



## Dan Wicklum, PhD CEO, Transition Accelerator

Dr. Dan Wicklum has spent more than 25 years performing and managing research, driving innovation, and fostering collaboration between industry, government, academia, and civil society. He is the CEO of the Transition Accelerator, a pan-Canadian charity that works with groups across the country to solve business and social challenges while building in net zero emission solutions. Dan was also the inaugural co-chair of Canada's Net-Zero Advisory Body (NZAB), the statutory independent body that advises the federal government on setting interim emission reduction targets on the way to a net-zero emission Canada by 2050 and on the most likely pathways to net zero.

Prior to joining the Transition Accelerator, Dan was the CEO of Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance, Executive Director of the Canadian Forest Innovation Council, and a senior manager at Environment and Climate Change Canada and at Natural Resources Canada. He was a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Montana and holds a PhD in Aquatic Ecology from the University of Montana. His initial career was in professional football, as a linebacker for the Calgary Stampeders and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

### Quote:

Canada's forestry sector has been a cornerstone in building our nation, and it will play an essential role in our journey to a economically competitive, net-zero future. The rise of mass timber offers an incredible opportunity to elevate Canada's primary resources, position our industries on the global stage, address the housing crisis, and significantly reduce emissions in the building sector. Collaborating with FPAC on the Mass Timber Roadmap was an exciting and impactful experience, and we are deeply honored that the Transition Accelerator's efforts have been recognized with FPAC's 2024 Partnership Award.