada's engagement, relevance, and networks in the region – with funding support from the Government of Canada.

This program builds the next generation of leaders in the Indo-Pacific by deepening their relationships, understanding, and connections with Canada. Participants gain firsthand insight into Canada's approach to the Indo-Pacific, while developing valuable networks with Canadian government officials, industry leaders, and experts.

MONTREAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Arrival and check in

Le Sheraton Hotel, 1201 Boul. René-Lévesque

Welcome dinner

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Hosted by [Vina Nadjibulla](#), Vice President Research and Strategy, APF Canada

The Stanley, Le Sheraton Hotel

MONDAY, JUNE 9

8:30 A.M.

Depart from hotel lobby

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Roundtable discussion with [Prof. Erik Kuhonta](#),

Department of Political Science; Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University

Workbase, 480 Sainte-Catherine West, #200

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

Roundtable discussion with [Bart Edes](#),

Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University; formerly with the Asian Development Bank (Manila)

12:00 P.M. – 12:45 P.M.

[Art Public Griffintown Mural Tour](#) (weather permitting)

Self-guided walking tour (approx. one hour) of some of Montreal's public art

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Lunch, Discussion with the [Montreal Institute for Global Security](#)

Attendees include:

- [Kyle Matthews](#), Co-founder and Executive Director
- [Marie Lamensch](#), Global Affairs Officer
- [Chris Beal](#), Senior Fellow

3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

[Yeji Data Lab](#) (artificial intelligence)

CEO [David Lederhendler](#) is an APF Canada Board Director

Le Sheraton Hotel (Salon 1)

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Reception and Networking with francophone journalists and other local experts

Hélène Desmarais Building, HEC Montreal, 501 Rue De La Gauchetière Ouest

OTTAWA

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 A.M.

Depart for Ottawa

Le Sheraton Lobby

11:30 A.M. (ESTIMATED)

Arrive

Check in at Delta Hotel, 101 Lyon St. N

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

University of Ottawa, lunch and roundtable discussion

Attendees include:

- [Vina Nadjibulla](#), APF Canada
- Prof. [Patrick Leblond](#) (host), Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa
- Prof. [Wolfgang Alschner](#), Hyman Soloway Chair in Business and Trade Law, University of Ottawa
- Prof. [Stephanie Carvin](#), Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University
- [Claire Citeau](#), Executive Director of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance (CAFTA)
- [Dan Ciuriak](#), Senior Fellow, C.D. Howe Institute; Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation
- Prof. [Fen Hampson](#), Chancellor's Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University
- [Peter MacArthur](#), Executive Director, Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum. Former Ambassador to Philippines & Indonesia
- [David McKinnon](#), Senior Fellow, APFC; former High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Maldives

- [Motria Savaryn-Roy](#), Director, Geopolitical Economics, Global Affairs & Public Policy, Sun Life

Social Sciences Building, Room # 4006 (4th floor)

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Global Affairs Canada, Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS) Secretariat

Overview of IPS, as well as overviews of the state of Canada-China relations, Canada-India relations, and Canada-ASEAN relations

Attendees include:

- [Ali Khan Rajani](#), Director, Indo-Pacific Regional Coordination, Policy and Planning Division
- [Jane Bachynsky](#), Deputy Director, ASEAN, Southeast Asia Multilateral Programming Division, Indo-Pacific Branch
- [Jared Brading](#), Deputy Director, India, Bhutan, Nepal
- [Eric Bertram](#), Deputy Director, Greater China Political and Coordination Division

125 Sussex Drive

4:30 P.M. (APPROX.)

[ByWard Market](#)

Pedestrian-friendly district with restaurants and shopping

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

8:30 A.M.

Depart from hotel lobby

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)

Attendees include:

- [Rachel McCormick](#), Director General
- [Katrina Marsh](#), Director of International Affairs, Bilateral Affairs

580 Booth Street

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Department of National Defence (DND) and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)

Attendees include:

- [Scott Millar](#), Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy
- **Ty Curran**, Deputy Director General for International Security Policy

101 Colonel by Drive

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Local museum tour
3:00 P.M.	Depart from hotel lobby
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	<p>Global Centre for Pluralism</p> <p>Attendees include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jayne Barlow, Director, Programs and Partnerships • Carolyn McKee, Senior Program Officer, Global Analysis • Andrea Gonzalez, Program Officer, Global Analysis <p><i>330 Sussex Drive</i></p>
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	<p>Reception at Global Centre for Pluralism,</p> <p>with local experts, members of the diplomatic community, and local alumni of APF Canada's Young Professionals Program</p>

VANCOUVER

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

7:00 A.M.	Depart from hotel lobby
8:45 A.M.	Porter Airlines Flight 263 to Vancouver
11:10 A.M.	<p>Scheduled arrival in Vancouver</p> <p><i>Check in at Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, 1180 West Hastings Street</i></p>
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<p>Lunch and meet and greet with APF Canada President & CEO, Jeff Nankivell, VP Research & Strategy, Vina Nadjibulla, and APFC research staff</p> <p><i>MNP Tower, 7th Floor, Cordova Room, 1021 West Hastings Street</i></p>
3:15 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.	<p>Roundtable discussion with Prof. Kai Ostwald,</p> <p>Director of the Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia (UBC)</p> <p><i>MNP Tower, 7th Floor, Cordova Room, 1021 West Hastings Street</i></p>

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Reception with APF Canada staff, Distinguished and Senior Fellows, local consulates

MNP Tower Social Lounge (next to the Cordova Room)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

Roundtable discussion with [Dustin Du Gagne](#),

Senior Program Officer, International Fisheries Enforcement Program
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Hastings Room, 1066 West Hastings Street

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Roundtable discussion with [Prof. Yves Tiberghien](#),

Director, Centre for Japanese Research, UBC School of Public Policy and
Global Affairs

1066 West Hastings Street, Hastings Room

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Farewell lunch

Mahony & Sons, 1055 Canada Place

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