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2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Forging the Path Forward



JUNE 7-8, 2023

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JUNE 7 Day 1 Forging the Path Forward

08:30 a.m.	Opening ceremony Master of Ceremonies: Stan Wesley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screaming Eagles – Lac Simon • Oscar Kistabish – President - Val-d'Or Native Friendship Center
09:00 a.m.	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Lucien Wabanonik – Conseil de la Nation Anishnabe de Lac Simon • Céline Brindamour – Mayor of Val-d'Or • Dr. Ted Moses – O.Q. - President - SCNATEA
09:30 a.m.	Discussion Circle 1 Indigenous-Led Economic Development Moderate by: Robert Auclair – Business Development Officer - CREECO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Gruner – CEO - Tahltan Nation Development Corporation (virtually) • Randy Bosum – Vice-President - Cree Regional Economic Enterprises Company (CREECO) • Sidney Orr – President - Eeyou Economic Group
10:20 a.m.	Health break & networking presented by Procon Est du Canada Ltée
11:10 a.m.	Discussion Circle 2 Spotlight on Cree Entrepreneurship Moderate by: Sheena Costain – Manager of Program Development - Department Commerce and Industry (DCI) - Cree Nation Government (CNG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenny Blacksmith – Entrepreneur - KLB Resources Inc - Mistissini • Raymond Jolly – Entrepreneur - Eeyou Istchee Lifestyle - Waskaganish • Babbeyjane Happyjack – Entrepreneur - Original by Nomads - Waswanipi
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon presented by : 
1:35 p.m.	Discussion Circle 3 Cree Nation Housing needs and upcoming Infrastructures Moderate by: Lawrence Katapatuk – Regional Housing planner - Cree Nation Government (CNG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Clarence Jolly – Cree Nation of Nemaska • John Longchap – Director - Capital Works & Services – (CNG) • Daniel St-Amour – Director General - Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay (Virtually)
2:25 p.m.	Health break & networking presented by Air Creebec
2:55 p.m.	Menti - WORLD-CAFÉ
4:05 p.m.	Networking presented by The Cree Mineral Exploration Board
5:00 p.m.	Announcements and Cocktail presented by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin McGinley – Executive Director – Cree Outfitting and Tourism Association (COTA) • Gaston Cooper – Executive Director - Cree Native Arts & Crafts Association (CNACA) Musical performance by: Mariame Hasni – Singer & Songwriter - Chisasibi <div style="text-align: right;"></div>

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JUNE 8 Day 2 Forging the Path Forward

08:30 a.m.	Welcoming of participants
09:00 a.m.	Opening remarks Master of Ceremonies: Stan Wesley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/Cree Nation Government (GCCEI - CNG)
09:30 a.m.	Discussion Circle 4 Cree Nation-Led Economic Development Moderate by: Alfred Loon – President - Eeyou Communications Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Moses – Chairman - Cree Nation Trust • Anthony MacLeod – Director - Department Commerce and Industry (DCI) – (CNG) • Brant Blackned – President - Tawich Development Corporation • Danny Pash – President - Cree Construction Development Company
10:20 a.m.	Health break & networking presented by Nemaska Lithium
11:10 a.m.	Discussion Circle 5 Economic Development Opportunities Moderate by: Stella Masty – Negotiator - Cree Nation Government (CNG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George E. Pachano – President - Cree Development Corporation • Alain Coulombe – President/Director General - Société Développement de la Baie-James • Martin Loiselle – Economic Dev. Advisor - Strategic Investments Branch - Société du Plan Nord • Youcef Larbi – Chief Geologist/Director General - Cree Mineral Exploration Board
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon presented by: <div style="text-align: right;">  APATISIWIN ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ SKILLS DEVELOPMENT </div>
1:35 p.m.	Discussion Circle 6 Economic Development: Voices of Cree Leaders Moderate by: Stella Masty – Negotiator - Cree Nation Government (CNG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty – Grand Council of the Crees (GCCEI - CNG) • Chief Daisy House – Cree Nation of Chisasibi • Chief Robbie Kawapit – Whapmagoostui First Nation
2:25 p.m.	Health break & networking presented by Sodexo
2:55 p.m.	Discussion Circle 7 Indigenous Inclusion and Workplace Realities Moderate by: Roger Lacroix – Manager of services - Apatisiwin Skills Development (ASD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sébastien Doire – Territorial Director General, Eeyou Istchee Baie-James - Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable (MTMD) • Abel Trapper – Director - Apatisiwin Skills Development (ASD) • Sarah Pash – Chairperson - Cree School Board • Bertie Wapachee – Chairperson - Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay
4:05 p.m.	Closing remarks

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