

Protecting What Sustains Us

Ontario Biodiversity Summit
Niagara Falls, May 19 to 22, 2015



Summit preliminary program just released

Want to learn more about the Summit? [Click here](#) to check out the just-released preliminary program for information and a schedule.



Earlybird rate ends March 27th!

Register before Friday March 27th to save \$75.00 on your registration fee for the 2015 Ontario Biodiversity Summit.



Panel Discussions: Big Thinking on Big Issues

The 2015 Ontario Biodiversity Summit will feature some of biodiversity's best and brightest thinkers in panel discussions about two of the biggest issues influencing biodiversity: climate change and economics.



Dr. Blair Feltmate

The first panel, **Climate Change and the 6th Great Extinction** will be moderated by Blair Feltmate. Dr. Feltmate is Director, Sustainability Practice, Faculty of Environment, University of Waterloo, where he teaches the Master of Environment and Business program. Positions he holds include: Intact Financial Chair, Climate Change Adaptation Project, Canada; Senior Advisor, Sustainable Electricity Program, Canadian Electricity Association; Board Member, CLEAResult; Co-Chair, WeatherWise, City of Toronto; Co-Chair, Greening Greater Toronto. Dr. Feltmate has developed the sustainable development programs for two dozen multi-national companies and industry associations. He has written scores of papers on corporate sustainable development best practices.



Toby Heaps

The second panel, **Putting Nature on the Balance Sheet**, will be moderated by Toby Heaps. Toby is the CEO and co-founder of Corporate Knights, the company for clean capitalism. He is a current board member of The Natural Step Canada. He is also on the advisory board of SASB (Sustainability Accounting Standards Board) and the University of Toronto Environment and Finance Committee. He spearheaded the first global ranking of the world's 100 most sustainable corporations in 2005. He has been published in the Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, and Globe and Mail, and is a regular guest speaker on CBC. Toby is committed to cleaning up capitalism with practical tools, intelligence, and insights so that markets work to make the world a better place.

Young Leaders for Biodiversity

Ontario's next generation of conservationists will have the chance to learn, network and seek mentoring at the 2015 Ontario Biodiversity Summit's 'Young Leaders for Biodiversity'. This program, which will run alongside the main summit, is an opportunity for young people aged 18-30 to share ideas, learn about emerging issues, and gain access to tools, wisdom and experience to further their own conservation projects. To apply to participate, please visit

<http://www.ontariobiodiversitysummit.ca/youngleaders>



Call for Posters closes March 27th

Have an idea to share? Want to highlight your research or describe a successful project? Then consider submitting a 250-word abstract to be a part of the 2015 Ontario Biodiversity Summit Poster Exhibition. All interested individuals and organizations are invited to apply. Submissions from students registered in full-time post-secondary studies will be eligible to win a prize for best student poster. Read the submission criteria and learn more [here](#).

Have a presence at the Summit

Interested organizations are invited to book an exhibit space and profile their services and products to hundreds of interested and engaged delegates. [Click here](#) to download the Exhibitor Information package.

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