# CANADA | 18 June 2025 | Montreal IMPACT SEMINAR SERIES

IMPACT INVESTING EVENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS & ASSET OWNERS

The Impact Seminar Series – Canada is tailored to institutional investors and asset owners based in Canada. Impact Seminar Series focuses on the opportunities to move beyond ESG to invest with impact while ensuring market-competitive financial returns.

A one-day programme aims to empower investors to move from the theory to the practice of impact investing through in-depth panel discussions by experienced impact investors and impact practitioners. During the thematic roundtable session, investors can explore a select group of impact themes to participate in in-depth discussions on the most prevalent impact themes.

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# AGENDA

| Heure / Time | Description des sessions / Session description   |
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| 8:30-9:00    | Inscription / Registration   |
| 9:00-10:00   | Breakfast workshop   Employee Ownership: Investing in Shared Prosperity  |
|              | With trillions in business assets expected to change hands in the coming decade, employee<br>ownership offers a timely opportunity for investors to drive long-term value while strengthening<br>communities. This workshop explores how emerging models - like Canada's new Employee<br>Ownership Trusts (EOTs) - can preserve local businesses, deliver competitive returns, and create<br>more inclusive economies. Learn how forward-thinking investors are financing ownership<br>transitions and why this growing movement is gaining bipartisan support as a practical solution to<br>wealth inequality, business continuity, and economic sovereignty. |
|              | <u>Speakers:</u>   |
| 10:00-10:40  | Round table   IMM for social impact, stakeholder buy-in, and standardization   |
|              | What does meaningful impact measurement look like in real-world investment decisions? This panel explores emerging methodologies, stakeholder engagement, and the path toward standardizing IMM practices in Canada. Stakeholder buy-in starts with shared language. This session explores the tension between measurement rigor and community relevance in developing IMM systems that work for everyone.   |
|              | <u>Speakers</u> :  |
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| 10:40-10:55  | Pause café / Coffee Break  |
| 10:55-12:00  | Thematic Roundtable Discussions  |
|              | Following a brief introduction by the Phenix Capital Group team, participants will engage in a series<br>of facilitated roundtable discussions. Each table will be led by two subject-matter experts and will<br>focus on one of the thematic areas outlined below. Each discussion will last for 30 minutes, with<br>participants rotating through three different themes during the session. This format is designed to<br>foster in-depth dialogue and the exchange of diverse perspectives.  |
|              | Discussion themes:   |
| <u>here</u>  | <ul> <li>Agriculture &amp; land</li> <li>Blended finance</li> <li>Energy transition</li> </ul>   |

### 12:00-13:00 Dîner / Lunch

### 13:00-13:20 Interactive session | Investing with integrity: indigenous due diligence in practice

Investing in Indigenous communities means rethinking how we assess risk, value, and readiness. This topic breaks down the steps investors can take to engage Indigenous communities effectively—from legal considerations to community consultation. This session provides a candid look at what works and what doesn't when investing in Indigenous-led projects. Gain insight into governance, trust-building, and how to align capital with community priorities.

Speakers:

### **13:20-14:10** Investor Panel | Geopolitics, resilience & the power of private markets

Amid trade disruptions, shifting regulations, and political volatility, impact investors must futureproof their portfolios and partnerships. This session tackles how global shape capital flows and risk perception. We'll also examine the rising role of private markets in maintaining impact integrity and building long-term resilience in deals, especially within infrastructure, climate, and gender-lens investing. Learn how Canadian institutions can stay agile, relevant, and resilient

Speakers:

**Moderator** 

# 14:10-14:25 Pause café / Coffee Break

### 14:25-15:00 Fireside Chat | De-risking emerging markets

For decades, perceived high risk has constrained private capital flows to emerging markets. This discussion will challenge conventional wisdom, highlighting how outdated assumptions can inflate perceived risks and create missed opportunities. It will explore how institutional investors can leverage data-driven insights to redefine risk and unlock emerging market potential

Speakers:

## 15:00-16:00 Clôture et réseautage / Closing & Networking

### FOR WHOM

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- Public and Corporate Pension Funds and their Fiduciary Managers
- Insurance Companies
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- Family Offices
- Foundations and Endowments
- Wealth Managers/Private Banks
- Development Finance Institutions
- Faith-based Organisations.

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