World Indigenous Business Forum

OCTOBER 26-28, 2026
RBC CONVENTION CENTRE
WINNIPEG, CANADA

INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE Inc. | WINNIPEG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM

26 OCT — MONDAY

REGISTRATION
11:00AM-4:00PM
Carlton Concourse | RBC Convention Centre

WELCOME RECEPTION
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM
6:30PM-9:30PM
Canadian Museum for Human Rights

27 OCT — 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 Petero** | 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** | WIBF Ambassador, Brisbane, Australia

Welcome Remarks
- **Andrew Carrier** | Chair, Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc., Canada
- **Honourable 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
Red River Métis Indigenous International Trade: Concrete Actions in Advancing Global Trade Relationships
- **President David Chartrand** | President, Manitoba Métis Federation, Canada

MORNING NETWORKING BREAK — 10:20

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
- **Nicola Shirley-Phillips** | Director, Ujima Natural Limited and Source Farm CDI, Jamaica
- **Alejandra Jélvez Oyarzún** | Strategic Manger, Cervecera Cumbres del Ranco, Chile

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
Nation Building Through Economic Leadership: Canadian Best Practices
- **Moderator: Gord Keesic** | Head, PH&N Indigenous Investment Services & Vice President and Institutional Portfolio Manager, Canada
- **Don Ross** | CEO, George Gordon Developments Ltd, Saskatchewan
- **Erin Dupuis** | Vice President & Region Head, Prairies Commercial Banking Team, CIBC, Canada
- **Shaun Soonias** | Vice President, Indigenous Relations, FCC, Saskatchewan
- **Chief Gordon Bluesky** | Chief, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation & Chair, FNFA, Manitoba

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK — 2:30

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

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Rebalance, Restore, Reciprocate: Indigenous Trade Pathways to Intergenerational Prosperity
- **Honourable Nanaia Mahuta** | Honorary Professor, University of Waikato, New Zealand

PANEL PRESENTATION
Trailblazers of Change: Indigenous Leadership Across Business and Education
- **Chris James** | President & CEO, National Center for America Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), USA
- **Jamie Wilson** | Vice-President, Indigenous Strategy and Business Development, Red River College Polytech, Canada

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

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

RECAP & ADJOURNMENT — 4:30PM

NEECHIE NIGHTS — 5:00PM-7:00PM
Saddlery on Market | 114 Market Ave
Separate event - RSVP required.

WIBF 2026 GALA — 6:00PM-12:00AM
RBC Convention Centre | North Building, Main Floor
Not included - Separate ticket required.

28 OCT — 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
Circular Prosperity: A New Model for Indigenous Economic Self-Determination, From Indigenous Assets and Knowledge to Sustainable Economies and Global Impact
- **Luis Felipe Duchicela** | Global Senior Advisor on Indigenous Peoples' Right and Development, Ecuador

YOUTH PANEL PRESENTATION
Dream. Build. Lead: Stories of Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurship
- **Moderator: Zachary Flett** | Founder, IndigiHub, Canada
- **LeLarnie Hatfield** | Nullu Badi Ngudyubay Academy, CQID, Australia
- **Abidas Ash** | Co-Owner, Columbia River Source Farm and Avian Biologist of Environmental Research Institute, University of Belize, Belize
- **Sherika Anderson** | Co-Founder and Lead Operator, RaggaNats Hair Care, Jamaica

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Indigenous Languages: Innovation on Indigenous Terms
- **Peter-Lucas Jones** | CEO, Te Hiku Media, New Zealand

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
The World Indigenous Business Network: Advancing Indigenous Business and Economic Partnerships
- **María Tuyuc** | President, WIBN, Guatemala

AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK — 2:45

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

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
Investing in Indigenous Futures: Leading Embers Indigenous Capital Fund
- **Rosa Walker** | President & CEO, Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc., Founder, World Indigenous Business Forum, & Chair Secretariat, WIBN, Canada

WIBF 2027 ANNOUNCEMENT
- Representatives from Host Country

Closing Remarks
- Masters of Ceremony

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

ADJOURNMENT — 4:30PM

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