

FIT Innovation Forum Agenda

Timing	Tuesday Sept 26		Timing	Wednesday Sept 27		Timing	Thursday Sept 28
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration and Networking		8 – 8:45 a.m.	Arrival and Networking		8 – 9:30 a.m.	SMO arrival at NGO. Location TBC
8:30 a.m.	Opening Event		9 - 10 a.m.	Opening Event		9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	SMO Presentation & Discussion with NGO
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Strategic Communications		10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Scaling Impact		11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	LUNCH TBD
12:00 – 1 p.m.	LUNCH		12 - 1 p.m.	LUNCH		1 p.m. onward	Depart for airport/train
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Scaling Impact		1 – 3 p.m.	Scaling Impact			
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Program from 5:30.– 7 p.m.)	Gender Equality Week Event (public) Co-sponsored with AKFC Pre and post networking		3 – 5 p.m.	SMO Discussion and Event Close			



About Sessions & Presenters

FIT Innovation Forum



Fund for Innovation
and Transformation

Fonds pour l'innovation
et la transformation

Spaces for experimenting, pivoting and learning

FIT supports Canadian small and medium-sized organizations (SMOs) testing innovative solutions in partnership with local organizations to advance gender equality and empower women, girls and vulnerable communities in the Global South. It also creates spaces where organisations can learn from one another.

FIT is excited to welcome the following presenters to lead FIT Innovation Forum learning sessions.



Khalil Z. Shariff

Presenter

Welcome

September 26, 2023

Khalil joined Aga Khan Foundation Canada as Chief Executive Officer in August 2005. He was previously with the Toronto office of McKinsey & Company, an international management consultancy, where he advised governments, financial institutions, and health care providers on strategy, organization, and operational improvement.

Khalil served on AKFC's National Committee for five years, and has cultivated his interest in international development and conflict resolution issues through a variety of activities including: Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Harvard Negotiation Law Review; Policy Co-ordinator and Research Associate, Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research; Legal Intern, Chambers of the Vice-President, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania; Intern, Office of Under-Secretary-General, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations. He was the youngest member ever elected as a School Trustee in 1993 for the Board of School Trustees in Richmond, B.C.

Khalil holds a B.A. in International Relations and Economics from the University of British Columbia and a J.D. magna cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Rosemary Quipp

Presenter

Strategic Communications

September 26, 2023



Rosemary Quipp is the Global Editor at Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) and the Deputy Director of Public Engagement and Resource Mobilization at Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC). These roles converge in her commitment to amplifying rich, human narratives about AKF's impact, and ensuring organizational communications are effective, compelling, and underpinned by a common set of principles.

This participatory session will equip SMOs with knowledge and tools to effectively, ethically and meaningfully communicate testing results, impact stories and learnings.

Bronwynn Bradley

Presenter

Communicating with Impact

September 26, 2023



Bronwynn is a multidisciplinary communications professional with a passion for creative strategy. She is the Communications and Marketing Officer on the Strategic Communications and Content team at Aga Khan Foundation Canada (AKFC), where she develops creative and engaging communications and marketing materials for their Canada-based programs.

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Dr. John Gargani

Presenter

Scaling Impact

September 26-27, 2023



Dr. John Gargani helps organizations around the world make a positive impact through his work as an evaluator, researcher, writer, speaker, and teacher. He is coauthor of *Scaling Impact: Innovation for the Public Good* (with Robert McLean); a past President of the American Evaluation Association; and an expert in measuring the impact of programs, policies, products, and investments.

This session will teach participants a new approach to scaling impact and how to apply it in their work. One-on-one support will guide them as they develop plans for scaling the impact of their organizations.

Innovations in Advancing Gender Equality: Insights from Canadian Innovators

Co-sponsored with AKFC

September 26, 2023

5:30 – 7:00 PM ET

Delegation of the Ismaili Imamat / Online

199 Sussex Drive, Ottawa / Zoom

Pre and post networking

Gender equality stands as an enduring journey marked by steadfast progress amid persistent challenges. By dismantling barriers to education, economic participation, healthcare, and decision-making, gender equality not only benefits individuals but also fosters broader societal advancement. Through initiatives like the [Fund for Innovation and Transformation \(FIT\)](#), the Canadian government made investments to test innovative solutions to address barriers that impede progress towards gender equality.

In celebration of Gender Equality week, AKFC and the Inter-Council Network invite you to a conversation highlighting innovative approaches to advancing gender equality. Learn about FIT projects led by Canadian SMOs and implemented with local partners across various geographies in the Global South.

FIT Innovation Forum attendees do not need to register for the event – you are welcome to share with your contacts who might want to register and attend in person or virtually.

Innovations in Advancing
Gender Equality
Insights from Canadian Organizations

Innovations en matière de
promotion de l'égalité entre les
genres

Points de vue d'organisations canadiennes



Elaine Kicknosway

Presenter
Indigenous
Spirituality
September 27, 2023



Elaine is an Appointed Designated Minister, a resident of Ottawa, and proud to be Swampy Cree through her biological mother and Chippewa from her biological father's side. Elaine is a mother of one, a stepmother, a singer, and believes in love, life and ceremony. She has been conducting personalized wedding ceremonies since 2015.

Elaine's career has included work with the Odawa Native Friendship Centre as a pre-and post-natal worker and nutrition coordinator. There, she facilitated an aboriginal pre-natal community kitchen and promoted Oska Wasis: a new infant development program for Aboriginal families. She has also been a child advocate at Oski Kizis Lodge – Women's Shelter and acted as Head Teacher at Tungasuvvingat Inuit Headstart.

Elaine is a proud practitioner of tradition. She is an Indigenous doula, a dancer, singer and drummer. She performs seasonal and moon ceremonies and participates in other cultural and traditional arts such as beading, drum making, rattle making and crafts. She is the only indigenous wedding officiant in the eastern Ontario region and a seasoned KAIROS Blanket Exercise facilitator and trainer.

Heartwork: Elaine graduated from the Early Childhood Education program at Algonquin College in 1989 and since then has built a [25-year career](#) of dedicated community service. She has shown consistent involvement and leadership with not-for-profit indigenous organizations, including the National Indigenous Survivors of Child Welfare Network, the Minwaashin Lodge Indigenous Women's Support Centre, and the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa.

Indigenous Women: Elaine has taken her incredible experience and learning as a member of the Indigenous community and applied it to change the lives of others. As a survivor of the 60s Scoop, which saw her removed from her family at the age of two-and-a-half, Elaine is an active member of discussions on the impacts of residential schools and child welfare. After overcoming her own addictions in youth, she is also a strong advocate of addiction and intergenerational awareness and parenting programs.

Alonso Joseph

Presenter

Hearing from Local Partners

September 27, 2023



Alonso Joseph is a Miskito Indigenous person and works as a **Change for Children** field staff member from Nicaragua who has been involved in testing innovations in the BOSAWAS through their Local Knowledge: Global Goals Project and two Technology for Education projects. He is currently a liaison for the Indigenous Territorial Government. Alonso will participate in a knowledge exchange with NGOs and First Nations groups in Canada facing similar issues as they relate to traditional knowledge and climate change mitigation and recovery, sustainable development, and the use of technology to promote education and territorial rights.

Edda Muller

Presenter

Hearing from Local Partners

September 27, 2023



Edda Muller is a Miskito Indigenous person and works as a **Change for Children** field staff member from Nicaragua who has been involved in testing innovations in the BOSAWAS through their Local Knowledge: Global Goals Project and two Technology for Education projects. She brings expertise in pedagogy and gender equality that she looks forward to sharing while visiting Canada. Edda will participate in a knowledge exchange with NGOs and First Nations groups in Canada facing similar issues as they relate to traditional knowledge and climate change mitigation and recovery, sustainable development, and the use of technology to promote education and territorial rights.

Tony Llorente

Presenter

Hearing from Local Partners

September 27, 2023



Tony Llorente is a Miskito Indigenous person and works as a **Change for Children** field staff member from Nicaragua who has been involved in testing innovations in the BOSAWAS through their Local Knowledge: Global Goals Project and two Technology for Education projects. He brings experience from his involvement in mapping and monitoring and evaluation that he looks forward to sharing while visiting Canada. Tony will participate in a knowledge exchange with NGOs and First Nations groups in Canada facing similar issues as they relate to traditional knowledge and climate change mitigation and recovery, sustainable development, and the use of technology to promote education and territorial rights.

**Sané Demba
NDIAYE**

Presenter

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Local Partners**

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Based in Mali, Sané and her organization partnered with Journalists for Human Rights to test an innovation that leverages a theme-driven approach to train, network and coordinate media, government officials and CSOs.

Sané is a trainer and expert specializing in reproductive health and sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR). She is the regional coordinator for a coalition of civil society organizations for sexual and reproductive health for the 9 countries in West Africa that are part of the Ouagadougou partnership. As a consultant, Sané is also responsible for the coordination of communications at the National Reproductive Health Office in Mali. She trains journalists in Mali in the FIT network through Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) on topics focusing on health, SRHR and gender-based violence.