



# A Review of Canada's Innovation System: Where are we and what do we need to do next?

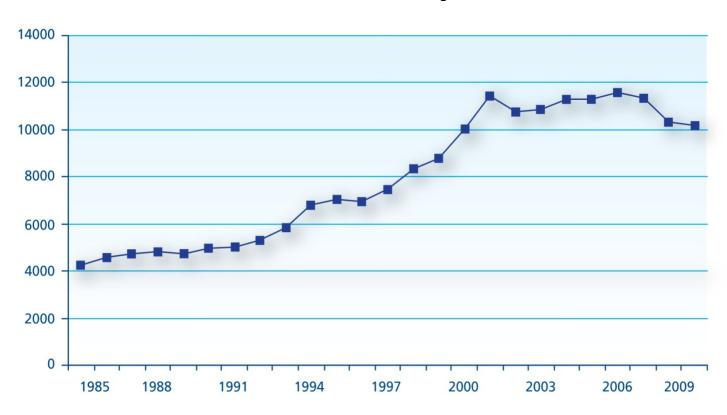
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## Where are We?



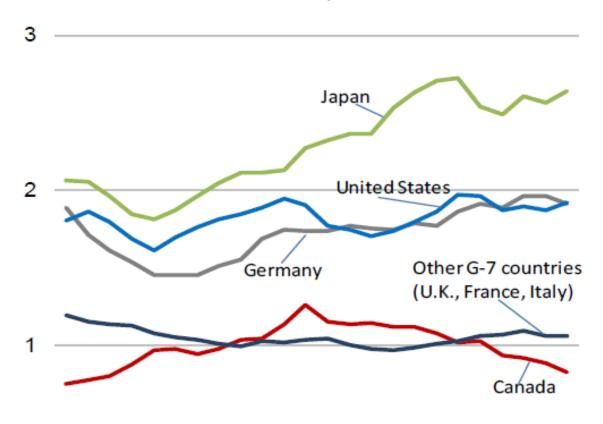
## Canadian Business R&D expenditures are stalled

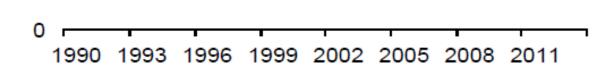


Canadian Business Expenditure on Research and Development (BERD), 1985-2010 (billions of 2000 constant dollars)

## BERD Score continues to fall

Business Expenditure on R&D as a Share of GDP, 1990-2013

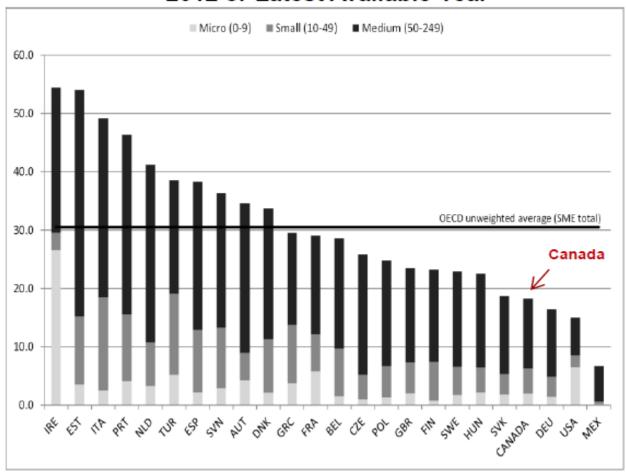




Source: OECD

## Canadian Industry: Low Exports

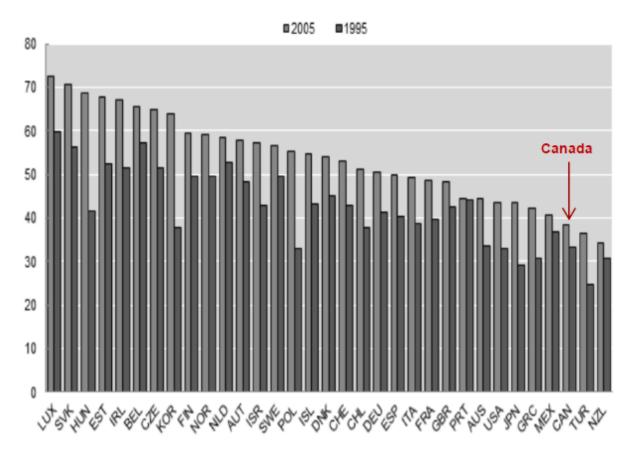
## Share of Export Value by Enterprise Size, 2012 or Latest Available Year



Source: OECD 2015 Review of SME and Entrepreneurship Issues and Policies in Canada (draft)

## Participation in Global Economy

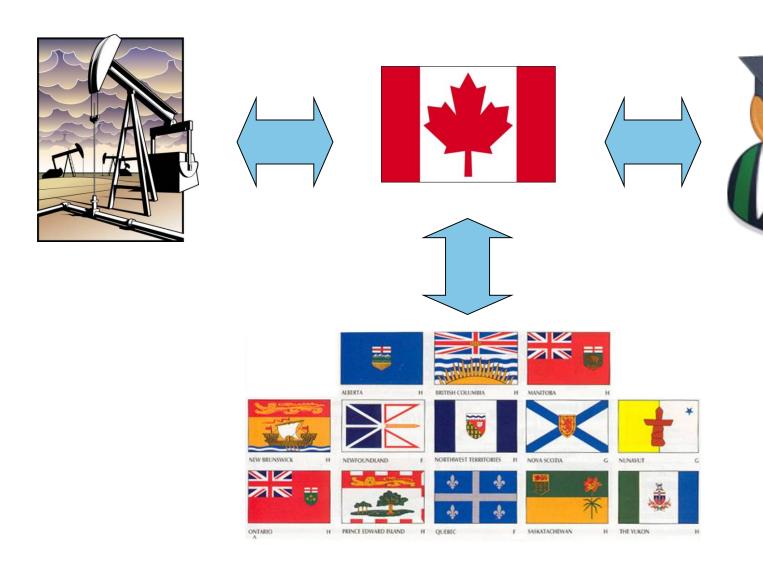
#### Global Value Chain (GVC) Participation



Source: OECD 2015 The Future of Productivity

Note: GVC participation is defined as the sum of: 1) the share of imported inputs in a country's exports (backward); and 2) its exports used as inputs in other countries' exports (forward).

## Players in our Innovation Eco System



## Our Policy Challenge: Invention vs. Innovation This is not an "or" it must be an "and"

#### Invention



### **Innovation**



Science

Commercialization

## My Background on this topic:



Canada's largest software company



## Built the Original "Google" in the mid 90s





based on university research



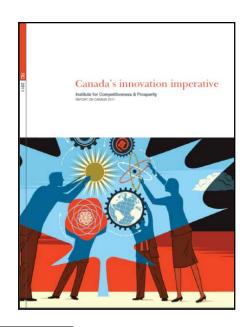


Jerry Yang CEO of Yahoo and Tom Jenkins CEO of Open Text launch in 1995.

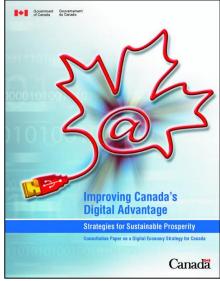
## Various Policy and Research Reports











## Innovation: What Needs To Change?

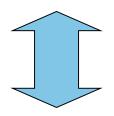


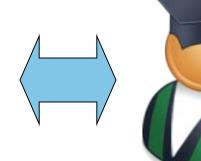




Be A Customer







Go with the Flow: Commercialization

Enlightened Self Interest is needed!



Be A Customer

## A Foundation Principle of the Reports







Innovation

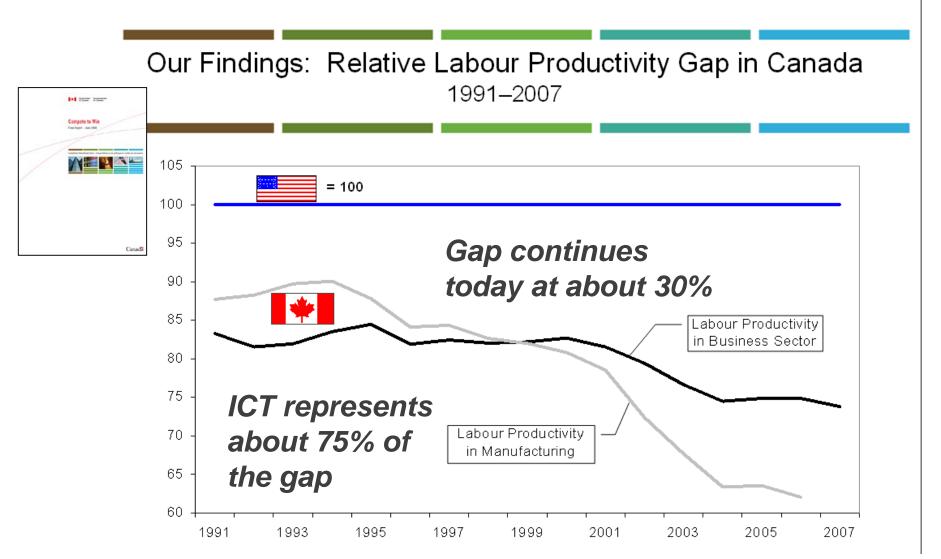


**Productivity** 

## Competition: The Elephant in the Room



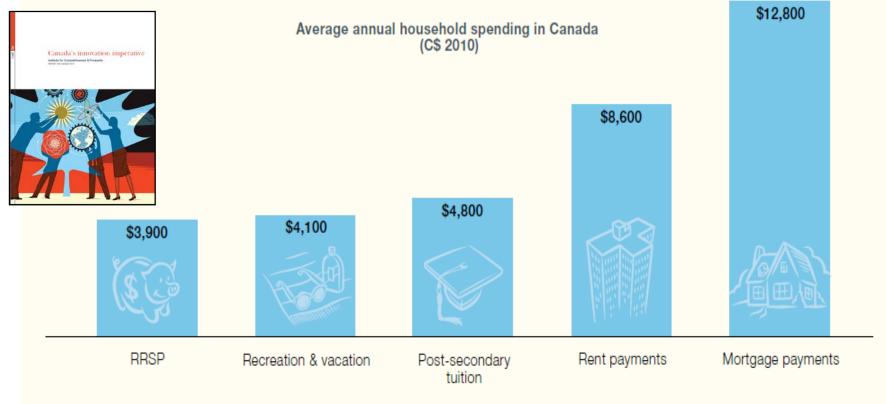
## Poor Relative Productivity Performance



## Impact on Standard of Living

Exhibit 5 Canadian families would have higher living standards if the prosperity gap were closed

Benefits of closing the prosperity gap for the average household **\$12,900** increase in personal disposable income



Note: Among Canadians with some spending in these categories; 2009 results restated to 2010 dollars.

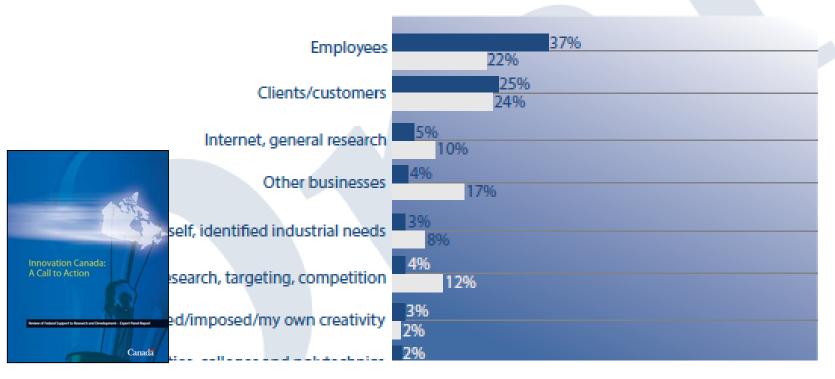
Source: Institute for Competitiveness & Prosperity analysis based on data from Statistics Canada, Spending Patterns in Canada 2009.

## Sources of Innovation

#### Most Important Sources of Firms' Innovation Ideas

"What are the most important sources for your firm's innovation ideas?"

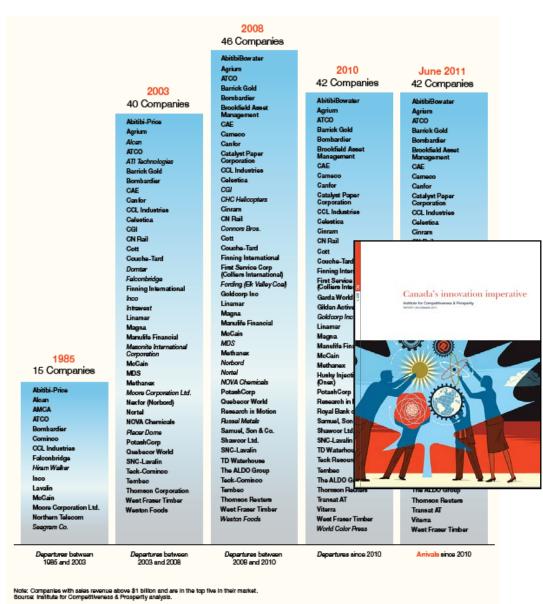
[Open ended – Multiple responses accepted]



 Customers & Employees (speaking with Customers) dominate (62% of all responses)

### Canadian Based Global Leaders

- From 1985 to 2011, Canada has gone from 15 to 42 corporations which are considered global leaders.
- Less than 10% of these global leaders are from sectors with protection regimes.



## Sectoral Regimes: The Wilson Report

- Transport
- Uranium
- Telecommunications
- Broadcast
- Financial Services
- Culture



## The World has Changed Dramatically

Internet

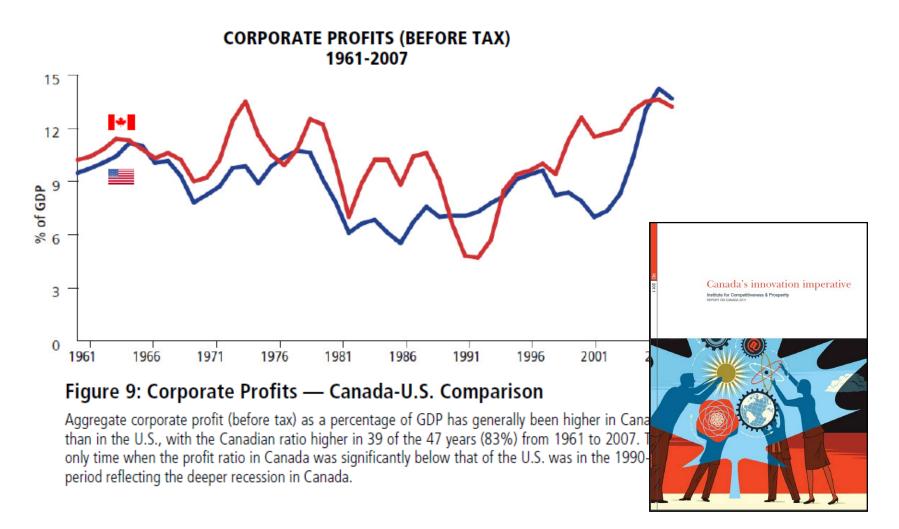
Mobile

Global Value Chains



## Canadian Firms Enjoy Higher Profits

some may have flexibility to set prices to meet profit goals



## Logical Flow:

sub-optimal

Competition

leads to



sub-optimal

**Innovation** 

leads to



sub-optimal

**Productivity** 



## A Balanced Model for Innovation

#### Exhibit 23 Support and pressure drive innovation

#### Support

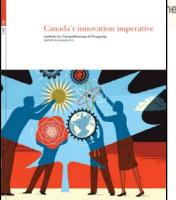
- Government funding for R&D
- University education of masters and PhD students
- Skilled investors
- Capable managers
- Larger markets and better supply chains through international trade



#### **Pressure**

- Sophisticated consumers
- Aggressive competitors
- Investor demand for profitable growth
- Challenging international consumers
- More intense global competition

ness & Prosperity.



## R&D Report

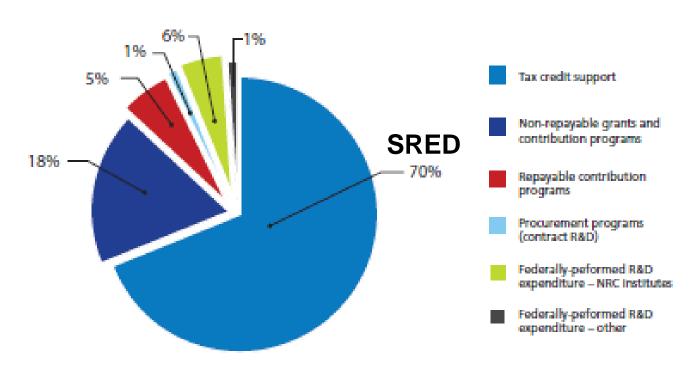
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## Overwhelmingly through indirect support (SR&ED)

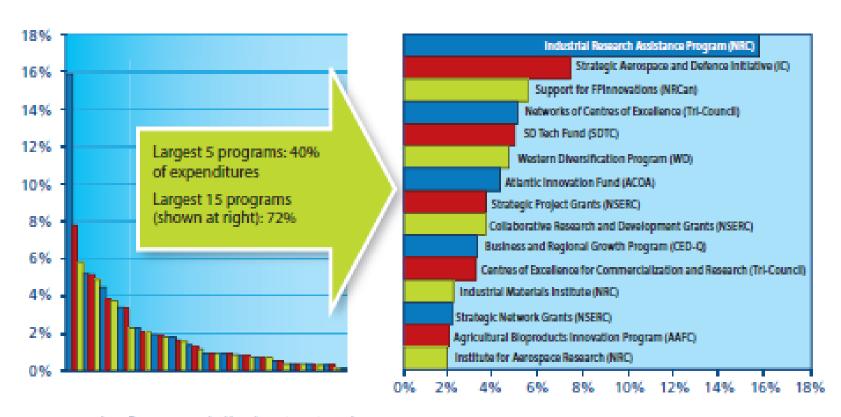


Amounts do not add up due to rounding. The value of tax credit support is a projection for the 2010 taxation year.

Source: Based on figures provided by departments and agencies.



## With complex array of small direct support programs

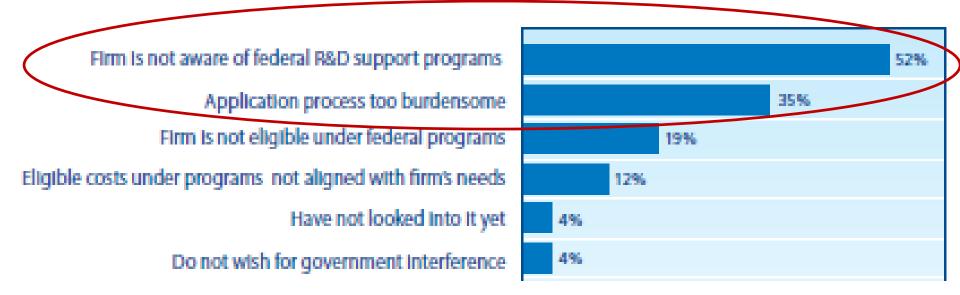


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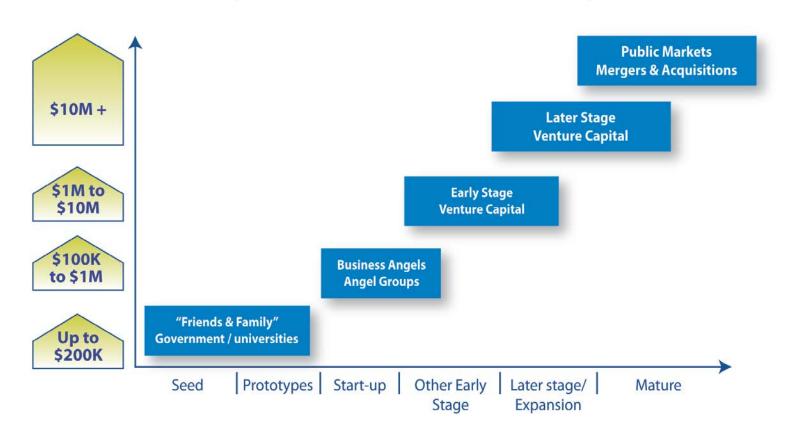
## Firms have trouble finding / using these

"Are any of the reasons listed below among the reasons your firm has never used or participated in federal programs that support business or commercially oriented R&D?" [Addressed to R&D-performing firms reporting that they never accessed a federal progam]





## "Gaps" in Angel and Late-Stage Capital





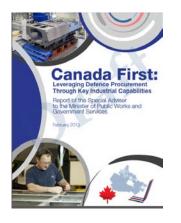
#### **Recommendations of the 2011 Report**

- 1. Create an Industrial Research and Innovation Council (IRIC)
- 2. Simplify the SR&ED program
- 3. Make business innovation a core objective of procurement
- 4. Transform the institutes of the National Research Council
- 5. Strengthen Risk Capital
- 6. Establish a clear federal voice for innovation

## Federal Budgets (2012 through 2016)

- Simplify SRED & Switch to Direct programs
- \$500 million leveraging Risk Capital
- \$200+ million NRC/IRAP
- National Procurement Strategy
- \$800 million for Innovation Clusters







## What do we need to do next?

## Innovation Policy Challenge: Getting the Balance Right

## **Economic Reality**







**Global Competition** 

**National Control** 

## Innovation Policy Challenge: Science vs. Commercialization – we need both!

### Invention



### **Innovation**



Science

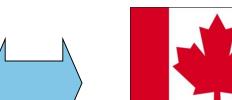


Commercialization

## Better Co-Ordination Within & Between



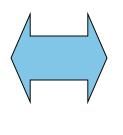
Go Global







Be A Co-Ordinated Customer





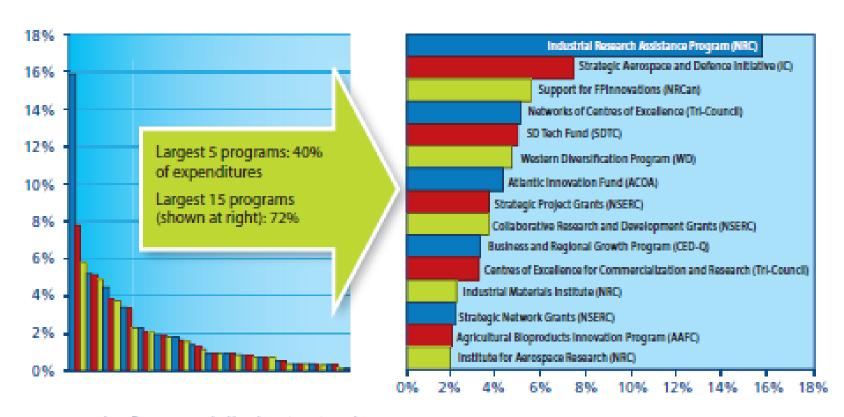
Go with the Flow: Commercialization



Be A Co-Ordinated Customer

## Complex array of small direct support programs

Consolidate & streamline and achieve greater scale and effectiveness



Source: Based on figures provided by departments and agencies.

# Example of Consolidated Government Support for Industry Research: Fraunhofer Institute System

#### Box 7.3 Germany's Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft<sup>a</sup>

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (F-G) organization operates 60 Fraunhofer institutes in Germany. These customer-oriented, applied research institutes strive to transform scientific findings into useful innovations. The institutes' focus on application-oriented research is situated within the broader spectrum of the German research system — a spectrum that includes, at one end, the publicly funded, basic research-oriented Max Planck Society and, at the other end, privately funded industrial research.

The F-G's threefold mission is (i) to promote and undertake research in an international context of direct utility to private and public enterprise and of wide benefit to society as a whole, (ii) to reinforce the competitive strength of the economy by developing technological innovations and novel systems solutions for their customers and (iii) to provide a platform that enables staff to develop the necessary professional and personal skills to assume positions of responsibility within their institute, in industry and in other scientific domains. As institutes are encouraged to work with industry, only about a third of base funding comes from government. Institutes must secure the remaining revenue from other sources, which typically comes in roughly equal proportions from industry and public contracts and project funding.

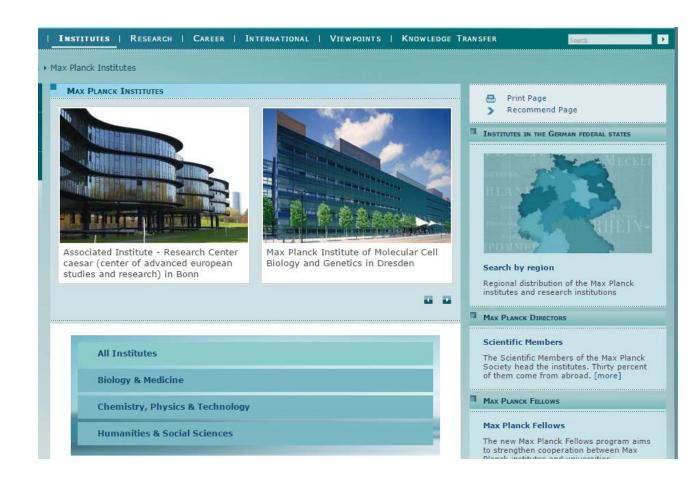
The Fraunhofer institutes provide highly specialized expertise that may be too expensive for any mid-sized company to build up and may also be beyond the scope of consulting companies. By connecting with universities and technical institutes/universities of applied science, and by applying for competitive research grants, the F-G institutes retain an edge in science and technology. Indeed, the grants are used for advanced work that is well ahead of the marketplace but has been identified as potentially important to client companies in the years to come.

In summary, the Fraunhofer institutes are characterized by (i) professional R&D services to industry, (ii) demand-driven research combined with scientific excellence, (iii) strong integration with academia and (iv) autonomy combined with simple corporate rules and a strong brand.

Information drawn from the Fraunhofer website at: www.fraunhofer.de; and Panel consultations.

The 67 Institutes are organized into Innovation Clusters

# Example of Consolidated Government Support for Science: Max Planck Institute System



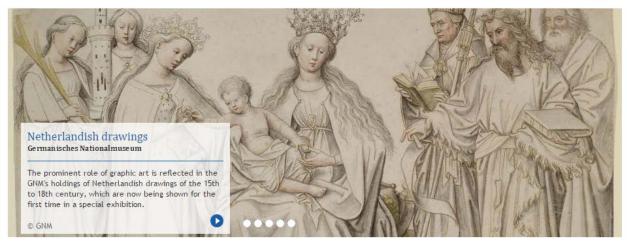
## Example of Consolidated Government Support for NGOs:

#### Leibniz Association

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Link between gene expression and

Sex with the other species

#### Better Co-Ordination Between:

#### **BHER** Business Higher Education Roundtable

Co-Chairs:

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Ann Sado







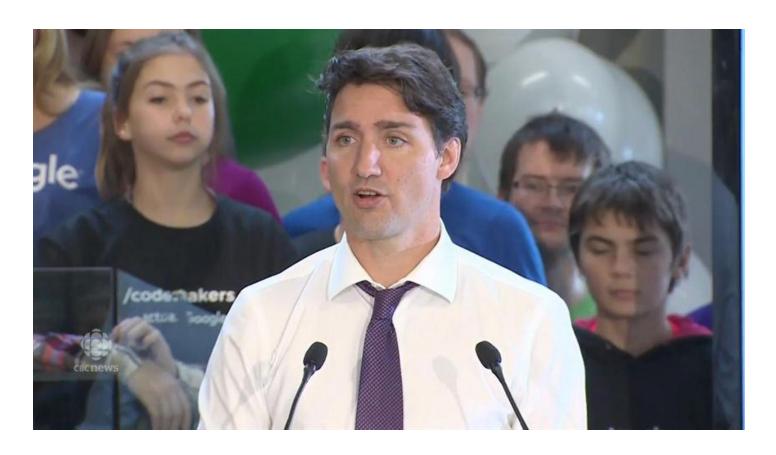
- 1.5 million employees
- 800,000 students

- \$1.1 Trillion in Revenue
- \$8.5 Billion in Research

#### National Recognition of Innovation

#### PM Justin Trudeau calls Waterloo Region 'extraordinary hub' for innovation

Prime minister says region hosts 'innovation at the cutting edge of the global economy' CBC News Posted: Jan 14, 2016 10:26 AM ET Last Updated: Jan 14, 2016 2:32 PM ET



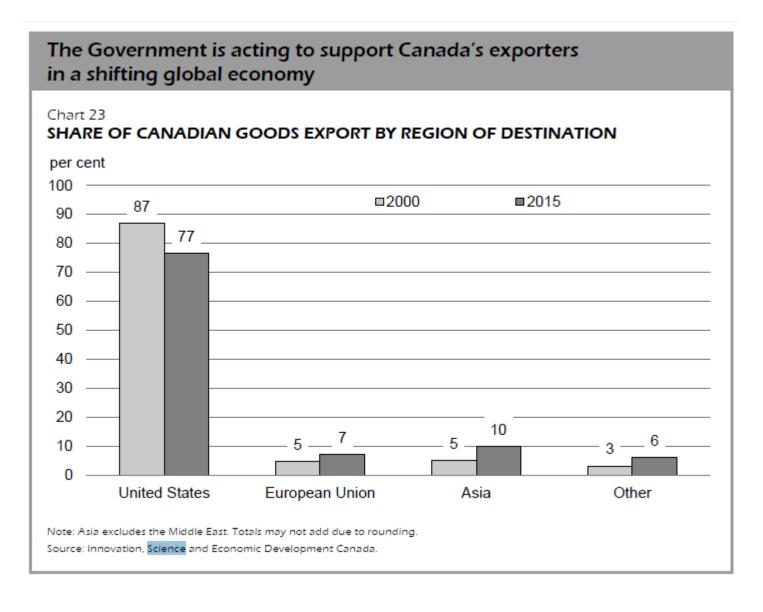
#### **Federal Innovation Mandate**

For the first time in Canadian history, a federal department and minister is designated for Innovation. Part of the Mandate for the Minister is:

"Develop an innovation agenda that includes: expanding effective support for incubators, accelerators, the emerging national network for business innovation and cluster support...These investments will target key growth sectors where Canada has the ability to attract investment or grow export-oriented companies."\*

\*Excerpt from mandate letter from PM Trudeau to Innovation, Science, Economic Development (ISED) Minister Bains

#### Federal Budget Recognition of Exports



#### 2016 Budget on Innovation Clusters

Translating Canada's science and technology strengths into successful, globally competitive companies requires the private sector, post-secondary institutions, governments and other stakeholders to work together more strategically to achieve greater impact. Connections between knowledge producers and users including researchers and firms—and collaboration within supply chains driven by market opportunities create value through innovation and support economic growth. Information gaps and coordination challenges may prevent these linkages from being developed to their full potential, impacting the strength of innovation ecosystems. To help address these challenges, Budget 2016 proposes to make available up to \$800 million over four years, starting in 2017–18, to support innovation networks and clusters as part of the Government's upcoming Innovation Agenda.

\*Excerpt from Federal Budget, 22 March 2016

### Federal Budget on Science

\$2 Billion over 3 years for Science and PSE

#### STRENGTHENING SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Government understands the central role of science in a thriving, clean economy and in providing evidence for sound policy decisions. Canada's universities, colleges and other research institutions play a fundamental role in Canadian society by developing highly skilled and creative workers. They are also the engines of discovery, and collaborate on innovations that help companies compete and grow. Budget 2016 takes action to reinvigorate Canada's research and science base by investing in infrastructure at post-secondary institutions and federal laboratories, fostering research excellence, and accelerating the diffusion and commercialization of knowledge into applications that benefit industry and society as a whole.

#### STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

The prosperity of Canadians relies on the ability of the country to attract and retain talented people, boost innovation and build a sustainable economy. The quality of infrastructure at Canadian post-secondary institutions plays a key role in these efforts. Through the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Government of Canada already makes significant investments in research infrastructure at Canada's universities, colleges and research hospitals. Provinces and territories also provide substantial funding for campus renewal every year. Nonetheless, much of Canada's post-secondary infrastructure is over 25 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. This presents an opportunity to invest in greener and more innovation-friendly spaces.

#### Changing the Culture on Innovation



Governor General's Innovation Awards

Long term multi-dimensional effort to encourage innovation in Canada





First Annual Awards Ceremony – May 19, 2016 – Rideau Hall

#### A National Partnership

#### **Founding Partners**



The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General oversees all aspects of the awards.



The Canada Foundation for Innovation manages the selection process, drawing on the knowledge and expertise of highly accomplished individuals from all sectors of society.



The Canadian Science and Technology Museums Corporation supports the initiative through public education and outreach by showcasing and promoting Canada's outstanding innovation success stories.



The Rideau Hall Foundation gathers and aligns contributions from philanthropic and corporate sectors.

### An Innovative Approach to Awards



#### **List of Nominating Partners**

Association francophone pour le savoir

Business Development Bank of Canada

Canada Council for the Arts

Canada Gairdner Awards

Canada's Public Policy Forum

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business

Canadian Council of Chief Executives

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Centre for Social Innovation

Chantier de l'économie Sociale

Colleges and Institutes Canada

Communitech

Community Foundations of Canada

Entertainment Software Association of Canada

Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation

Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of The Year

Excellence Canada

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Imagine Canada

Institut du Nouveau Monde

Information Technology Association of Canada

MaRS Discovery District

Mitacs

National Research Council of Canada

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research

Council of Canada

Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation

Social Sciences and Humanities Research

Council

Startup Canada

Sustainable Development Technology Canada

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada

The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

TRICO evolution

Universities Canada

#### Book on history of Canadian Innovation

## Ingenious.

Stories of Canadian Innovation helping the world be smaller, smarter, kinder, safer, healthier, wealthier, and happier



Release date: March 2017

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#### **Closing Thought**

- Our competitiveness as a country and as a society will depend on our ability to make strategic policy decisions.
  - To be competitive and maintain our particular concept of society we must strike a balance between the open market and sector regimes. Industry must step up.
  - 2. We have to drive innovation by Government taking more risk and being a demanding customer in procurement.
  - 3. Academia needs to drive science excellence while also helping commercialization programs to take hold.
- We cannot expect to have it both ways. We must have a comprehensive debate in Canada about this.





#### Thank You

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