



Panel Discussion A - Panelist

Dr. Gerri Sinclair

**B.C. Innovation Commissioner
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Gerri Sinclair was first appointed as B.C.'s Innovation Commissioner in July 2020 [[press release](#)]. She has a breadth of experience in senior leadership positions in the investment capital, digital media and information technology fields. She is also an Associate with the Creative Destruction Lab, a non-profit organization that delivers an objectives-based program to scale up seed-stage science- and technology-based companies.

Sinclair is the former Managing Director at Kensington Capital in Vancouver, leading the \$100M B.C. Technology Fund. She was the founder of SFU's ExCITE Media lab, a Visiting Scientist at IBM Research, the founder/CEO of NCompass (acquired by Microsoft), a past President of the B.C. Premier's Technology Council and Chair of Canada's National Telecom Policy Panel.

Sinclair was the Founding Director of the Centre for Digital Media's Master of Digital Media program in Vancouver and has served as Innovation Strategy Advisor at Vancity and Telefonica in Barcelona.

She has served on many government and corporate boards, including the Toronto Montreal Stock Exchange, the Vancouver Airport Authority, Telus Corporation, BC Telecom and Ballard Power, as well as Canada's Information Highway Advisory Council and the National Broadband Taskforce.

Sinclair is the recipient of numerous awards as a leading woman in technology, including the prestigious Canadian Public Policy Forum Testimonial Award. She was named a member of "Vancouver Power 50", a BC Business "Woman of Influence" and among the Top 150 Women in Canada. She is the 2018 recipient of the BC Technology Association's Bill Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2020 Business in Vancouver Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award.