



AFN Education Forum: Reigniting the Flames of our Ancestors

February 19 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

February 20 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, February 19 th , 2025		
Frontenac Ballroom		
Time	Location	Activity
9:00 am	Plenary (Frontenac Ballroom)	<p>Master of Ceremonies Welcome Véronik Picard, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Youth Council (NYC) Co-Chair</p> <p>Drum Group All Nations Singers</p> <p>Prayer Elder Steven Winterhawk Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation</p> <p>Host Nation - Ogimaa Kwe Claire Sault Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation</p> <p>AFN National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</p> <p>AFN Saskatchewan Regional Chief Bobby Cameron</p>
9:45 am	Plenary	<p>Truth and Reconciliation: What We Inherited and Building a Long-Term Relationship Keynote: Cadmus Delorme, OneHoop</p>
10:45 am	Plenary	Break
11:00 am	Plenary	<p>AFN Presentation: National K-12 Transformation Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renee St. Germain, A/Senior Director of the AFN Social Branch Dakota Edwards, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN Languages and Learning
12:00 pm	Plenary	Lunch

Please visit afn.ca for more information



AFN Education Forum: Reigniting the Flames of our Ancestors

February 19 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

February 20 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, February 19 th , 2025		
Frontenac Ballroom		
Time	Location	Activity
1:00 pm		Workshops
	Plenary	A1 - National Update on Jordan's Principle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Goodman, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN Social Development and Jessica Quinn, Special Advisor, AFN Social Development
	Pier 2/3	A2 - Transforming Education through Implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thane Bonar, and Connor Morris, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC)
	Queens Quay 1	A3 - A Healing Journey to Becoming a Trauma-Informed First Nation School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Randy Constant and Pauline McKay, East Central First Nation Education Authority
	Queens Quay 2	A4 - Taking Stock and Paving the Way Forward to Support First Nations K-12 Education Success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Campbell, Director General, Education Branch, ISC Jonathan Allen, Senior Director, Education Programs, ISC Thirza Boychuk, Senior Director, Education Policy, ISC Stephanie O'Brien, Director, Regional Partnerships, ISC Shelly Blizzard Jones, Deputy Director, Education Results, ISC
2:15 pm	Plenary	Break
2:30 pm		Workshops
	Plenary	B1 – Manitoba First Nation School System (MFNSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Cochrane, Executive Director, MFNERC Charisse Cyr, Inclusive Education Coordinator, MFNSS Curtis Nepinak, Assistant Director of Instructional Services, MFNSS
	Pier 2/3	B2 - Bridging Indigenous and Western STEM Education Through Collaboration and Relationship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy Webster, Let's Talk Science Simon Brascoupe, First Nations Education Administrators Association (FNEAA)
	Queens Quay 1	B3 - Negotiations Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khrystyna Orobets, MNP

Please visit afn.ca for more information



AFN Education Forum: Reigniting the Flames of our Ancestors

February 19 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

February 20 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Frontenac Ballroom

Time	Location	Activity
3:45 pm	Plenary	Door Prizes
4:00 pm	Plenary	MC Recap End of Day 1

Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Frontenac Ballroom

Time	Location	Activity
9:00 am	Plenary	Opening MC: Véronik Picard, AFN-NYC Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of Day 1 Overview of Day 2 Agenda
9:30 am	Plenary	Panel: The Future of First Nations Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panelists TBC
10:30 am	Plenary	Break
10:45 am		Workshops
	Plenary	C1 - Land-based education - Learning from the past <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liza McLaughlin and Cheryl Tenasco-Whiteduck, First Nations Education Council (FNEC)
	Pier 2/3	C2 - Charting the Path: FNTI's 40 Year Journey to Recognition and Innovation in Indigenous Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne Brant, FNTI (formerly, First Nations Technical Institute)
	Queens Quay 1	C3 - PSE Institutions Research: Medow Consulting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon Medow, Medow Consulting
12:00 pm	Plenary	Lunch

Please visit afn.ca for more information



AFN Education Forum: Reigniting the Flames of our Ancestors

February 19 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

February 20 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON

Provisional Agenda

Thursday, February 20th, 2025

Frontenac Ballroom

Time	Location	Activity
1:00 pm		Workshops
	Plenary	D1 - What does it cost to deliver adult education in First Nations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helaina Gaspard, and • Mostafa Askari, The Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD)
	Pier 2/3	D2 - Lac Seul's Land-Based Curriculum for K-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Davis and Kristin Ward, Lac Seul First Nation
	Queens Quay 1	D3 - Advancing Indigenous Higher Education and Training Through Accreditation and Credentials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Roy and Sue Eckenswiller, The Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC)
2:15 pm	Plenary	Break
2:30 pm		Workshops
	Plenary	E1 - The Roots of Preschool Education in First Nations Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne-Marie Angers and Liza Mclaughlin, First Nations Education Council (FNEC)
	Pier 2/3	E2 - Taking Stock and Paving the Way Forward to Support First Nations K-12 Education Success (Repeat) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
	Queens Quay 2	E3 - Ensure 90% of your children read at-grade level by Grade 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarrett Laughlin, Founder and CEO, Sprig Learning
3:45 pm	Plenary	Door Prizes
3:55 pm	Plenary	MC Closes Closing Prayer Elder Steven Winterhawk Laforme Drum Group All Nations Singers

Please visit afn.ca for more information



AFN Education Forum: *Reigniting the Flames of our Ancestors*

February 19 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

February 20 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, 2025

The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON

Provisional Agenda

Presentation List:

- **A Healing Journey to Becoming a Trauma-Informed First Nation School**
Randy Constant and Pauline McKay, East Central First Nation Education Authority
- **Transforming Education through Implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**
Thane Bonar and Connor Morris, First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC)
- **Bridging Indigenous and Western STEM Education Through Collaboration and Relationship**
Tammy Webster, Let's Talk Science and Simon Brascoupe, First Nations Education Administrators Association (FNEAA)
- **Charting the Path: FNTI's 40 Year Journey to Recognition and Innovation in Indigenous Education**
Suzanne Brant, FNTI
- **Lac Seul's Land-Based Curriculum for K-8**
Sylvia Davis and Kristin Ward, Lac Seul First Nation
- **Land-based education - Learning from the past**
Liza McLaughlin and Cheryl Tenasco-Whiteduck, First Nations Education Council (FNEC)
- **The Roots of Preschool Education in First Nations Communities**
Anne-Marie Angers and Liza McLaughlin, First Nations Education Council (FNEC)
- **What does it cost to deliver adult education in First Nations?**
Helaina Gaspard and Mostafa Askari, The Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD)
- **Negotiations Skills**
Khrystyna Orobets, MNP
- **National Update on Jordan's Principle**
Jessica Goodman and Jessica Quinn, AFN Social Branch
- **Advancing Indigenous Higher Education and Training Through Accreditation and Credentials**
Stephanie Roy and Sue Eckenswiller, The Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC)
- **Indigenous teacher education program (Immersion Teacher Education Program)**
Dr. Marilyn Shirt and Dr. Kevin Lewis, University of Blue Quills
- **Taking Stock and Paving the Way Forward to Support First Nations K-12 Education Success (Repeat)**
Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
- **Ensure 90% of your children read at-grade level by Grade 3**
Jarrett Laughlin, Founder and CEO, Sprig Learning
- **Manitoba First Nation School System (MFNSS)**
Charles Cochrane, Executive Director, MFNERC
Charisse Cyr, Inclusive Education Coordinator, MFNSS
Curtis Nepinak, Assistant Director of Instructional Services, MFNSS

Please visit afn.ca for more information