



World Indigenous Business Forum

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RBC CONVENTION CENTRE
WINNIPEG, CANADA

INDIGENOUS
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

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OCT**

MONDAY

REGISTRATION 11:00AM-4:00PM

Carlton Concourse | RBC Convention Centre

WELCOME RECEPTION 6:30PM-9:30PM

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Hosted by Winnipeg Economic Development and Tourism.

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TUESDAY

DOORS OPEN 8AM

FORUM DAY ONE

9AM

Ozhaawashko-Giizhig | RBC Convention Centre

OPENING REMARKS

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

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

Introductions - Masters of Ceremony

- **Rob Campbell** | National Director, Indigenous Services, MNP, Canada
- **Jessica Dumas** | Professional Speaker, Coach, Emcee, Canada

WIBF Ambassador Acknowledgements

- **Rachel Peters** | Founder & CEO, Rise, New Zealand
- **Chief Robert Louie** | Chief, Westbank First Nation, Canada
- **Hans Bokelund** | Associate Deputy Secretary, Aboriginal Economic Development, Victoria State Government, Australia
- **Andrés Antivil Álvarez** | President, Indigenous Enterprises Foundation, Chile
- **Nick Jardine** | Brisbane, Australia

Welcome Remarks

- **Hon. Ian Bushie** | Minister of Natural Resources and Indigenous Futures, Province of Manitoba, Canada
- **Grand Chief Kyra Wilson** | Grand Chief, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, 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, B.C.
- **Don Ross** | CEO, George Gordon Developments Ltd, Saskatchewan
- **Jaimie Lickers** | Senior Vice President, Indigenous Markets, CIBC, Ontario
- **Shaun Soonias** | Vice President, Indigenous Relations, FCC, Saskatchewan
- **Chief Gordon Bluesky** | Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manitoba

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 Peters** | Founder & CEO, Rise Global, New Zealand
- **Kristal Kinsela** | Owner & Director, Kristal Kinsela Consulting, Australia
- **Michelle Cameron** | CEO, Dreamcatcher Promotions, Canada
- **Nicola May Shirley** | Director, Ujima Natural Limited and Source Farm CDI, Jamaica
- **Alejandra Jélvez Oyarzún** | Strategic Manager, Cervecería Cumbres del Rancho, Chile

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

WIBF 2026 GALA PRESENTED BY DREAMCATCHER PROMOTIONS

6:00PM-12:00AM

Not included with WIBF registration. Separate ticket required — please reach out for the ticket link.

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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** | Co-Founder, Tansi Solutions, Canada
- **Holly Spence** | President & CEO, Indigenous Tourism Manitoba, Canada
- **Lisa Meeches** | Executive Director, Manito Ahbee Festival, Canada
- **Christine Bell** | General Manager, Wyndham Garden Winnipeg Airport, Canada

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

Presented by: International Intertribal Trade and Investment Organization (IITIO)

- **Moderator: Wayne Garnons-Williams, LL.B.** | CEO, National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation of Canada, Canada
- **Dr. James Collard, Ph.D., CITP** | Founder, Collard and Associate Trade Consulting, USA
- **Valerie Devol** | Attorney, Devol & Associates Law Firm, USA
- **Carrie Stoddard-Smith** | Independent Advisor, Indigenous and International Policy Rights and Governance, New Zealand

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
- **Abidas Aliana Ash** | Manager, Columbia River Source Farm, Columbia
- **Monika Bear Robe JD, MBA** | Partner Indigenous Consultant, MNP, LLP - Accounting, Business Consulting and Tax Services, Canada
- **Additional Speaker TBA**

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

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

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

PANEL PRESENTATION

World Indigenous Business Network

WIBF 2027 ANNOUNCEMENT

- Representatives from Host Country

Closing Remarks

- Masters of Ceremony

Closing Prayer

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ADJOURNMENT

4:30PM