

29th Annual National Conference & AGM  
 “Transforming Economic Development in Changing Times”

**June 26-29, 2023**

Membertou, Nova Scotia

<b>Monday, June 26, 2023</b>		
8:30 am - 4:30 pm	<b>Cando Accredited Training</b> ECON 101/102: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics Competency 4: Economics	<i>Kluskap D</i>
12:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>NIEEF Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament &amp; Dinner</b>	<i>The Lakes at Ben Eoin Golf Club</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Trade Show Set Up	<i>Jenu Room</i>
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	
<b>Tuesday, June 27, 2023</b>		
7:00 - 8:00 am	Trade Show / Artisan Set Up	<i>Jenu Room &amp; Main Lobby</i>
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Trade Show & Artisan Show and Sale	<i>Jenu Room &amp; Main Lobby</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> Master of Ceremonies - Stan Wesley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Prayer - Elder Jane Meader, Membertou First Nation</li> <li>• Traditional Welcome - Sons of Membertou Drum Group</li> <li>• Honourable Brian Comer, Minister Responsible for Communications Nova Scotia &amp; Minister Responsible for Youth, Province of Nova Scotia</li> <li>• John Paul, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat</li> <li>• Mayor Amanda McDougall-Merrill, City of Sydney</li> <li>• Danielle Aubin, Sr. Director, Lands &amp; Economic Development, Indigenous Services Canada</li> <li>• Invited Chiefs &amp; Dignitaries</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
9:30 - 10:30 am	Opening Keynote: <b>Mi'kmaq-owned Partnership in Clearwater Seafoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike McIntyre, Membertou</li> <li>• Jenny Morgan, Clearwater Seafoods LP</li> <li>• Darryl McDonald, Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
10:30 - 11:00 am	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Cando Annual General Meeting</b>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Luncheon Keynote <b>Indigenous Green Economy Initiative</b> , Tarra Wright Many Chief, Acosys Consulting Services Inc.	

	<b>Reconnecting Indigenous Economic Development Corporations, Communities and Entrepreneurs with Agriculture and Food in Canada and Beyond</b> , Shaun Soonias and Monica James, Farm Credit Canada	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
1:00 - 2:15 pm	<b>Supporting Indigenous Economic Development and Businesses through Exports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Todd Evans, Export Development Canada</li> <li>Rick Lambe, Baffin (Niqitaq) Fisheries</li> <li>Calvin Butler, Glooscap Seafoods</li> <li>Paul Langdon, Ulnooweg Development Group</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap C</i>
	<b>How to Complete Due Diligence on New Ventures</b> , Tim Keating, Keating Business Strategies Ltd.	<i>Kluskap D</i>
	<b>Indigenous Investment - How Do Managers of Economic Development Corporations Make the Right Decisions?</b> , D'Arcy O'Farrell, Carleton University	<i>Muin Room</i>
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
	<b>Mining Equals Opportunity for Indigenous Communities</b> , Robert Stewart, Professional Geoscientist & Paul Macedo, Cando	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
2:30 - 3:45 pm	<b>Becoming a Champion of Change in Your Community</b> , Jerry Asp & Sonia Molodecky, Global Indigenous Development Trust	<i>Kluskap C</i>
	<b>Tiičma Enterprises' Economic Resilience &amp; Reconciliation Through Collaboration</b> , Gary Wilson, Tiičma Enterprises; Frank Dragon, KCFN Holdings LP; and Kevin Jules, Tiičma Management Services	<i>Kluskap D</i>
	<b>Climate Change Adaptation: Interactive 3D Community Modelling</b> , Barry Stevens, Stevens Solutions & Design Inc.	<i>Muin Room</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Community Tour of Membertou First Nation</b>	
6:00 - 8:30 pm	<b>Icebreaker Reception: Eskasoni Cultural Showcase, Lobster Dinner &amp; Entertainment</b>	<i>Eskasoni First Nation</i>
8:30 pm	Transportation back to hotels	
<b>Wednesday, June 28, 2023</b>		
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Trade Show & Artisan Show and Sale	<i>Jenu Room &amp; Main Lobby</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	<b>Pushing the Envelope for Indigenous Participation in Procurement - The Atlantic Sciences Enterprise Centre Project</b> Moderator - Mark Dokis, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristy Barnaby, Barnaby &amp; Associates</li> <li>Nadine Bernard, Indigevisor Ltd.</li> <li>Stanley Barnaby, Joint Economic Development Initiative</li> <li>Ryan Francis, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency</li> <li>Chris Major, Public Services &amp; Procurement Canada</li> <li>Paul Steward, Pomerleau Construction</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>

9:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Panel</b> sponsored by Starbucks Canada Moderator - Tanya Tourangeau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kianna Bear-Hetherington, St. Mary’s First Nation</li> <li>• Kathleen Doxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames</li> <li>• Justin Langan, Manitoba Métis Federation</li> <li>• Reanna Merasty, Barren Lands First Nation</li> <li>• Macyn Morning Bull, Piikani First Nation</li> <li>• Brayden Omeasoo-Steinhauer, Ermineskin Cree Nation</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Luncheon	
1:00 - 1:45 pm	<b>Indigenous Peoples Economic &amp; Trade Cooperation Arrangement (IPETCA): Empowering Indigenous-led, Government Enabled International Economic Development</b> Moderator - Raymond Wanuch, Cando <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dale LeClair, Indigenous Representative</li> <li>• Kingson Lim, Global Affairs Canada</li> <li>• Francesca Nassif, Global Affairs Canada</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
	<b>Transforming Indigenous Procurement - Results from the 2023 Cando Survey on Indigenous Procurement and Capacity Needs and Introductions to Government Support</b> , Danielle Aubin, Indigenous Services Canada & Ray Wanuch, Cando (Moderators); Irene Henriques, York University; Bob Anderson, University of Regina; Rick Colbourne, Carleton University; Ana Maria Peredo, University of Ottawa; Tim Dymond, Indigenous Services Canada; and Aaron Bower, Public Services & Procurement Canada	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
1:45 - 3:00 pm	<b>Supporting the Power and Potential of Indigenous Women Entrepreneurs</b> , Shannon Pestun, Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc.; Magnolia Perron, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association; Nicole Travers, Ulnooweg Development Group; and Elaine Chambers, dāna Nāye Ventures	<i>Kluskap C</i>
	<b>Renewable Energy Projects Success Stories</b> , Rose Paul, Paqtnkek Mi’kmaw Nation; Jeanette Bear, Maliseet Nation at Tobique; and Kirt Dedam, Mi’gmawei Mawiomi Business Corporation	<i>Kluskap D</i>
	<b>Engraved on Our Nations: Indigenous Economic Tenacity</b> , Dr. Fred Wien, Dalhousie University (Moderator); Christopher Googoo, We’koqma’q First Nation; Mary Doucette, Cape Breton University; David Newhouse, Trent University; and Dr. Wanda Wuttunee, University of Manitoba	<i>Muin Room</i>
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	<b>Frameworks, Strategies, and Lessons Learned in Procurement Early Engagement to Maximize Indigenous Participation and Benefits</b> , John Johnstone, Cando (Moderator); Kristy Barnaby, Barnaby and Associates; Mark Dokis, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association; Tim Dymond and Danielle Aubin, Indigenous Services Canada; Dennis Brunner and Chris Major, Public Services & Procurement Canada	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
	<b>Governance is a Tool Not a Weapon: Learning Useful Skills to Make Boards Work for You</b> , Cora Bunn, Catalyste+ / <b>Corporate Governance</b> , Glenn Fleetwood, BDO Canada LLP	<i>Kluskap C</i>

	<b>How Online Marketing, Video Storytelling and Community Engagement Transformed My Indigenous Business</b> , Mallory Rose, Tribal Trade Co.	<i>Kluskap D</i>
	<b>Access to Capital - Resurrecting Chakastaypasin</b> , Chief Calvin Sanderson, Chakastaypasin Band and David Boisvert & Georgina Villeneuve, Peace Hills Trust	<i>Muin Room</i>
<b>Thursday, June 29, 2023</b>		
7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	
8:00 am - 3:30 pm	Trade Show & Artisan Show and Sale	<i>Jenu Room &amp; Main Lobby</i>
8:30 - 9:30 am	<b>CEDI Panel: Anku'kamkewey - Commitment to First Nation-Municipal Partnership and Collaboration</b>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Economic Developer of the Year Award Presentations</b> <i>Individual EDO Category Sponsored by Joint Economic Development Initiative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Stevens, Millbrook First Nation, NS</li> <li>• Thomas Benjoe, FHQ Developments (File Hill's Qu'Appelle Tribal Council), SK</li> </ul> <i>Indigenous Private Sector Business Category Sponsored by Acosys Consulting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bayside Development Corporation, NS</li> <li>• IRP Consulting, YT</li> </ul> <i>Community Category Sponsored by ESS Compass Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norway House Cree Nation, MB</li> <li>• Red Rock Indian Band, ON</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
10:15 - 10:45 am	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Luncheon <i>ED of the Year Award Voting - Registration Desk</i>	
1:00 - 2:15 pm	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Business Panel</b> sponsored by Peace Hills Trust Moderator: Magnolia Perron, National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenna White, Jenna Nut Free Dessertery</li> <li>• Michelle Cameron, Dreamcatcher Promotions</li> <li>• Natasha Peter, Kaska Dena Designs</li> <li>• Sabrina Siquin Bear, Party Bear Rentals</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
2:15 - 3:00 pm	Plenary Session <b>Economic Growth and Sustainment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose Paul, Bayside Development Corporation</li> <li>• Mike McIntyre, Membertou</li> <li>• Michael Peters, Glooscap Ventures</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Coffee Break in the Trade Show Area	
3:15 - 4:30 pm	<b>Cybersecurity Within the Indigital Revolution</b> , Leon Morris, Joint Economic Development Initiative Inc. / Ki'tpu Cybersecurity & Technology Services	<i>Kluskap C</i>
	<b>Economic Development Corporations, Strategic Partnerships &amp; Joint Ventures: Structuring, Governance, Taxation and Sovereign Wealth</b>	<i>Kluskap D</i>

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	<b>Planning</b> , Gary Kissack & Brian Gosse, Fogler, Rubinoff LLP and Leonard Rickard, Siksika Group of Companies	
	<b>Implementing Innovation: Indigenous Homes Innovation Initiative - Abegweit Success Story</b> , Ray Wanuch, Cando; Bethany Knockwood and Tyler Gould, Abegweit First Nation	<i>Muin Room</i>
6:30 - 7:00 pm	<b>President's Reception</b>	<i>Main Level Lobby</i>
7:00 - 9:30 pm	<b>President's Dinner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Opening Prayer - Elder Jane Meader, Membertou First Nation</li> <li>▪ Presentation of Cando Certified Aboriginal Economic Developer Process Certificates</li> <li>▪ New Accredited Institution Presentation - Simon Fraser University</li> <li>▪ Rise Up Fashion Show - Tracy Toulouse &amp; Swirling Wind Design</li> <li>▪ Economic Developer of the Year Award Presentations</li> <li>▪ 2024 Conference Announcement / Conference Closing</li> </ul>	<i>Kluskap AB</i>
9:30 pm - 12:00 am	<b>President's Dance</b> DJ Dwayne Ward	<i>Kluskap AB</i>

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