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Sylvain Giguère is the Vice-President of Mitacs, overseeing Strategic Partnerships and Economic Impact since October 2023. In this role, he plays a key part in ensuring the ongoing success and sustainability of Mitacs, a Canadian organization that connects businesses with research institutions to foster innovation through talent and funding support. Sylvain leads the development and execution of strategies designed to maximize Mitacs' contribution to the Canadian economy. He manages teams responsible for industry engagement, ecosystem partnerships, policy and government relations, international relations, academic partnerships, marketing, communications, strategic capacity, and data analytics.

Prior to joining Mitacs, Sylvain had a distinguished career at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, where he served as a senior official until 2019. During his tenure, he led a division focused on economic development, skills, and innovation, reporting to a governing body representing all OECD countries. After leaving the OECD, and before joining Mitacs in 2023, Sylvain was the Chief Economist and Head of Economic Development at the Montreal Metropolitan Community.

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