



World Indigenous Business Forum

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RBC CONVENTION CENTRE
WINNIPEG, CANADA

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Welcome Remarks

- **Premier Hon. Wab Kinew (Invited)** | Premier of Manitoba, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, International Relations, and Indigenous Reconciliation, Canada
- **Chief Gordon Bluesky** | Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Representative of Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs & Treaty One Territory, Canada

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Advancement of Indigenous Natural Language Processing and AI

- **Peter-Lucas Jones** | CEO, Te Hiku Media, New Zealand

MORNING NETWORKING BREAK 10:20

PANEL PRESENTATION

Nation Building Through Economic Leadership: Canadian Best Practices

- **Moderator: Tracy Antoine** | National Advisor, Royal Bank of Canada
- **Don Ross** | CEO, George Gordon Developments Ltd, Saskatchewan
- **Lisa Grant** | Councillor, Haisla Nation, British Columbia
- **Jaimie Lickers** | Senior Vice President, Indigenous Markets, CIBC
- **Shaun Soonias** | Vice President, Indigenous Relations, FCC

LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK 12PM

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

The (R)evolution of Indigenous Foodways

- **Chef Sean Sherman** | Founder, The Sioux Chef, Founder & Director, NATIFS, USA

PANEL PRESENTATION

The Indigenous Economy: Indigenous Women Leading Prosperity for People, Place and Future Generations

- **Moderator: Rachel Petero** | Founder & CEO, Rise Global, New Zealand
- **Kristal Kinsela** | Owner & Director, Kristal Kinsela Consulting, Australia
- **Michelle Cameron** | CEO, Dreamcatcher Promotions, Canada
- **Additional Speakers TBA**

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK 2:30

Guided Movement Exercise

- **Cody Gonsalves** | Founder & Head Coach, Purposeful Movements, Canada

PANEL PRESENTATION

From Service Delivery to Indigenous Led Systems Building Generational Wellbeing and Prosperity on Country

Presented by: Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID), Australia

- **Moderator: Erica Lambert** | Chief Officer Strategic Partnerships and Innovation, CQID
- **Jason Field** | Chief Executive Officer, CQID
- **Kylie Major-Oakley** | General Manager, Woorabinda, CQID
- **Antonio Mann** | Youth Mentor, Staying on Track Program, CQID

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Indigenising Global Trade Platforms

- **Ambassador Justin Mohamed** | Australia's Ambassador for First Nations People, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, on behalf of Indigenous Peoples Economic and Trade Cooperation Arrangement, Australia

RECAP & ADJOURNMENT 4:30PM

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WEDNESDAY
DOORS OPEN 8AM

FORUM DAY TWO

9AM

Ozhaawashko-Giizhig | RBC Convention Centre

Welcome Remarks & Recap

- Masters of Ceremony

PANEL PRESENTATION

Growing Indigenous Tourism in Manitoba: Honouring History and Leadership

- **Moderator: Darcie Guarderas** | Founder, Tansi Solutions, Canada
- **Holly Spence** | President & CEO, Indigenous Tourism Manitoba, Canada
- **Additional Speakers TBA**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Restoring Dignity to Food Deserts

- **Pastor DeWayne McCoy** | Founder, The After Market, USA

MORNING NETWORKING BREAK 10:40

PANEL PRESENTATION

Indigenous International Trade and Environmental Law

- Representatives from International Intertribal Trade and Investment Organization (IITIO)

LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK 12PM

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Global Indigenous Partnerships for Economic Development and Raising Capital

- **Luis Felipe Duchicela** | Global Senior Advisor on Indigenous Peoples' Right and Development, Ecuador

PANEL PRESENTATION

Dream. Build. Lead: Stories of Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship

- **LeLarnie Hatfield** | Nullu Badi Ngudyubay Academy, CQID, Australia
- **Speakers from Canada, USA, Chile (TBA)**

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK 2:30

Breathwork Exercise

- **Cody Gonsalves** | Founder & Head Coach, Purposeful Movements, Canada

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

From Humble Beginnings to the World Stage: A Journey Through Story and Song

- **William Prince** | Singer-Songwriter, Canada

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Closing Remarks

- Masters of Ceremony

Closing Prayer

- **Dr. Margaret Lavallee** | Elder, Sagkeeng First Nation, Canada

ADJOURNMENT 4:30PM