



## VIP Speaker Bios

### **Mayor David Miller** *(Canada), Mayor, City of Toronto*

Like most Torontonians, Mayor David Miller immigrated to Toronto. He and his mother arrived from England in 1967, and moved to Toronto in 1981. He became a Metro councillor in 1994, and in 1997 was elected to the new City of Toronto council, serving two terms. In November 2003, Mr. Miller was elected mayor.

As mayor, Mr. Miller is leading the City of Toronto through an historic transformation and a renaissance of civic pride and confidence. Through the New Deal for Cities, he has also enabled Toronto to garner new powers, money and respect from provincial and federal governments. Toronto is now the only Canadian city with a direct agreement with the federal government on transit funding. In addition to advocating for the City of Toronto, Mayor Miller has become one of the dominant voices for the national urban agenda. As the City comes into its own as a full-fledged government, it is reinvesting in Toronto's neighbourhoods and communities through initiatives like the Mayor's Community Safety Plan, the Clean and Beautiful City Initiative, rejuvenation of parks and public spaces, and through ongoing waterfront revitalization.

Before running for public office, Mayor Miller was a partner at the Toronto law firm Aird & Berlis, specializing in employment and immigration law and shareholder rights. He received a degree in economics from Harvard University and a law degree from the University of Toronto.