

ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION SUMMIT

THE INDIGENOUS LED-ECONOMY

April 1, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | THE WESTIN, GOVERNOR GENERAL BALLROOM, OTTAWA

**Agenda subject to change*

- 8:30 AM *Registration open*
- 9:00 AM **Opening prayer and Welcome**
Elder Claudette Commanda
- 9:15AM **Introduction**
- 9:30 AM **10 Years in the Making: The Federal Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program**

What can we learn from the process of advocating for and initiating the federal Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, what does implementation look like one year in, and what impact can we hope to see from this policy as we look to the future?

Sharleen Gale, Executive Chair, First Nations Major Project Coalition
Sébastien Labelle, Vice-President, Canada Development Investment Corporation
Michaela Bjorseth, Operations Director, Western Canada, Enbridge
Moderated by: **Stephen Lidington**, Vice President, Colliers Project Leaders Inc.
- 10:30 AM *Coffee Break*
- 11:00 AM **Opportunity in Métis Communities: Implementing the Federal Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program**

Victoria Pruden, President, Métis National Council
- 11:30 AM **Case Study: Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation**

Scott Alanen, VP of Investments, Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation
- 12:00 PM *Networking Lunch*
- 1:00 PM **Presentation: The Big Picture of First Nations Economic Development**

Sahir Khan, Executive Vice President, The Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy
- 1:30 PM **Reconciling Health Infrastructure Deficits**

While gaps remain, there have been great advances made in reconciling business infrastructure deficits in the last two decades. What lateral learnings can we apply to addressing deficits and improving economic activity in relation to health care?

Dr. Alika Lafontaine, Indigenous Advisor in Residence, Canadian Medical Association
- 2:00 PM **Indigenous Capital: Building Wealth and Strengthening Communities**

Hear from cross-sector leaders on the evolution of the financing landscape for Indigenous projects and communities, examining barriers to accessing capital, public and private sector solutions, and complementary paths to building economic sovereignty.

Misko McGregor, Associate Director, Debt Capital Markets, Cedar Leaf Capital

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Hillary Thatcher, Managing Director, Investments: Indigenous and Northern Infrastructure, Canada Infrastructure Bank
Leo Wilson, KPMG Corporate Finance Inc. & Partner, Deal Advisory, KPMG
Moderated by: **Shannin Metatawabin**, CEO, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association

3:00 PM *Coffee Break*

3:30 PM Case Study: **Great Bear Rainforest**

Dallas Smith, Founder, President and CEO, Nanwakolas Council

4:00 PM **Indigenous Procurement and Partnerships: A Competitive Advantage**

Gain insights on and learn about opportunities for Indigenous-oriented procurement models as we explore set-asides, cross-jurisdictional challenges, and best practices that can drive policy and overcome global trade disruptions.

Tabatha Bull, President & CEO, Canadian Council for Indigenous Business
JP Gladu, Principal, Mokwateh
Moderated by: **Tiara Folkes**, Manager of Indigenous Relations Public Policy, TC Energy

4:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

4:50pm **Closing Prayer**

Elder Claudette Commanda

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