



Transforming the Indigenous Economy: Innovation, Talent and Partnerships

Delta Fredericton Hotel

Fredericton, NB - September 24 - 26, 2019

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Preliminary Program

Updated: August 8, 2019 - Program is subject to change without notice.

One of the main purposes of Inclusion Works '19 is to bring together experts and practitioners to identify ways of increasing research collaborations as a means of growing the Indigenous economy, talent, innovation and partnerships. Making inclusion WORK is the goal!

You will hear from community, research and industry experts about new ways of improving **'Indigenous talent', 'corporate/Indigenous partnerships' and 'innovation leading to increased competitiveness'**. You will learn more about our strategy to increase Indigenous-led research, training, education and skills, and to facilitate the development of collaborative networks and research partnerships. We want your perspectives and insights on talent, innovation and partnership and how you can be part of new research networks to drive... "Talent, Innovation and Partnerships".

Join us. Here is a sample of some of the keys issues and questions that will be addressed:

- What do we mean when we talk about 'innovation' in the Indigenous business context?
- Which areas of the Indigenous economy offer the best opportunities for increased innovation and/or increased growth? Are there sectors or niches within the economy which hold particular interest and promise for Indigenous businesses?
- What role can research collaborations play to grow and diversify the Indigenous economy and Indigenous talent?

Tuesday, September 24

1:30 pm	Registration Opens [Grand Ballroom Foyer]
2:00 - 4:00 pm	An afternoon at the Movies! [Governor's Ballroom] Come join us – A film, popcorn and movie! (movie to be confirmed)
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Opening – Inclusion Festival [Delta Hotel Side Lawn and Gazebo] Join us for a wonderful evening of networking, games and entertainment mixed with superb culinary delights.

Wednesday, September 25

7:15 am - 4:00 pm	Registration [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Trade Show Exhibits [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
9:00 - 9:40 am	Opening Prayer / Greetings / Welcome [Grand Ballroom ABC] Opening Prayer Welcome and Address - Transforming the Indigenous Economy Thought Leader: Kelly J. Lendsay , President and Chief Executive Officer, Indigenous Works Partner Acknowledgement: Pat Baxter , Co-Chair, Indigenous Works Board of Directors	
9:40 am - 10:30 am	Opening Plenary: The Transformation Equation - Connecting Research + Industry , Indigenous Businesses and Communities [Grand Ballroom ABC] Thought Leader: Dr. Manley Begay , Professor, Department of Applied Indigenous Studies and Department of Politics and International Affairs, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and W. A. Franke College of Business, Northern Arizona University, USA	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Health Break [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Plenary - Vision 2025: A Roadmap for Transforming the Indigenous Economy Connecting – Driving Talent, Innovation and Partnerships [Governor Ballroom AB] Introduction by Craig Hall , Chief Operating Officer, Indigenous Works Speakers: Derek Rice , Senior Economist, Big River Analytics Hannes Edinger , Economist, Big River Analytics	
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon and Panel Discussion [Grand Ballroom ABC] Panel Discussion - Transforming the Indigenous Economy – Driving Talent, Innovation and Partnerships Panelists: The Honorable Paul Martin , Former Prime Minister of Canada and Founder of the Martin Family Initiative George Lafond	
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions	Session 1 – Transformation at Work - Smart Grid Innovation [Governor Ballroom AB] Speaker: New Brunswick Power	Session 2 – Transformation at Work - Arctic Innovation [Victoria Room] Speakers: Steven Mooney , Director, Northern Housing Innovation, Yukon College - Economic Development Corporation from the Yukon
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Health Break [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Concurrent Sessions	Session 3 – Transformation at Work - Super Clusters [Governor Ballroom AB]	Session 4 - Transformation at Work - Talent [Victoria Room] Transforming Engagement for Indigenous Employment

	Speaker: Paul Langdon , Strategic Initiatives, Ulnooweg Development Group	John DeGiacomo , Executive Director, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (invited) Transforming the Way We Work Melanie Wright , Interim Executive Director, Future Skills Centre (invited)
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Benchmarking Partnerships [Grand Ballroom ABC] Speakers: Tanja Hoffmann , PhD., Project Lead, Benchmarking Indigenous / Non-Indigenous Employment, Business and Social Development Partnership Capacities in Major Resource Projects	
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Free evening	
	Free evening for participants to explore and enjoy Fredericton!	

Thursday, September 26

7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Registration [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Networking Breakfast / Trade Show Exhibits [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Plenary - The MITACS/IW Partnership: Toward New Innovations in the Indigenous Economy Economic Modelling and the Transformation of Indigenous Talent, Innovation and Partnerships [Grand Ballroom ABC]	
10:30 - 11:00 am	Health Break [Grand Ballroom Foyer]	
11:00 - 11:45 am	Session 5 – Transformation Workout Session [Governor Ballroom AB]	Transformation Workout Session [Victoria Room]
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Luncheon and Panel Discussion - Vision 2025: Making Transformation Work [Grand Ballroom ABC]	
2:00 pm - 2:20 pm	Closing Plenary - Transformation Reflections [Grand Ballroom ABC]	
2:20 pm - 3:00 pm	Wrap-Up and Closing Prayer [Grand Ballroom ABC] Closing Remarks: Dr. Alejandro Adem , Chief Executive Officer and Scientific Director, Mitacs (invited) Wrap-Up: Kelly J. Lendsay , President and CEO, Indigenous Works Closing Prayer	