The uses of sociological knowledge in the professional world.

Challenges and way forward.

Participants:

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- **Carsten Quell** is executive director at the Treasury Board of Canada. I first got to know him through his research, notable his doctoral thesis on the tensions and links between Canada’s multicultural and linguistic policies (in a context of increased migration).

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Questions to be discussed

1. What role(s) sociological knowledge plays or could play in your work?
2. What are the challenges you face in mobilizing sociological knowledge in your professional context?
3. From your point of view, what are the mutual communication challenges between academia and government and community?
4. In your opinion, how could sociology be more present in Ottawa outside of academia?
5. What space for a critical approach in the professional world?