

## **Irene C. Makar – Director – Dalcov Innoventures**

Irene Makar has more than 25 years of experience in executive roles in multiple sectors, as well as start-up ownership, investment and commercialization from product concept to scale-up and to market.

Her work in business, academia, and consulting spans several sectors across Canada and Internationally that includes expert advisory roles to the European Commission, ISO and Canada's PM office.

Alongside earning a living, her life-long goal was to accomplish a research-degree every ten years – currently holding 4 degrees, two in STI - science and technology and innovation policy.

For the most part, Irene has been brought into organizations and into international research projects, because of her problem solving, organizational and research skills.

Previous standards experience in the aerospace industry lead to ISO voting countries electing Irene, to convene the technical committee tasked with the development of complementary standards to the ISO 56000 Innovation Management System Standards series.

Irene has extensive non-profit board and committee experience, holding Chair and Board Executive positions.