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October 14-15 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal
**Unveiling the Program for the 2025 INCYBER Forum Canada:
Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence – A Societal Imperative**

Montréal, Wednesday, September 17, 2025 — Against a backdrop of heightened geopolitical tensions, where digital sovereignty and threats linked to artificial intelligence are at the forefront of global concerns, the INCYBER Forum Canada returns to Montréal's Palais des congrès for its 4th edition, taking place October 14 and 15, 2025. Dozens of political leaders and institutional representatives from Canada, Europe, Japan, and more, along with numerous Canadian and international experts, will attend the event.

Since its inception, the INCYBER Forum Canada has established itself as the only pan-Canadian event bringing together actors of the entire cybersecurity ecosystem – from businesses and governments to experts, researchers, and start-ups. More than 4,000 participants are expected this year for what promises to be a strategically significant edition on the international stage.

"To build a secure and competitive future, we must strengthen the strategic autonomy of our businesses and public institutions. The INCYBER Forum Canada is a key annual gathering that brings together experts in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, and digital innovation to bolster our institutions' resilience, reduce dependencies, and position cybersecurity as a true driver of competitiveness for our regions," says **Daniel Blanc, Ambassador and Director General of the INCYBER Forum Canada.**

"Cybersecurity is at the heart of our digital sovereignty and the protection of our institutions, our businesses, and our citizens. It is also a powerful driver of innovation and growth, driving the creation of cutting-edge technological solutions and new economic opportunities for Quebec and all of Canada. The INCYBER Forum is an opportunity to bring our entire ecosystem together to collectively build a digital space that is safe, resilient, and a source of prosperity," underscores **Gilles Bélanger, Quebec's Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology.**

Cybersecurity: At the Heart of Everyday Canadian Lives

The 2025 Forum aims to send a clear message: cybersecurity is no longer just a matter for specialists. Cyberattacks now affect schools, hospitals, municipal administrations, transportation infrastructure, and, by extension, every citizen.

Concrete, real-world examples will be presented to participants at the Forum, such as the impact of ransomware on hospitals: theft of medical data, shutdowns of critical systems, and threats to the continuity of care. A landmark national study will also be unveiled exclusively at the INCYBER Forum Canada, accompanied by practical, actionable solutions. The study will be released with the support of the **Canadian Cybersecurity Network**.



Each year, the INCYBER Forum Canada brings together experts in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, and digital innovation.

The Forum will also spotlight the growing vulnerability of the transportation, logistics, and aviation sectors to cyber threats. In Montréal – a major hub for these industries, key players such as Airbus, Bombardier, Air Transat, and the port authorities will share their perspectives and initiatives for strengthening digital security.

The 2025 Program

Notable speakers at this year's event include: **Major-General Dave Yarker**, Commander of the Canadian Armed Forces Cyber Command; **Gilles Bélanger**, Minister of Cybersecurity and Digital Technology of Québec; **Krzysztof Gawkowski**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland; **Greg Bunghardt**, Director of Cyber Security Policy at Public Safety Canada; **Rajiv Gupta**, Head of the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security; **Carl Montreuil**, Superintendent and RCMP Director of Federal Policing Cybercrime; **Caroline Xavier**, Chief of Communications Security Establishment Canada; and **Alexandra St-Hilaire**, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Hydro-Québec. The event will also feature numerous experts, corporate decision-makers, and cybersecurity specialists from around the

world, as well as several information security leaders from the private sector across Canada and beyond.



The Forum brings together public- and private-sector actors and engaged citizens, committed to protecting the country's digital ecosystem.

Reasons to Attend

In the face of an accelerated digital transformation, understanding online threats and implementing effective strategies to counter them has never been more critical. The INCYBER Forum Canada in Montréal is for those seeking to play an active role in safeguarding the nation's digital ecosystem, whether from the private sector, public administration, or as engaged citizens concerned about cybersecurity issues.

To register as a participant or exhibitor, [click here](#).

Expected at the 2025 INCYBER Forum Canada in Montréal:

- 4,000 visitors
- 200 exhibitors
- 5 thematic stages
- 200 speakers

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About INCYBER

The [INCYBER Forum Canada](#) is the only pan-Canadian and international event dedicated to cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, and digital innovation that propels the

country's digital resilience. Its mission: to address cybersecurity challenges through a collaborative, cross-disciplinary approach to the full range of issues surrounding digital space security; to enhance business resilience in the face of threats amid profound shifts in the digital environment; and to promote a trusted digital environment that reflects Canada's core values. Each year, more than 70,000 participants attend INCYBER forums held several times annually around the world, fostering a strong ecosystem of reflection, innovation, and business in the fields of cybersecurity and digital trust.

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