



**2011 Series  
Core Advisory Partners (CAP)  
Terms of Reference**

<b>Background</b>	A key element in the Genome Canada’s national GE <sup>3</sup> LS strategy is to “Bridge the GE <sup>3</sup> LS Research-Public Policy Gap”.
<b>Objective</b>	<p>The objective of the GPS Series is to broker two-way knowledge transfer between GE<sup>3</sup>LS researchers and high level federal policy makers to facilitate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an exchange that helps inform the development of evidence-based public policy and</li> <li>2. the identification of timely and socially relevant research and policy priorities.</li> </ol> <p>The written outcome of each event in the series, the Policy Briefs, are intended to present a balanced overview of key policy options. The objective is not to issue any specific recommendations, nor favor one policy position over another.</p>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Genome Canada’s GPS events are considered credible, and of high interest for policy-makers and GE<sup>3</sup>LS researchers;</li> <li>2. The GPS Policy Briefs are a key resource for policy-makers;</li> <li>3. An ongoing dialogue is fostered such that policy-makers become better informed of the evidence base underlying various GE<sup>3</sup>LS-related policy options and researchers are better informed of practical policy considerations and potential research questions.</li> </ol>
<b>Mandate of CAP</b>	<p>The mandate of core advisory partners is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. advise GC on the planning and organization of events in the annual series;</li> <li>2. advise GC on the process of developing written outcomes of each event and provide overall quality control; and</li> <li>3. help ensure the continued success of the initiative, through assistance in securing participation of key stakeholders and/or through financial or in-kind contributions.</li> </ol>
<b>Recognition of CAP members</b>	Member organizations of CAP will be formally recognized at the series events (e.g., through public recognition for their advice and input as partners in this initiative, and through the display of their institutional logos).
<b>Term</b>	The term of CAP membership is one year (or the time period for the planning and implementation of the annual series, including the time required to finalize written outcomes).

<b>Chair</b>	Genome Canada (GC) Director, National GE <sup>3</sup> LS Program  (Genome Canada staff will provide secretariat support).
<b>Meetings</b>	Teleconference meetings will be held as needed.
<b>Decisions</b>	Consensus in the advice provided by core partners is desired. In the case of an impasse, the Chair will move forward with the majority view, to the extent consistent with the mandate and policies of Genome Canada, and the national GE <sup>3</sup> LS strategy.
<b>Reporting</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A summary of decisions and action items will be circulated to CAP members after each meeting.</li> <li>2. Information about the events and associated written outcomes are to be disseminated as widely as possible, such as on web sites of GC and those of CAP members.</li> <li>3. Written outcomes of the events may possibly be published in open, peer-reviewed, publications.</li> <li>4. The role of the media in disseminating information about the events and outcomes is to be determined.</li> </ol>
<b>Members of CAP</b>	<p>The members of CAP for the 2011 series:</p> <p><b>Anne-Christine Bonfils:</b> National Research Council Canada / Science and Industry Advisory Committee, Genome Canada</p> <p><b>Kari Doerksen:</b> Genome Prairie and <i>Value Addition through Genomics and GE3LS</i> (VALGEN)</p> <p><b>Yann Joly:</b> Assistant Professor, Centre of Genomics and Policy, McGill University</p> <p><b>Adrian Mota:</b> Acting Director, Knowledge Translation, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)</p> <p><b>Janice Tranberg:</b> Vice President, Western Canada, CropLife Canada</p> <p><b>Marc Saner:</b> Institute of Science, Society and Policy, University of Ottawa</p>
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\* GE<sup>3</sup>LS stands for genomics and its related ethical, economic, environmental, legal and social aspects.