



## **2025 SPRING KNOWLEDGE CAFÉ - WORKSHOP**

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, | Metcalfe Hotel, Edwards Room,  
123 Metcalfe St. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P 5L9

- **Three (3) Knowledge – Café Workshops Attendance = One (1) Essential Course Credit:**
  - **A Requirement for Certified Security and Resilience Professional (CSARP) Certification / Designated Security and Resilience Manager (DSARM) Designation.**
- **No fees, complimentary Tickets to those who want to attend.**
- **Space limited -- first registered first confirmed!!!**
  - ✓ **DON'T WAIT - REGISTER NOW**

**THEME: Integration and Resilience in Uncertain Times: Implications for the Government of Canada Security Community.**

### **OBJECTIVE**

*To provide a forum for security practitioners to discuss security and resilience issues, share information and best practices, as well as develop peer support and trusted - networks.*

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND AND WHY?**

- *IRRG participants, alumni and government security professionals, managers and practitioners interested in continuous learning to address the security and domestic national interest environment.*
- *Cyber, espionage, insider threats, foreign interference, and maintaining the security of our critical infrastructure are some of the challenges we*

*must consider as we build resilient security programs both in government and private industry.*

**ORGANIZERS:**

Felix Kwamena, Ph.D. Director and Adjunct Professor Infrastructure Resilience Research Group	Sharon Savoie President, Savoie Security Associates
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**PROGRAM**

TIME	EVENT
All sessions in the Edwards Room	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 08:40	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Sharon Savoie and Dr. Felix Kwamena
08:40 – 09:50	<b>Session 1: Guest Speaker</b> Ivan Sicard, former Director General, Corporate Services Branch / Chief Security Officer, Justice Canada <b>Topic: Security Program and Risk Management Strategies for Uncertain Times.</b>
09:50 – 10:10	Networking Break
10:10 – 11:00	<b>SESSION II: Uncertainties Associated with Policy and Change Management -- Selected Examples, / Lessons Learned / Coping Strategies.</b> <b>Speaker(s)</b>

- Felix Kwamena, former Director, Energy Infrastructure Security / Canadian Resources Resilience Nexus, Natural Resources Canada.

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Valentin Konza, MA Policy Advisor (Retired), NRCan  
IRRG Research Associate.

***Presentation Title:*** *Policy, Program and Change Management -- Selected Lessons Learned / Takeaways: Personal Perspectives.*

- Sharon Savoie, President, Savoie Security Associates Inc., and former Departmental Security Officer, Natural Resources Canada and Health Canada.

***Presentation Title:*** *Managing Security Through Uncertain Times.*

- Jean-Francois Savard, Senior Advisor, Security Centre of Excellence, Privy Council Office.

***Presentation Title:*** Overview of the Security Centre of Excellence – Building Resilience.

**11:00 – 11:45**

### **SESSION III: Round Table Discussions: Using key takeaways from Sessions I and II each table to:**

- Identify 3 key issues resulting from current and / or potential Uncertainties, and
- Make recommendations to senior management.

**11:45 – 12:10**

### **SESSION IV: Rapporteur Presentations and Discussion**

- Table Rapporteurs to present recommendations to full plenary.

**12:10 – 12:25**

**SESSION V: Presentation of Certificates:  
Spring 2025 Certified Security and Resilience  
Professional (CSARP) Graduates**

Professor James Green, Ph.D., P.Eng., SMIEEE,  
Department of Systems & Computer Engineering,  
Carleton University, & Member, IRRG Professional  
Training Committee

**12:25 – 12:30**

**WRAP UP**

**12:30 – 1:30**

**Networking Lunch (OPTIONAL)**