

Day 1 – Accountability on the internet

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REGULATING THE INTERNET – REALLY?

THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES

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Opening remarks



Errol Mendes, President

International Commission of Jurists, ICJ Canada

Professor Mendes is a lawyer, author and law professor at the University of Ottawa. He has been an advisor to corporations, governments, civil society groups and the United Nations in the areas of corporate law, public and private sector governance, national security and corporate cybersecurity, anti-corruption and corporate social responsibility. He has also acted as an advisor, mediator and arbitrator in disputes dealing in many of the above areas. He has also been a senior advisor in the Privy Council Office of the Canadian Government, appointed by former Prime Minister Paul Martin. He is a frequent contributor to media discussions in the above areas of expertise and is presently a Commissioner on the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He assisted in the drafting of the UN Global Compact, the largest global initiative that links the global private sector with the goals of the UN in the areas of the environment, human rights and anti-corruption.

Moderator



Monica Song, Partner
Dentons Canada

Monica Song has close to 20 years of experience as a litigator and as an administrative and regulatory lawyer. She has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court, the Divisional Court, the Court of Appeal for Ontario, the Ontario Provincial Court, the Federal Court, and the Federal Court of Appeal in both civil and administrative law proceedings. Her work before a host of statutory boards and tribunals has included appearances before the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, the Ontario Energy Board, the Canadian Human Rights Commission, and the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal, and many others.

Speaker



Charlie Angus, Member of Parliament
Government of Canada

Charlie Angus has been the Federal Member of Parliament (MP) for the riding of Timmins-James Bay since 2004. He is a member of the New Democratic Party and currently serves on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and is the NDP Critic for Indigenous and Northern Affairs (Youth). Charlie ran as a candidate in the 2017 NDP Federal Leadership Race.

Speaker



Daniel Bernhard, Executive Director
Friends of Canadian Broadcasting

Daniel Bernhard is executive director of FRIENDS of Canadian Broadcasting, an independent citizens' group defending Canadian culture on air and online.

In September 2020, FRIENDS released Platform for Harm, a comprehensive legal analysis of platforms' liability for illegal content under Canadian law.

Daniel has dedicated his career to advancing the public benefit. Prior to FRIENDS, Daniel operated a consulting business serving charities, foundations and government agencies.

He holds degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Cambridge.

Speaker



Graham Brookie, Director, Digital Forensic Research Lab
Atlantic Council

Graham Brookie is the director of the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab) based in Washington D.C.

The DFRLab is at the forefront of open-source research with a focus on governance, technology, security, social media, and where each intersect. By publishing what it can prove, or disprove, in real-time, the DFRLab is creating a new model of research and education adapted for impact.

Prior to joining the DFRLab, Brookie served in various positions at the White House and National Security Council. His most recent role was as an adviser for strategic communications with a focus on digital strategy, audience engagement, and coordinating a cohesive record of former US President Barack Obama's national security and foreign policy. Previously he served as the adviser to the assistant to the president for homeland security and counterterrorism (APHSCT), the president's top aide for cybersecurity, counterterrorism, intelligence, and homeland security issues. He also worked in the East Asia, Middle East, and North Africa directorates at the National Security Council.



Speaker

Robyn Chatwood, Partner
Dentons Australia

Robyn is head of the Dentons Australia technology practice and is an intellectual property and information technology partner in the Melbourne office. Robyn also leads the firm's franchising and distribution group and is co-leader of the privacy and cybersecurity practice group.

Robyn focuses on intellectual property strategy relating to commercialisation, commercial contracts, software licences and development agreements (including agile), IT and data privacy law. She is particularly well known for her work in the retail sector, as well as the fintech, education, healthcare and life sciences and hospitality and leisure sectors where she advises many of the world's leading brands. Her practice covers information technology and communications law, e-commerce law, data protection/privacy and legal issues relating to all forms of new technology and IP such as artificial intelligence, payment platforms, blockchain applications including crypto currencies, augmented reality and virtual reality and drones.