

*Rory Francis,  
Executive Director,  
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Since 2004 Rory Francis has been Executive Director of the Prince Edward Island BioAlliance, a not-for-profit network of bioscience businesses, academic and research organizations, and government agencies that includes over 50 companies earning over \$200 million in annual sales. He is a founder of the *Emergence* Bioscience Business Incubator, and Natural Products Canada, a new CECR based in PEI.

From 1991 to 2003 Mr. Francis held Deputy Minister positions in several provincial government departments, including Environment; Agriculture and Forestry; Fisheries and Aquaculture; and Health and Social Services.

Francis is a member of the Canadian BioAccord and serves as a board member with the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute, the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce, the Food Island Partnership, the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre, is president of the Eastern Canada Oilseeds Development Alliance, and is currently serves as president of the Greater Charlottetown and Area Chamber of Commerce. He chairs the advisory board for the Culinary Institute of Canada's Technology Access Centre at Holland College.

In 2017, Mr. Francis was appointed co-chair of the Atlantic Canada Bioscience Sector Export Development Working Group, and is a member of the Oceans Supercluster team, representing marine biotechnology and fish health and nutrition capabilities in the region, recently announced as one of Canada's new Supercluster initiatives.

Mr. Francis is a native of Prince Edward Island. He earned a BSc in geology and chemistry from Mount Allison University and an MSc in Hydrogeology from the University of Waterloo.