



CIF Women Entrepreneurs' Conference and Workshop

Wednesday 22 May 2019 & Thursday 23 May 2019

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10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pearson Convention Centre
2638 Steeles Avenue East
Brampton, ON L6T 4L7

- 10:00 am Inauguration and keynote address by Hon. Mary Ng,
Canada's Minister of Small Business & Export Promotion
- 10:15 am Special address by Almas Jiwani
President of UN Women Canada National Committee
- 10:30 am First Panel discussion

Topic: Startup, Scale Up and Accessing New Markets
- 10:30 am Moderator:
Sunita Vyas
CEO
Academy of Learning

Panelists
- 10:35 am Hon. Mary Ng
Minister
Small Business & Export Promotion
- 10:40 am Kiran Hirpara
Director of Engineering
Unique Broadband Systems
- 10:45 am Maya Roy
CEO
YWCA
- 10:50 am Q&A + discussion (including audience questions)

11:10 am Moderator's summary of panel discussion

11:15 am Minister Mary Ng's observations on panel discussion

11:20 am Coffee break

11:45 am Second Panel discussion
Topic: Inspiring case studies of women operated companies

11:45 am Moderator:
Hema Bhatt
Vice President
Natu'Oil

11:50 am Vandana Kumar
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Industries, Government of India

11:55 am Latha Sukumar
Executive Director & General Counsel
MCIS Language Solutions

12:00 pm Reetu Gupta
President & CEO
The Gupta Group & The Eastons Group of Hotels Inc.

12:05 pm Q&A + discussion (including audience questions)

12:25 pm Moderator's summary of panel discussion

12:30 pm Special address by His Worship Patrick Brown
Mayor of Brampton

12:45 pm Lunch break

1:45 pm Special address by Jennifer Cooke
EDC

2:00 pm Third panel discussion
Topic: Innovative Entrepreneurs: Turning ideas into business
Moderator:
Kanta Arora
President

Arconic International Languages

- 2:00 pm Ami Shah
CEO & Co-Founder
Peekapak
- 2:05 pm Balbir Sohi
CEO
Smiles on Wheels
- 2:10 pm Lisa Sohanpal
Founder, Food Lover & CEO
Nom Noms World Food
- 2:15 pm Q&A + discussion (including audience questions)
- 2:35 pm Moderator's summary of panel discussion
- 2:35 pm Coffee break
- 2:45 pm Workshop – Government grants for business
Shirin Mandani
CEO
GrantX
- Gerry Fung
Northbridge Consulting
- Includes Q&A
- 3:15 pm Fireside chat on business financing
- Kim Thiara
President & CEO
AceTronic Industrial Controls INC
- Emel Iscan Demir
BDC representative
- Q&A from audience
- 3:45 pm Networking
- 4:00 pm Program concludes

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