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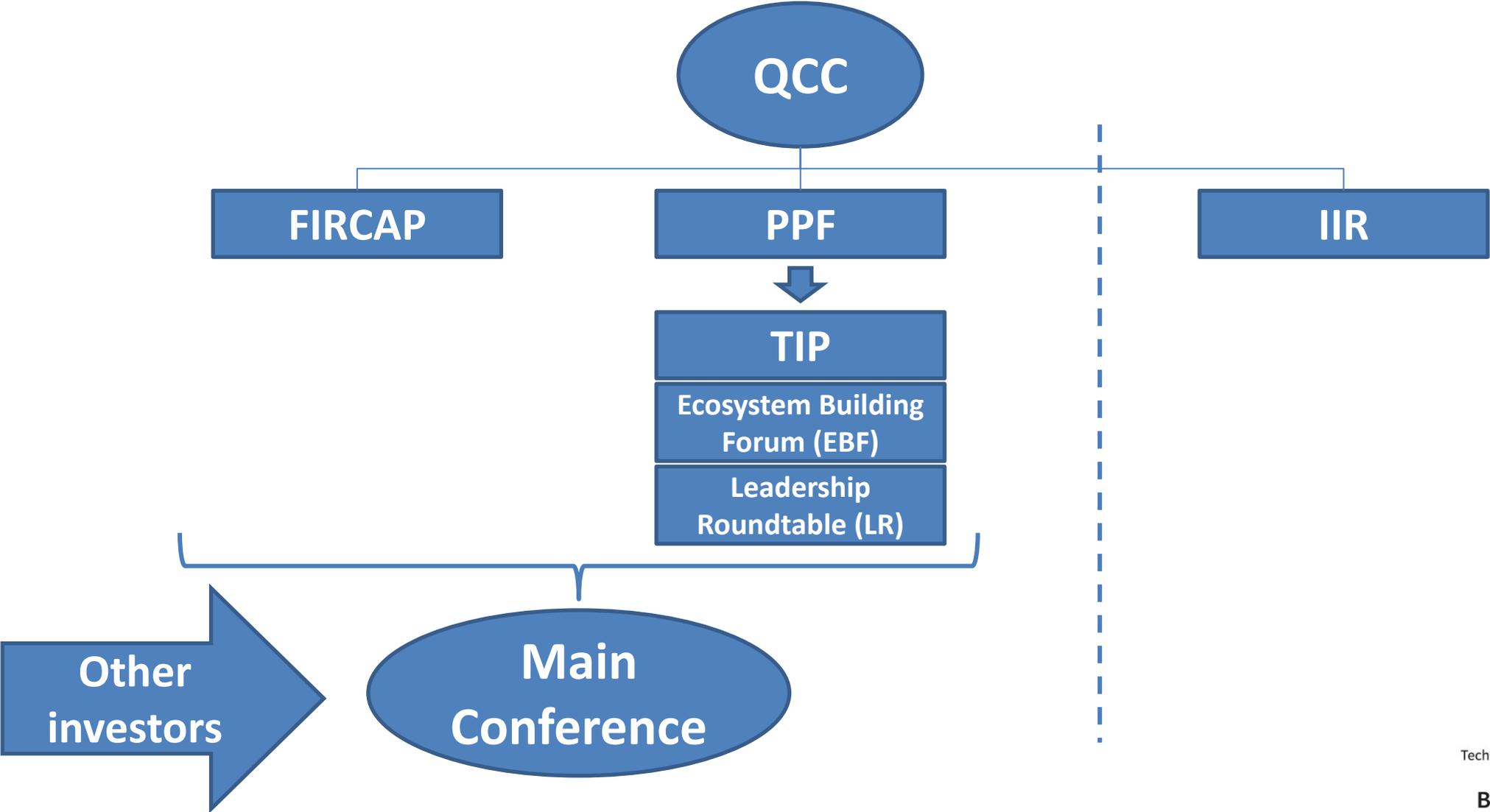


Tech Innovation Platform (TIP)

**Ecosystem  
Building Forum**

**April 26, 2017**

# The QCC and its Forums



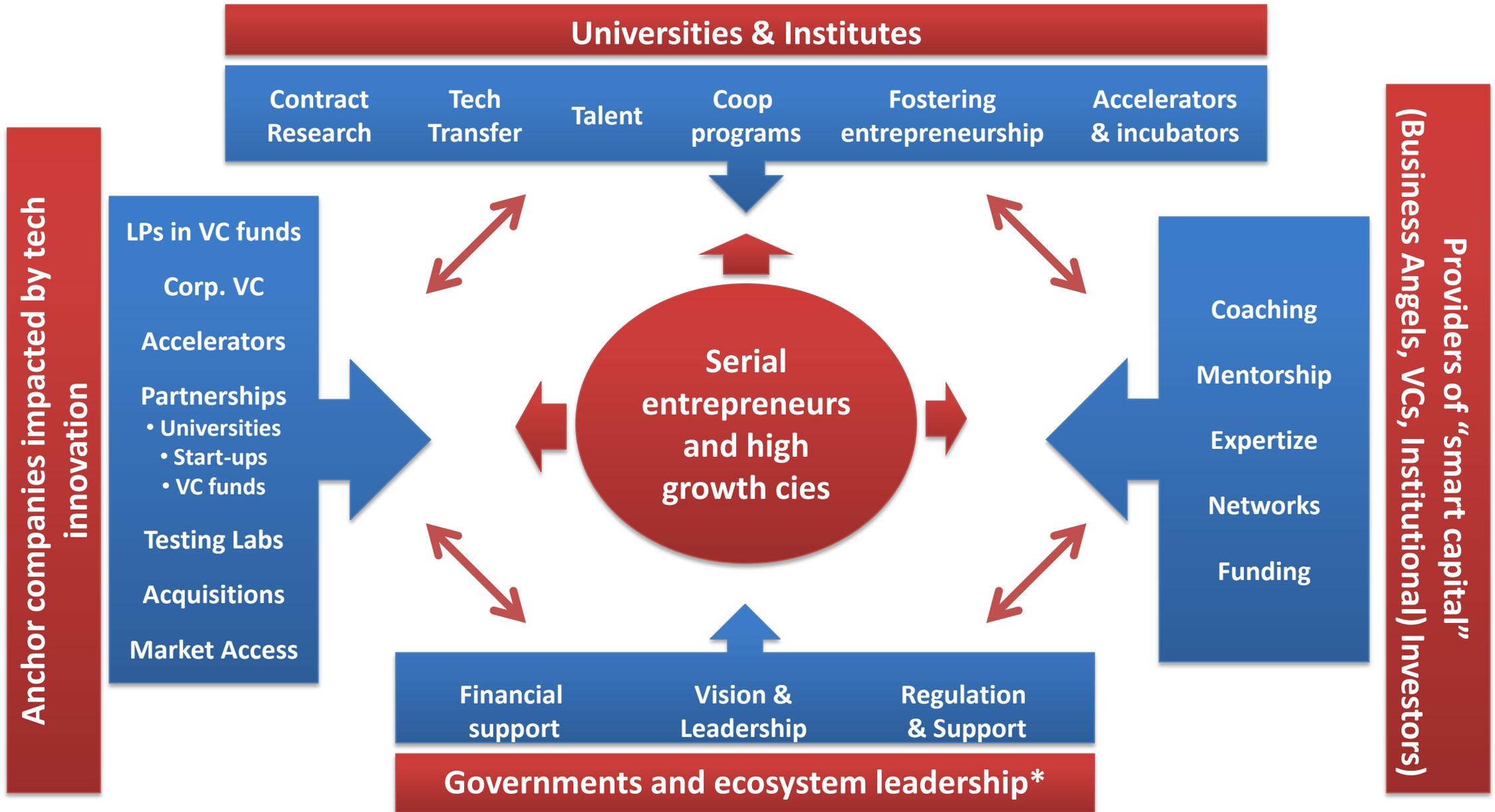
# The Tech Innovation Platform (TIP)

- **Ecosystemic** approach
- Larger context of the **productivity and innovation gap**
- **Thriving mature ecosystems rely on**
  - A **critical mass** and **excellence** within each stakeholder group
  - A high degree of **collaboration**
  - Strong ecosystem **leadership**
  - Well **designed** government policies and support

Need for **enhanced** and **structured collaboration** among stakeholder groups



# Tech Innovation Ecosystems



# Components of the TIP

- The TIP Leadership Roundtable
  - focusing on strategic issues
- The TIP Ecosystem Building Forum (“EBF”) positioned at the operational level and focusing on tangible ways:
  - to enhance the effectiveness of organizations and initiatives that are the building blocks of tech innovation ecosystems, and
  - to foster synergies among them



# Facing the gaps

- Canada hosts some of the world's best academic and research centres, but it lags in commercialization activity
- Canada is losing the global competition to attract capital
- Canada has a deficit of “scale up” technical and business talent
- Canadian companies need better access to early adopters and customers
- Canada lacks global champions that can promote cluster density and strength
- The Canadian tech cluster needs strong brands

*Source: McKinsey, “Tech North: Building Canada’s first technology supercluster”*

# 2017 EBF: focusing on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

## Why AI?

- Strong upward trends
- Strong Canadian assets in research
- A priority for governments
- Many initiatives to generate economic value
- Commitments by the private sector

## EBF objectives

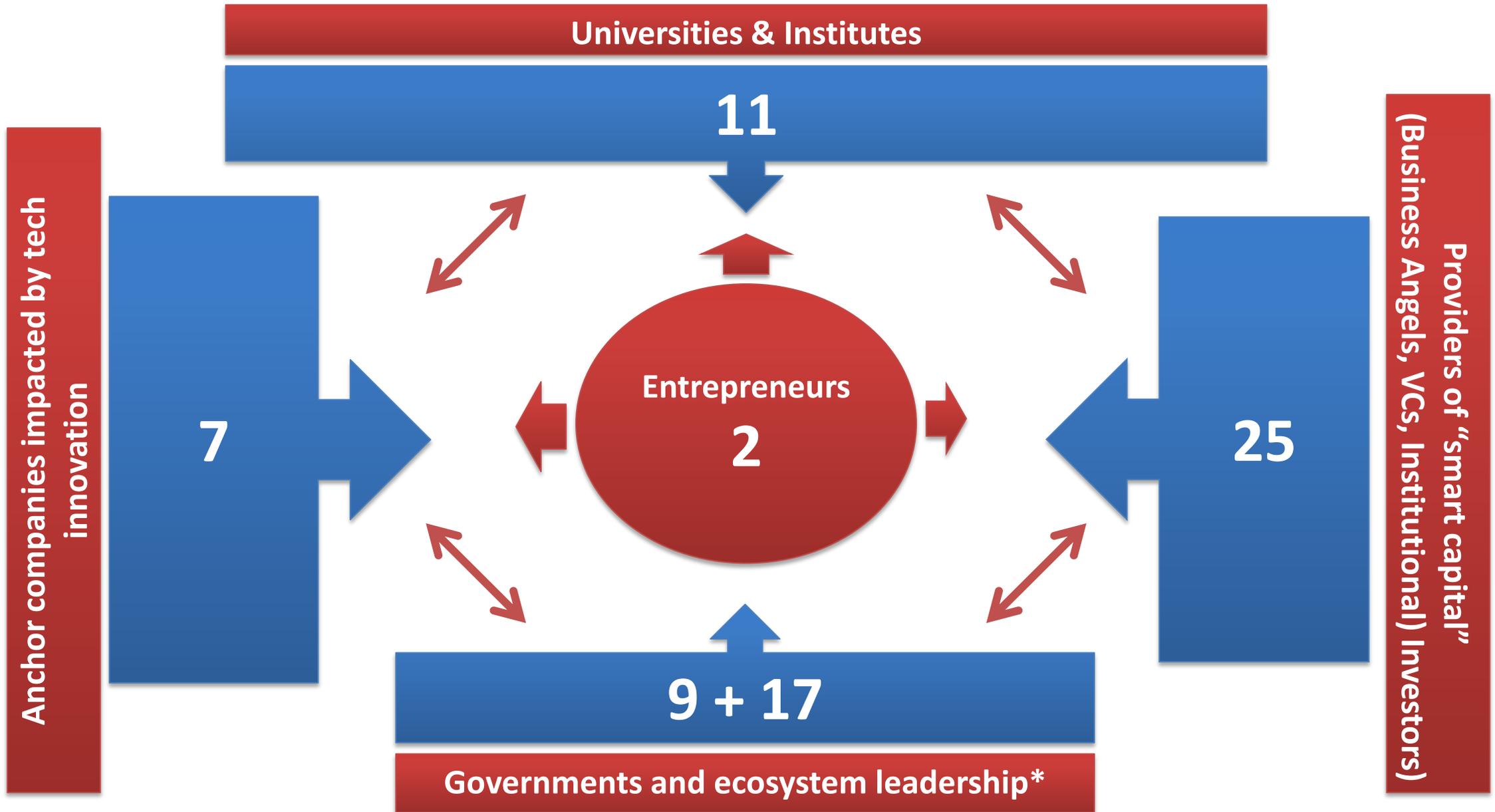
- Understand the various models
- Learn from one another and best practices
- Identify gaps and ways to improve
- Foster collaboration
  - Among initiatives
  - Among stakeholders

Canada has high aspirations to build an **AI supercluster**

Are we on track to meet these aspirations?

What can we do to accelerate the pace?

# Participants



# High level agenda

Timing	Topic
8:30 - 8:40	Introduction to the QCC and 2017 TIP Ecosystem Building Forum
8:40 - 9:20	The AI Challenge and Opportunity
9:20 - 10:00	Building AI superclusters: from platforms to ecosystems - An international perspective
<b>10:00 - 10:20</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
10:20 - 10:25	Introduction to the Canadian AI initiatives
10:25 - 11:05	Getting involved with the ecosystem: a bank's perspective
11:05 - 12:00	Transitioning from science projects to high growth companies: CDL and Next.AI
<b>12:00 - 1:30</b>	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b> <b>Keynote Speech: AI, Universities and the New Social Compact</b>
1:30 - 1:35	Afternoon introduction
1:35 - 2:15	Guiding New-York city to become the ai center of excellence: AI Nexus Lab
2:15 - 3:00	Building links between academic expertise and business needs, from start-ups to multinational corporations: AMII and IVADO
3:00 - 3:45	Enabling AI-first businesses: Element.AI
<b>3:45 - 4:00</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
4:00 - 4:50	Connecting corporations to tech innovation ecosystems
4:50 - 5:15	Wrap up and closing remarks
<b>5:15</b>	<b>END OF THE TIP ECOSYSTEM BUILDING FORUM</b>