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2:00 PM **Opening Remarks**
Sonia Baxendale, *President and CEO, GRI*

2:15 PM **Strategic Risk Oversight in a World of Interconnectivity**
Cybele Negris, *Co-founder and CEO, Webnames.ca*
Rita Parikh, *Chair of the Board, Vancity*

The central challenge facing risk leaders today, and the financial services sector more broadly, is the necessity to govern organizations through an environment where risks are increasingly interdependent and where volatility and uncertainty have become defining conditions rather than exceptions.

3:00 PM **Shifting from Static Preparedness to Dynamic Resilience**
Judith Bosire, *Chief Economist, Vancity*
David Downie, *Executive in Residence, GRI*
Renee Oxley, *Chief Risk Officer, ATB*

Geopolitics and macroeconomic risk have always been linked, but are more closely connected than ever as global powers use tariffs and sanctions as geopolitical strategy, and global connectivity transmits shocks rapidly across regions and sectors, requiring greater agility in organizational risk response plans. Leaders from across the financial sector discuss how risk teams can adapt to a new reality of interconnected threats.

3:45 PM **Break**

4:00 PM **Technology Disruption: Keeping Up with the Pace of Innovation**
Mary Carmichael, *Board Advisor, Canadian Cybersecurity Network*
Carol Ann Northcott, *Chief Risk Officer, Central 1*
Amelia Shiu, *Director, Data Enablement, BCFSA*

Artificial intelligence and other rapidly emerging technologies are reshaping the competitive landscape, transforming how organizations operate and emboldening bad actors. With cyber threats escalating and adoption of advanced technologies accelerating, this session takes a hard look at how the pace of innovation is impacting operational resilience, and how oversight can evolve alongside rapid change and capitalize on the opportunities it creates.

5:00 PM **Networking Reception**

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Sonia Baxendale, *President and CEO, GRI*

Sonia Baxendale is President & CEO of GRI, bringing together leaders from industry, academia and government to focus on emerging risks to the Canadian financial system. She has extensive experience as an executive and non-executive in the financial services industry globally. Sonia sits on the boards of Laurentian Bank, Definity Financial Corp., and Intermediate Capital Group (ICG), and is past Chair of the Board of SickKids Foundation. Prior to joining GRI, she held senior roles at CIBC, including Senior Executive Vice President and President of CIBC Retail Markets, where she led the Retail & Commercial Banking and Wealth Management businesses.



Judith Bosire, *Chief Economist, Vancity*

Judith provides economic insights to guide strategy and amplify Vancity's voice on issues that matter most to communities in a constantly shifting economy. She has extensive experience in economic development, public policy and business strategy, having served as Director of Pan-Territorial Services and Partnerships with the federal government, and previously as a Senior Economist at Deloitte. Judith serves as Treasurer on the board of the Black Entrepreneurs & Businesses of Canada Society, sits on the board of the Foundation for Black Communities and is a member of the External Reference Group for the Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative at Employment and Social Development Canada.



Mary Carmichael, *Board Advisor, Canadian Cybersecurity Network*

Mary Carmichael has over 15 years of experience helping organizations make better decisions in the face of enterprise, technology, and cybersecurity risk. A CPA with certifications in CISA, CISM, and CRISC, she is known for connecting business strategy with the realities of complex, technology-driven environments. Mary is an AI & Cybersecurity Research Fellow at Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst at Toronto Metropolitan University, serving as Past President of the Vancouver Chapter of ISACA and a Global SheLeadsTech Advocate. Mary was named a 2025 Women to Watch honoree by SC Media, recognizing her contributions to cybersecurity research and community leadership.



David Downie, *Executive in Residence, GRI*

David is an Executive in Residence at GRI and a Senior Advisor to McKinsey and Company. Over his 27-year career at RBC, he worked extensively across all risk pillars and led complex business and risk transformations. He was appointed Managing Director, Credit Risk Management in 2004, Head of Market Risk for North America in 2011, CRO, USA in 2017, then added the title of Senior Vice-President Regional Risk in 2020. In this capacity, he was responsible for the oversight and management of risk for all of RBC's activities in the U.S., Europe and APAC. Prior to joining RBC, David was Assistant Professor of Finance at the University of Waterloo.



Cybele Negris, *Co-founder and CEO, Webnames.ca*

Cybele Negris is CEO and Co-founder of Webnames.ca Inc., Canada's original .CA Registrar and one of the country's leading Internet solutions companies. She serves on the boards of leading Canadian businesses and not-for-profits and offers insights gained from her vast business and governance experience. As a serial entrepreneur in the technology and construction/real estate sectors, she brings key expertise in e-commerce, digital and cybersecurity, strategic planning and leading growth, enterprise risk management, government relations and ESG.



Carol Ann Northcott, *Chief Risk Officer, Central 1*

Carol Ann Northcott is the Chief Risk Officer at Central 1, a leading financial services partner to Canada's credit unions, financial institutions and fintechs. Over two decades, Carol Ann has developed her expertise in financial stability, payments and banking regulations. As the Chief Risk Officer for Payments Canada, the Bank of Canada, and now Central 1, Carol Ann is passionate about enabling a risk practice that inspires the conversations necessary for truly risk-informed decision-making.



Renee Oxley, *Chief Risk Officer, ATB*

As Chief Risk Officer, Renee Oxley has overall responsibility for risk management and compliance functions at ATB Financial and leads a team spanning multiple enterprise risk disciplines, including credit, market, liquidity, operational, cybersecurity, regulatory compliance, financial crime and strategy. Prior to ATB, Renee built broad finance, risk, compliance, and assurance expertise across diverse companies. She is former Chair of YWCA Edmonton and former Treasurer on the board of Citie Ballet (now Ballet Edmonton).



Rita Parikh, *Chair of the Board, Vancity*

Rita Parikh is Board Chair of Vancity Credit Union and Vancity Community Investment Bank. She is also on the board of Oxfam Canada. She previously held leadership roles with BC College of Nurses and Midwives, the Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations, MATCH International, Inter Pares, Pacific Peoples' Partnership and Canadian Parents for French. Rita is former Board Chair at Mountain Equipment Co-op and has sat on the boards of the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Society, Canadian Parents for French, and the Victoria International Development Education Association. She has won a number of awards, including being recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2025.



Amelia Shiu, *Director, Data Enablement, BCFS*

Amelia Shiu is Director of Data Enablement at the BC Financial Services Authority, where she leads the enterprise data strategy supporting regulatory oversight across multiple financial services sectors. Her experience spans financial services and healthcare, with a focus on modernizing complex data environments and embedding governance into large scale data transformations. She works at the intersection of strategy, technology, and operations, supporting the responsible adoption of advanced technologies while strengthening governance, resilience, and decision making in evolving risk landscapes.



Karrie Van Belle, *Chief Operating Officer, GRI*

Karrie Van Belle is Chief Operating Officer and serves as Corporate Secretary to the GRI Board of Directors. Karrie helps to guide strategy and execution of GRI's mandate, addressing challenges and developing and implementing policies and procedures to enhance operational effectiveness. Karrie has held roles leading marketing, communications, digital operations and investment product teams. Before coming to GRI, she was Chief Marketing & Innovation Officer at AGF Investments and previously held progressively senior roles at BlackRock Canada, Saint Elizabeth Health Care, Edward Jones and Canada Trust.
