

Benoît Fontaine, Executive Director, KBF CANADA



Benoît Fontaine has a Master of Laws from the UCLouvain University in Belgium (1994, with great honor).

He began his career as the director of a youth association, and then became President of a youth Federation, which encompasses 15 organizations and a total of 75 employees.

Passionate about the philanthropic sector, in 1999 he joined the King Baudouin Foundation, the largest foundation in Belgium and a major foundation on the world stage. He was in charge of various programs at the KBF, namely the entrepreneurship program, the Observatory of Associations and Foundations, which compiles data and trends on the charitable sector, various capacity-building programs for non-profit organizations, the Prince Philippe Fund, etc.

As Head of Venture Philanthropy, he launched the Venture Philanthropy Fund, a fund that actively helps organizations to scale-up and restructure by coaching them on good governance, long-term strategy, business models, and impact assessment. This fund is operated in partnership with private sponsors and consultancy companies such as BAIN & Company and Accenture, which are all driven to maximize the impact of philanthropic actions. He also managed a support program for underprivileged youngsters to help them do better in school and find jobs.

His driving ambition is to create maximum social impact on society.

He started KBF CANADA in 2017.