








## VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEB 24-26, 2026

### CONNECTED CURRENTS Navigating Uncertainty Together




#### Preliminary Program: Online Conference & AGM | February 24, 25 & 26, 2026

All times listed in Eastern Standard Time

##### Day 1: February 24, 2026 - Cross-Sector Collaboration

11:00-11:30	Word of welcome and Land Acknowledgement
11:30- 12:30	 Bridging the STEM Education Continuum : Equity through Work-Integrated Learning Experiences With Stephanie MacQuarrie, Sarah Afrouzi, Mark Chiasson, Lisa Cole and Kevin Hewitt
	 Followed by Open Networking
12:45-13:30	Break
13:30 -14:00	STAN Annual General Meeting
14:00-14:15	 Ignite session: Connected by Uncertainty: Quantum Lessons for Change and Collaboration in STEAM Education With Conan Lee
14:15-15:15	 Do → Reflect → Explain → Connect: A Culturally Responsive Framework for STEM Learning With Cameron A. Straughan
	 Followed by Open Networking
15:30-15:45	 Ignite session 2: Storytime to Science Communication: Writing Children's Books to Build Our Outreach Program With Valerie Miller
	 Followed by Open Networking

##### Day 2: February 25, 2026 - Change Management, AI & Data

11:00-11:30	Check-in   Coffee & Open Chat
11:30-12:30	 Seeing Change Clearly: A Beginners Guide to Data Visualization and Communicating Uncertainty With Renee Claude Goulet, Michelle Campbell Mekarski, Cassandra Marion
12:30-12:45	 Ignite session: What are science identities, and why are they important? With Emily MacLeod
	 Followed by Open Networking
12:45-13:30	Break



13:30-13:45	⚡ Navigating AI and Misinformation Through STEAM Education With Katie Zajac
13:45-14:00	⚡ A Social Media Trial of Climate Literacy Interventions With Katie Harper
	🔗 Followed by Open Networking
14:15-15:30	🔗 Ideas in Motion: Networking Forum With Frederique Baron, and STAN
<b>Day 3: February 26, 2026</b>	
11:00-11:30	Check-in   Coffee & Open Chat
11:30-12:30	📘 Practical Pathways for Indigenising Basic Science and Technology Education in Africa: Lessons for Resilience and Relevance With Dr Ifeoma Blessing Okafor, and Dr. Abiodun Ezekiel Adesina
	🔗 Followed by Open Networking
12:45-13:30	Break
13:30-14:30	📘 Creating a culture of care in non-formal learning environments : Co-creating Garden learning that connects curiosity, care, and action. With Poh Tan, Chantal Martin, Dennis Chen, Hannah Dyck-Chan, and Sangeeta Thomas
	🔗 Followed by Open Networking
14:45 – 15:45	📘 Breaking Barriers, Building Opportunities: Advancing South Asian Women in STEMM With Roopali Chaudhary, Gayathri Shukla, and Anjali Barak
	🔗 Followed by Open Networking
	Closing Remarks