



**FORWARD
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**WORKFORCE
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**2024
AGENDA
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**EMPOWERING
INDIGENOUS ECONOMIES**


May 14-15, 2024
Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
Tsuut'ina Nation

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1 - MAY 14



Smudging Times: 10:15-10:45am, 12:15-1:30pm, 3:00-3:30pm
See registration staff for more information.

8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Opening Blessings and Welcome Addresses Hal Eagletail Livia Manywounds - Dancing Storm Designs Chief Roy Whitney - Tsuut'ina Nation Doreen Bergum - Métis Elder Dr. Reg Crowshoe - Elder Rosemary Crowshoe - Elder	Event Centre	
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Keynote Speech Grand Chief Arthur Noskey - Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta	Event Centre	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Building a Better Today: Voices of Indigenous Youth Moderator: Colby Delorme - Imagination Group of Companies Roderick W - Indigenous Youth Panelist Gabby J - Indigenous Youth Panelist Kaden C - Indigenous Youth Panelist	Event Centre Panel Discussion	
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Coffee & Networking		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Beyond the 5%: The Power of Procurement Moderator: Philip Ducharme - CCAB Aaron Lambie - Nisto Tim Laronde - Chandos Construction Jeff Provost - MCW Consultants Ltd. Tammy Moyes - Moyses and Associates	Ballroom CD Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Culture, Community and Kinship: Leveraging Tourism as an Economic Driver Moderator: Buffy Handel - Nour Private Wealth Michael Robert - Willow Lake Métis Nation Terry Coertzen - Travel Alberta Carrie Armstrong - Indigenous Tourism Alberta Kimmy Houle - Blackfoot Confederacy Tribal Council	Ballroom E Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Digital Economy: The Impact of the Digital Divide and Technological Disruption on the Indigenous Economy in Canada, Including AI and Ethical AI Moderator: Lawrence Gervais - Phoenix Energy Keeta Gladue - University of Calgary Brandon Ringham - Creative-Fire Jill Kowalchuk - Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii)	Ballroom AB Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Powering Canada Forward to Net Zero Moderator: Peter Lafontaine - Rainforest Energy Corp. Former Chief Billy Morin - Axxcelus Capital Amelia Harman - Torsys LLP Amber Big Plume - First Nation Power Development Inc. Jason Schulz - Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	Event Centre Roundtable Discussion	
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch	Event Centre	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Amplifying the Voices of Others: Indigenous Women as Trailblazers and Changemakers in a Quest for Progress Moderator: Amanda Ens - BMO Financial Group Geena Jackson - Bears Lair TV Hope Regimbald - LNG Canada Annie Korver - Rise Consulting Grand Chief Kahsennéhawe Sky-Deer - Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke	Event Centre Panel Discussion	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Coffee & Networking		
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Indigenous Energy: Continuing to Advance Indigenous Participation in the Oil & Gas Industry Moderator: Tyler Mitchell - TC Energy Jonathan Wright - NuVista Energy Amanda Robert - Suncor Shelley Calliou - Kelly Lake Cree Nation Jennifer Ezekil - CDN Controls	Event Centre Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Surviving to Thriving: Community Healing and Economic Development Moderator: Jeremy Thompson - Eagle Spirit Business Development Teresa Edwards - Legacy of Hope Foundation Brent Dodginghorse - Dodginghorse Ranch Audrey Weasel Traveler - Manitou Asiniy-Iniskim-Tsa Xani Stone Center Inc. Angela Grier - Tsuut'ina Health Services	Ballroom CD Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Sustainable Forestry Initiatives Moderator: Paul Robitaille - Sustainable Forestry Initiative Jacob Handel - Finite Carbon Tanis One Spot - Tsuut'ina Nation Jacob Taylor - Indigenous Aerospace	Ballroom E Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	The Indigenous Conservation Economy and Ethical Finance Moderator: Devin Gambler - Pamihtaw Consulting Inc. Justin Bourque - Ásokan Generational Developments Jonathan Hordo - EY Andrew Gaudry - Broderick Capital	Ballroom AB Roundtable Discussion	
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Opening Night Reception		



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



DAY 2 - MAY 15



Smudging Times: 10:15-10:45am, 12:15-1:30pm, 3:00-3:30pm
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8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Welcome Address Hal Eagletail Livia Manywounds - Dancing Storm Designs Ioana Giurca - CPHR Alberta	Event Centre	
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Keynote Speech Rod Miller - deVille Partners	Event Centre	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	"Nothing About us Without us": Drawing Strength from Diversity Moderator: Michelle Fournie - Sacred Four Communications Deborah Green - Suncor Energy Robert Doane - CBC/Radio-Canada Indigenous Jeremy Thompson - Eagle Spirit Business Development Patrick Twinn - ATB Financial	Event Centre Panel Discussion	
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Morning Coffee & Networking		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Promoting Diversity and Inclusion by Redefining Professionalism in the Workplace Moderator: Deanna Burgart - Schulich School of Engineering Cristi Adams - Indian Oil and Gas Canada, Indigenous Services Canada Donovan Praymayer - University of Calgary Mikey McDonald - University of Calgary	Ballroom C Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Bridging the Equity Gap: How to Structure Joint Ventures & Major Projects Moderator: Billie Fortier - MLT Aikins Monika Wilson - Fort McKay First Nation Sandy Jackson - Pimee Well Services Reg Potts - Reg Potts & Associates Mark Little - Jotson Inc.	Event Centre Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Crafting Indigenous Reconciliation Strategies Moderator: Anne Harding - Forum Relations Christy Morgan - TELUS Lisa San Filippo - Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta Nivelina Carmona - MNP (formerly Jouta Performance Group Inc.)	Ballroom AB Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Ethics of Indigenous Engagement & Unconscious Bias Moderator: Jorge Aviles - AIM Land Services Sheryl-Ann Carscadden - Sundance Source Consulting Buddie Dixon - ATCO Frontec	Ballroom D Roundtable Discussion	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Indigenous Technological Empowerment Moderator: Dennis Kirkness - Tataskweyak Cree Nation Gregory John - Unimaize Technologies Inc. Sarah Jackknife - (Re)rooting Indigenous Leadership Inc. Leah Bartko - First Nations Technology Council	Ballroom E Roundtable Discussion	
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Networking Lunch		
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Reshaping Modern Economies: Indigenous Economic Innovation Moderator: Chelsie Klassen - Hatch Clifton Cross - Frog Lake First Nations Annmarie Garby - BFL Canada Travis Meguinis - Red Nation Oil & Gas & Natural Law Energy Chana Martineau - Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation	Event Centre Panel Discussion	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Afternoon Coffee & Networking		
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Best Practices in Workforce Engagement: Allyship and Antiracism Training Moderator: Inez Ashworth - Inclusive Concepts Inc. Alita Murowchuk - AECOM Don McIntyre - University of Lethbridge	Ballroom D Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Business Collaboration: Indigenous Recruitment & Retention Strategies Moderator: Cori Maedel - MNP (Formerly The Jouta Performance Group Inc.) Miranda Beaton - Fort McKay First Nation Heather Wolf Ear - Soogadin	Ballroom C Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Indigenous and Industry Partnerships: Creating Economic and Employment Opportunities Moderator: Jorge Aviles - AIM Land Services Tanya Rexin - ATCO Frontec Don Ross - George Gordon Developments Leona Bird - Jansen Discovery Lodge	Event Centre Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Food Sovereignty & Agriculture: Traditional Ecological Knowledge Moderator: Elizabeth Romo-Rabago - Ciclomaniás Kevin Van Lagen - BDO Canada Chief Don Smoke - Dakota Plains Wahpeton Garett Strawberry - O'Chiese First Nation Taylor Behn-Tsakoza -Tu deh-kah Geothermal	Ballroom E Roundtable Discussion	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Fueling a New Economy: Hydrogen and Nuclear Power Moderator: Mindy Henry - Infinitely Iskeww Consulting Ltd Kennedy Bear Robe - Gowling WLG Guy Lonechild - First Nations Power Authority Clayton Heck - Siphko Energy Inc.	Ballroom AB Roundtable Discussion	
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Closing Remarks		

