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**G** = **G**enomics *and its*

**E<sup>3</sup>** = **E**thical, **E**conomic, **E**nvironmental

**L** = **L**egal

**S** = **S**ocial *aspects*



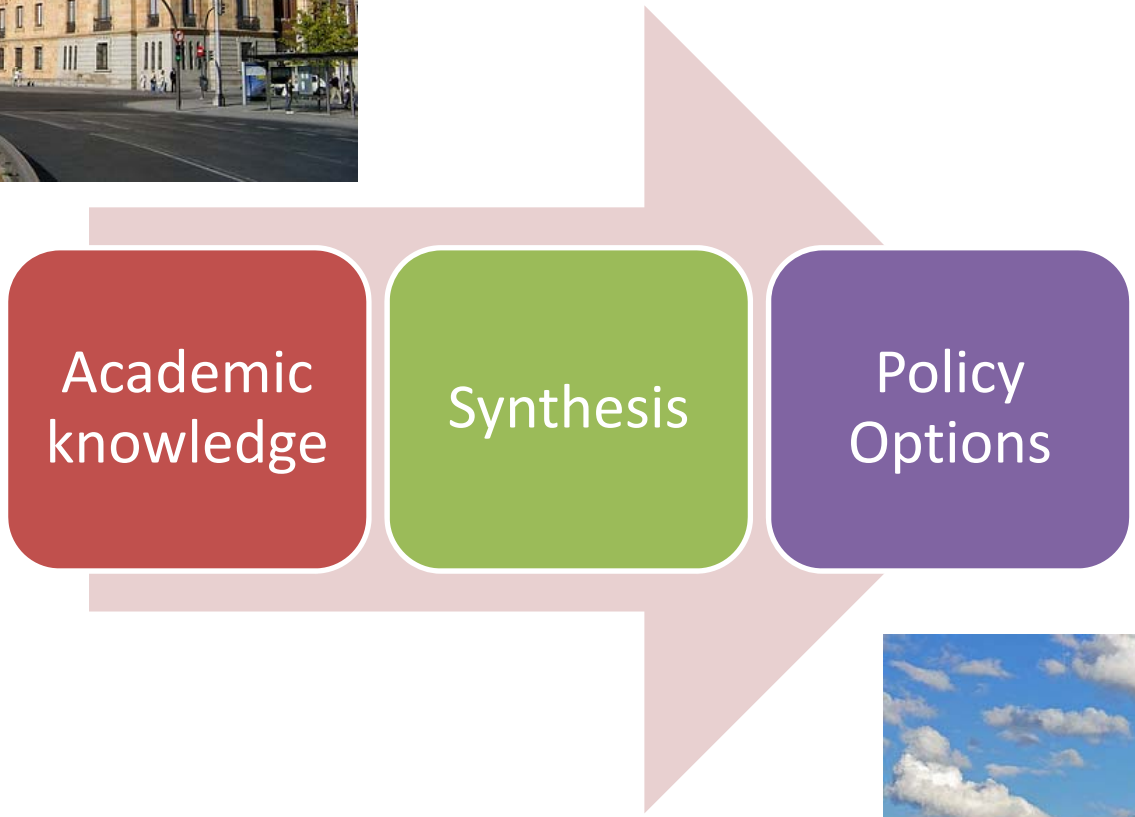
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Genome Canada will continue to promote world-class GE<sup>3</sup>LS research while also encouraging more deliberate, systematic efforts to translate research results into tangible outcomes for various end-users, including researchers, practitioners, **policy-makers**, media and the general public...



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## Objective:

Broker two-way knowledge transfer between researchers & federal policy-makers in order to:

- 1) facilitate dialogue needed to inform evidence-based public policy, and,
- 2) identify research priorities based on timely & socially relevant questions.



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## Theme for Year 1 Series:

### Genetic Information

#### Sub-Themes:

- Consent, Privacy & Research Biobanks
- Genetic Information & Discrimination
- On-line Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing



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# Core Partners for Year 1 Series:





## Event Format:

- Provide a neutral meeting place for open and frank discussion
- Small, invitation-only events to be held in Ottawa
- Participants to include researchers, senior federal policy-makers, and interested stakeholders relevant to the theme and/or sub-theme
- early start, half-day only, no media, focussed discussion
- stand-alone luncheon intended for broader audience, big picture, international perspective



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## “Policy Directions” Brief:

- 5-6 pages maximum
- neutral synthesis of research knowledge on given issue and discussion of plausible policy options
- no recommendations
- to include evidence, assumptions and qualifications, practical considerations and potential research questions
- main audience = high-level federal policy-makers
- peer-reviewed



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## Indicators of Success:

1. Events are considered credible, and of high interest priority for policy-makers and researchers
2. Policy-makers are informed of the evidence base underlying various policy options and researchers are informed of practical considerations and potential research questions
3. The policy directions briefs are a key resource for policy-makers to turn to when information or advice is solicited
4. Ongoing dialogue is fostered between researchers and policymakers



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# Today:

1. Agenda
2. Expectations
3. Outcomes
4. Next Steps



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