



4TH NATIONAL CLIMATE GATHERING

*Strengthening First Nations Climate Leadership:
Braiding Relationships, Knowledge Systems,
and Inherent Responsibilities*

October 5 – 8, 2026 • Hamilton Convention Centre • Hamilton, Ontario

YOUTH GATHERING AGENDA

Monday, October 5, 2026 <i>Albion B/C, Hamilton Convention Center, Level 2</i>	
Time	Activity
8:00 a.m.	Hot Breakfast Provided
9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer & Ceremonies Opening Prayer: Knowledge Keeper Valarie King, <i>Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation</i>
9:15 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, & Overview of the Day - AFN National Youth Council: Hanna Sewell, Co-Chair, and Isaiah Bernard, Nova Scotia Region - Icebreaker
9:45 a.m.	Panel: Setting the Context – Hearing from First Nations Youth Moderator: <i>Hanna Sewell, AFN NYC Co-Chair</i> Panelists: - Nikita Sawrenko-Bailey, <i>Environment Portfolio Holder, AFN NYC, Yukon Region</i> - Tejana Buffalo, <i>Executive Member, AFN NYC, Saskatchewan Region</i> - Holly LaForme, <i>Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation</i> - Carissa Waugh, <i>Reconnection Vision</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break (15 minutes)
11:00 a.m.	Roundtable Introductions & Facilitated Discussion Part I Introduction to Facilitated Discussion: Identifying Resource Gaps in Youth Climate Action
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Provided - Climate Gathering Agenda Walkthrough
1:00 p.m.	Part II - Facilitated Workshop - Creating a “How to Action Climate Initiatives” Guide: Connection to Grants and Resources - Report Back



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2:45 p.m.	Break (15 minutes)
3:00 p.m.	Facilitated Mentorship Networking Session: Increasing Youth Capacity • Leadership - Youth Grand Chief Jade Mukash, <i>Cree Nation Youth Council</i> • Policy - Sunshine Dunstan-Moore, <i>Indigenous Climate Action</i> • Campaigning - Janelle Lapointe, <i>David Suzuki Foundation</i> • Professional Development – Magena Warrior, <i>Assembly of First Nations</i> • Academic and Research - Amber Skye, <i>Six Nations Polytechnic</i> • International Advocacy - Bandana Rana, <i>National Indigenous Women's Federation (NIWF) Nepal</i>
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn