

Event Invitation



Date/Time

Thursday, February 22, 2024
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Full agenda below
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Location

Lawson Lundell LLP
Cathedral Place, 925 W Georgia St #1600
Vancouver, BC V6C 3L2
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In honour of Black History Month, the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers and entrepreneurship@UBC invites you to 'BIPOC Leaders & Entrepreneurs in Tech: Voices of Change'. Enjoy an evening of networking and community building with innovators in the industry.

This event has limited capacity so we encourage you to RSVP using the link above to secure your spot! A waitlist will be created once we have reached capacity.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Keynote Speaker: Lekan Olawoye

Lekan Olawoye is the Founder and CEO of Black Professionals in Tech Network (BPTN), the largest Black tech and business community in North America. Lekan was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 2021 for his indelible mark as a thought leader in Black tech. With a mandate to disrupt the network gap facing Black professionals, Lekan created - BFUTR - the largest, Black professional summit in North America. In February 2022, Lekan and his team also launched Obsidi® by BPTN, an all-in-one networking platform for Black professionals to access more opportunities and level up their careers. As an experienced executive in the private, public, and non-profit spaces, Lekan's thought leadership and work are focused on critical business guidance and fostering meaningful diversity, changing the future of work for Black tech professionals across the globe.

Meet the Panelists



Ayissi Nyemba
CEO & Founder
Emkao Foods



Marlon Thompson
Chief Experience Officer
Spring Activator



Paschal Okwundu
CEO & Co-Founder
Binta Financial



Giorgia Markos
Student at UBC
Member of BSU

Meet the Moderators



Cecilia Barnes
Technology Lawyer at Lawson Lundell LLP
President - BC Chapter - CABL



Raphael Tachie
Partner, Private Client Services at Gowling WLG LLP
Immediate Past President - CABL National

Agenda

6:00 PM	Networking & Startup Showcase
6:45 PM	Welcoming Remarks
7:00 PM	Fireside Chat with Lekan Olawoye & Cecilia Barnes + Audience Q&A
7:45 PM	Startup Pitches hosted by e@UBC
8:00 PM	Entrepreneur & VC Panel with Raphael Tachie + Audience Q&A
8:30 PM	Networking

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