Northern Development Conference
A Gathering of Regions, the Building of a Future!

Val-d’Or, April 26, 2018. — The Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance has unveiled the program for the Northern Development Conference to be held at the Hotel Forestel in Val-d’Or June 13 and 14.

The conference is organized in collaboration with the City of Val-d’Or and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee). Serving as Honorary Co-chairs are the President of the Secretariat, Dr. Ted Moses, and the Mayor of Val-d’Or, Mr. Pierre Corbeil.

“I am very proud of this event, which brings together stakeholders from across a vast area to collaborate on its development,” said Dr. Moses. “Creating strong connections that will benefit our communities remains a priority.”

Mr. Corbeil added, “Through its sustained commitment to forging economic, social, and cultural ties with First Nations, as well as everything it has to offer in terms of geographic location and special infrastructure, Val-d’Or plans to foster networking and mutual understanding at this important conference.”

An exciting and rewarding program
The Northern Development Conference will highlight socioeconomic challenges along with mining and forestry in the Northern Quebec and Abitibi-Témiscamingue regions. The program includes not only numerous opportunities to discuss ties between all regions involved, but also to talk about why Aboriginal peoples have a key role to play in local and regional development. Seminars, panel discussions, networking, and a cultural exhibition will be featured. See the preliminary program online at https://creenation-at.com/en/conference-en/general-information. Simultaneous translation will be available and the conference will be broadcast live on Cree Radio at: http://jbccs.streamon.fm/

A new and unique cultural exhibit
A fundraiser Gala showcasing entertainment and cultural exchange will be held at 6 p.m. on June 13, 2018, to benefit the Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute and the traveling exhibit Footprints – A Walk Through Generations. The event, held in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce of Val-d’Or and the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), will serve to strengthen ties between the Val-d’Or business community and its Cree neighbors. To register for the Northern Development Conference on June 13 and 14, go to https://creenation-at.com/en/conference-en/general-information.

The Secretariat takes to social media
Throughout the two-day event, the Secretariat will post regular updates on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. To follow the latest news and join the conversation, use the hashtag #18NDC.

About the Secretariat
The Secretariat was created in Val-d’Or in 2002. The Secretariat places a high value on the principle of mutual respect, good business relationships and understanding the context of Northern Quebec. The importance of the role played by the Secretariat is respectful integration of entrepreneurs eager to widen their horizons.

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