

Engineers Canada Regulator Forum Workshop

Date October 7, 2026
Time 1:00pm – 4:30pm ET

Welcome!

Engineers Canada is implementing recommendations from the Governance Review to strengthen how Regulators come together to identify and discuss matters of shared national importance.

One recommendation is to establish a Regulator Forum that gives Regulators a structured way to identify matters of national importance and provide collective input to Engineers Canada's annual planning and priorities.

Purpose of Today's Session

This workshop is a working session to develop drafts that will guide the design of the inaugural Regulator Forum to be held in May. Participants will:

- Develop a set of draft principles for determining when an issue is a matter of national importance appropriate for discussion through the Forum
- Develop practical first-year approaches for preparing and operating the Forum, following through on its outputs, and engaging Regulators between annual Forums

The session will not finalize the Forum design. The workshop outputs will be consolidated and refined after the session, with further work to address open questions and develop a practical first-year model.

The approach to the session is outlined in the agenda, presented later in this welcome package.

Parameters for a First-Year Trial

The first Forum will be treated as a trial. The aim is to establish a workable starting model, test it during the first year, and adjust future Forums based on what is learned. The following parameters provide the starting point for today's workshop:

- The first Forum will be a three-hour event held during the AGM suite of meetings (May 2027)
- The Forum's primary purpose will be to provide collective Regulator input to inform Engineers Canada's annual planning and priorities
- Engineers Canada will coordinate and facilitate the Forum planning process, with input from Regulators and Members informing topic selection and agenda development.
- The first-year approach can be refined based on experience and lessons learned

National Alliance

Engineers Canada is moving to formally adopt a definition of a National Alliance. The following draft definition has been approved by the Governance Committee and will be reviewed by the Engineers Canada Board at its meeting following this workshop. This definition and its intended meaning will serve as a reference point for considering what matters warrant collective national discussion and how the Regulator Forum should operate.

National Alliance Definition:

The primary purpose of Engineers Canada is to serve as a national alliance of Canada's provincial and territorial engineering regulators, dedicated to advancing regulatory excellence, promoting inter-provincial harmonization and collaboration, and supporting its Members in protecting the public interest.

As a national alliance, Engineers Canada will facilitate strategic coordination and national conversations on issues that matter, support the sharing of resources, and provide unified representation on matters of national and international significance, while respecting the autonomy and statutory authority of each member regulator.

Its activities are designed to strengthen the regulatory framework governing the engineering profession, and ensure that engineering practice across Canada continues to meet the highest standards of safety, ethics, and competence.

What This Session Is Not

The workshop is not intended to be:

- A wordsmithing exercise or approval process for the National Alliance definition
- A debate about current issues or the specific topics that should appear on the first Forum agenda
- A decision-making session to approve the final Forum model or confirm operating details

After the Workshop

The outputs produced during the workshop will be synthesized to identify areas of common ground and areas where further discussion is required. These results will be used to refine the approach for the first year of the Forum, with additional consultation with Regulators where required. Experience from the first Forum will then inform changes for future years.

Agenda

#	Discussion Topics	Duration			
1	Opening and Purpose - Session objectives, intended outcomes, and approach - Review proposed definition and role of the National Alliance	10 min			
2	Regulator Forum: Context - Recap relevant Governance Review and Task Force recommendations - Confirm the Forum's purpose - Possible connection to the Engineers Canada annual planning cycle	15 min			
3a	Forum Topics Working Groups Develop draft principles for determining when an issue is a matter of national importance appropriate for discussion through the annual Regulator Forum	45 min			
Break		10 min			
3b	Forum Topics Gallery Walk and Synthesis Share working groups results and identify key principles for forum topic selection	35 min			
4a	Forum Operations Working Groups <table border="1"> <tr> <td> Stream 1: Preparing for the Forum - Soliciting, prioritizing, and selecting topics for the Forum - Developing the agenda </td><td> Stream 2: How the Forum Works on the Day - Identifying Forum participants - Discussion format - Process for developing recommendations </td><td> Stream 3: Follow-Through and Ongoing Engagement - Communicating progress updates to Regulators - Engagement between Forums </td></tr> </table>	Stream 1: Preparing for the Forum - Soliciting, prioritizing, and selecting topics for the Forum - Developing the agenda	Stream 2: How the Forum Works on the Day - Identifying Forum participants - Discussion format - Process for developing recommendations	Stream 3: Follow-Through and Ongoing Engagement - Communicating progress updates to Regulators - Engagement between Forums	35 min
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4b	Forum Operations Report Out and Synthesis - Share working group discussions - Identify areas of alignment, outstanding questions, and matters requiring further work	40 min			
5	Closing and Next Steps Confirm key takeaways, outstanding items, and next steps	10 min			