



# AFN 3<sup>rd</sup> National Climate Gathering

Catalyzing First Nations Climate and Conservation Leadership for Transformative Change





October 7-10, 2024 | Calgary TELUS Convention Centre, Calgary, Alberta

## GATHERING AGENDA

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 3<sup>rd</sup> National Climate Gathering, *Catalyzing First Nations Climate and Conservation Leadership for Transformative Change* will bring together First Nations experts, leadership, youth, women, Knowledge Keepers, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and other professionals from coast to coast to coast, to work on the most urgent issues of our time – the climate crisis. It will offer an opportunity to explore solutions that First Nations are advancing in the face of rapid change at the local, regional, national and international levels. For First Nations, a healthy environment connects to everything – our health, well-being, cultures, languages, water, food security and housing, among other things.

### Monday, October 7, 2024

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Time	Activity	
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Gathering Registration	Exhibition Hall Foyer
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Sponsored by: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 20px;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>IBC</b>  <small>Insurance Bureau of Canada</small> </div>  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>CLIMATE PROOF</b>  <small>CANADA</small> </div> </div>	Exhibition Hall Foyer

### Day 1 – Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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Time	Activity	
7:30 a.m.	Gathering Registration	Exhibition Hall Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast	Exhibition Hall C
<b>8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trade Show in Exhibition Hall D</b>		
9:00 a.m.	<b>Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming Remarks</b> Gathering Co-Chairs: Wina Sioui and Lowa Beebe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eya-Hey Nakota</li> <li>• Elder Alex Crowchild, Tsuut’ina Nation</li> <li>• Welcome from Tsuut’ina Nation Xàkújághá (Minor Chief) Steven Crowchild</li> </ul>	Exhibition Hall E
9:30 a.m.	<b>Setting the Context for the Gathering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak</li> <li>• Regional Chief Kluane Adamek, Yukon, Environment, Climate Action, and Water Portfolio Holder</li> </ul>	
10:00 a.m.	Health Break	Exhibition Hall D
10:15 a.m.	<b>Knowledge Keeper’s Circle</b> <i>Moderated by Lowa Beebe</i> <i>Panelists: Elder Francois Paulette; Elder Dr. Gwen Point; Elder Lorraine Netro; Elder Verna McGregor.</i>	Exhibition Hall E
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Exhibition Hall C



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1:00 p.m.	<b>Introduction to First Nations Climate Lens and Concurrent Sessions</b>	Exhibition Hall E
1:15 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions #1 – #10</b>	
Session #1:	<p><b>Implementing a Just Transition: Indigenous-led Pathways Toward Equitable Solutions</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Melina Laboucan-Massimo, Sacred Earth Solar; Serena Mendizabal, Sacred Earth Solar; Jayce Chiblow, Indigenous Climate Action.</i></p> <p>The session will focus on introducing Sacred Earth Solar and Indigenous Climate Action's newly published 'Just Transition Guide,' made in collaboration with Power to the People and the David Suzuki Foundation. Our Just Transition Guide is an offering and resource for Indigenous Peoples and all who are looking for pathways to implement an equitable transition. The discussion will focus on key discourse and critiques around the transition, valuable success stories, technical project implementation information, and real-life examples of communities leading the transition. These solutions-centric conversations will inspire others to take climate action, be critical of false solutions, and implement a just transition.</p>	Exhibition Hall E (Plenary)
Session #2:	<p><b>Closing the Infrastructure Gap: Climate Risks and Adaptation Needs</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Matthew George, Assembly of First Nations; Owen James, Associated Engineering; Craig MacDonald, Associated Engineering; Makenzie MacKay, Associated Engineering.</i></p> <p>This 2-hour working session will describe the climate change risk and adaptation information that was included for every single First Nation in the CTIG2030 report. It will show how individual Nations could use this information to inform their own climate risk, vulnerability and adaptation programs. The session will be delivered as a workshop that leads participants through using the CTIG information, weaving it together with traditional knowledge and local observations towards the development of a climate adaptation plan for their Nation.</p>	Macleod Hall D
Session #3:	<p><b>Nature-Based Solutions, Natural Climate Solutions, Carbon Offsets, or First Nation Responsibility and Self-Determination?</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Patricia Nash, Apoqnamatmu'k (Working Together for the Earth), UINR; John Frank Marshall, UINR; Morgan Denny, UINR.</i></p> <p>Join Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources staff to learn about three innovative climate change initiatives: a nature-based solutions strategic plan, Sespite'tmnej Kmitknu Land Conservancy, and a biocultural approach to connectivity. Following the presentations, an open question-and-answer period will take place.</p>	Macleod Hall A



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Session #4:	<p><b>First Nations Leadership in Marine Conservation: Knowledge-Sharing, Capacity-Building, and Pathways Forward</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Magena Warrior, Assembly of First Nations; Wanli Ou, Assembly of First Nations; Pamela Perreault, Firelight Group; Nisha Luken, Firelight Group.</i></p> <p>This session, divided into two parts, delves into the process, challenges, and future pathways for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) in coastal and marine environments (marine IPCAs) to strengthen First Nations' leadership in marine conservation and climate action. The first part provides an overview of the current state of marine IPCAs, to discuss ways to enhance First Nations leadership in marine conservation by sharing their stories, knowledge, and solutions to support a resilient future. The second part adopts a workshop-style approach, focusing on addressing capacity by discussing capacity-building needs, gaps, and strategies. This segment will inform the development of capacity-building tools such as a Marine IPCA Toolkit, communication materials, and national and regional advocacy efforts to support First Nations in advancing their marine conservation and climate action initiatives. Sharing experiences and determining strategies for pathways forward in conservation is critical to ensuring that climate-related solutions are effective and socially just, protecting Mother Earth, and promoting healthy, resilient communities.</p>	Macleod Hall B
Session #5:	<p><b>A Holistic Approach to Addressing the Climate Crisis: One Health</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Keji Banjoko, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation – Dene Lands and Resource Management; Dr. Angele Alook, York University School of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies; Dr. Sean Hillier, York University School of Health and Policy Management and Special Advisor to the Dean on Indigenous Resurgence.</i></p> <p>As we face the climate crisis and a warming planet, we are beginning to see more negative impacts on health. In addition to increased risk for illness and death from things like extreme heat and poor air quality, there is also a risk of physical safety as the frequency and severity of natural events (i.e. floods, wildfires, droughts, storms, etc.) continue to worsen. However, health could not only be looked at from a human-centric perspective, as the climate emergency threatens All Our Relations (living and non-living). This way of thinking is known as One Health – a collaborative and transdisciplinary approach that recognizes the interconnection between people, animals, plants and their shared environment, drawing heavily on teachings from Indigenous knowledge systems. This workshop will use a case study approach to guide a facilitated discussion on the impacts of the climate crisis on Indigenous Peoples and communities, specifically highlighting the interconnections of false solutions and health.</p>	Macleod Hall C



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Session #6:	<p><b>Gnaaji-wiinge: Anishnaabeg Life Path Board Game</b>  <i>Presenters: Hillary McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation; Sterling McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation; Tia Kennedy, Oneida of the Thames and Walpole Island First Nation; Dionovan Grosback, Chippewa of the Thames First Nation.</i></p> <p>To support Indigenous children in learning their language and cultural teachings, we created the Gnaaji-wiinge: Anishnaabeg Life Path resource, a board game in Anishnaabemowin based on the Anishnaabeg Life Path teachings. We consulted with and applied feedback from Anishnaabeg Elders, youth, and traditional Knowledge Keepers to develop the game. We also organized and delivered introductory learn-to-play sessions with the Gnaaji-wiinge board game for Indigenous children in both Whitefish River First Nation and Toronto, Canada. Unlike typical North American board games, which value competition and the accumulation of wealth, this game requires players to collaborate and use knowledge and skills as currency. According to Anishnaabeg Life Path teachings, over the course of your life, you travel through the various stages of the medicine wheel. This concept is reflected in the game as players travel across the medicine wheel, completing tasks that promote personal growth and community-building. The game was effective at teaching children everyday Anishnaabemowin vocabulary as well as culturally important words relating to the Anishnaabeg clans, the stages of the Life Path teachings, and elements of the spirit world. Through the regular use of Anishnaabemowin during play, we were able to utilize the game as an effective tool for sharing Anishnaabeg teachings and culture with the youth participants.</p>	Glen Room 201-202
Session #7:	<b>Session Withdrawn</b>	
Session #8:	<p><b>Weaving First Nations' Knowledges in Climate Resilience-Building</b>  <i>Presenters: Kerra Chomlak, ClimateWest; Al Douglas, Climate Risk Institute; Mike Jacobs, Cambium Indigenous Professional Services.</i></p> <p>ClimateWest, the Climate Risk Institute (CRI), and Cambium Indigenous Professional Services (CIPS), alongside other First Nation organizations, will deliver a 2-hour workshop session on weaving First Nations' knowledges in climate resilience-building. The session will be hosted and facilitated by Kerra Chomlak, Executive Director, ClimateWest and Al Douglas, President, Climate Risk Institute, with a presentation by Mike Jacobs, Chief Executive Officer, Cambium Indigenous Professional Services.</p>	Glen Room 206



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Session #9:	<p><b>Advancing First Nations Climate Leadership: Lessons Learned and Future Opportunities</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dylan McMahon, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada; Ben Linaker, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada; Kristi Denby, BC Assembly of First Nations; Lori Worm, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations; Graeme Reed, Assembly of First Nations; Andreeanne Ferland, IDDPNQL Mel White, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>Over the last two (2) years, the Government of Canada has been working with First Nation governments and representative organizations to develop and advance a First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda as a cornerstone of Canada’s climate policy. The process, while still ongoing, demonstrates a new approach to climate policy development, based upon strong partnerships with First Nations and the Government of Canada. This session will begin with an overview of the First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda process, highlighting the approach to partnering with First Nations. It will then transition to First Nations representatives sharing more about their regional processes, the results that have emerged, and their experiences working with the Government of Canada on this initiative. Following these short overview presentations, a panel discussion will be facilitated to further elaborate on lessons and recommendations for implementing a First Nations Climate Leadership Agenda. The session will close with an open question-and-answer period.</p>	Glen Room 209
Session #10:	<p><b>Nadlii – The Rebirth of First Nation Rights and the Balancing of Power through AI Technologies</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dana Tizya-Tramm, former Chief Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.</i></p> <p>This session will explore First Nation-led AI systems and their applications to revolutionize knowledge systems, languages, cultures, spiritualities, jurisdiction, Inherent right to self-determination, re-assertions of jurisdiction, capacity, governance, strategies, self-sufficiency, prevention, mitigation, emergency response, and the empowerment of First Nations and First Nation rights as Climate Action.</p>	Macleod Hall E1
3:15 p.m.	Health Break	Exhibition Hall D and Macleod Foyer



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3:30 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions #11 – #20</b>	
Session #11:	<p><b>From Reconnecting to Protecting the Land: Experiences from Land Guardians at Laval University</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenter(s): Marie-Philippe Ménard, Université; Jean-Simon Gagné-Nepton, Étudiant en droit; Lydia Mestokosho-Paradis, Agente culturelle innue; Caroline Morais, Cheffe des gardiens du Wolastokuk; Prof. Caroline Desbiens, Université Laval.</i></p> <p>This session is an opportunity to present how the Land Guardian Certificate at Laval University is contributing to strengthening the capacity of First Nation members in Quebec in areas of climate action and conservation. It discusses the importance of providing safe spaces for the empowerment of Land Guardians in their ancestral role. By encouraging the exchange of experiences and testimonials from graduating Guardians, this session aims to inspire and encourage climate action that respects First Nations expertise, cultures and Lands. It will also highlight the importance of First Nations working together as a network to make a more significant impact on environmental protection, while supporting First Nations' self-determination.</p>	Exhibition Hall E (Plenary)
Session #12:	<p><b>Yukon Youth-led Social Transformation and Advocacy – Stories from the Reconnection Vision and To Swim and Speak with Salmon</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Jennifer Mierau; Carissa Waugh; Kadrienne Hummel; Joelle Charlie; Zakayla Netro, Jocelyn Joe-Strack.</i></p> <p>The Reconnection Vision (RV) is the Yukon First Nation's (YFN) unified approach to climate action. Developed by 13 YFN youth from 2021-2023, the RV is a societal transformation guide and toolkit that sees all people living as whole people and in good relation with ourselves, each other and the Land. The youth, now Reconnection Ambassadors, are working to begin implementation, where we aim to shift our processes of working and learning to reflect the 10 Reconnection Seeds. Currently, we are focused on establishing a sustainable governance and organizational structure, sharing the RV broadly, and supporting Yukon youth and our YFN self-governments. Check out our digital storytelling website at <a href="http://www.reconnection.vision">www.reconnection.vision</a></p>	Macleod Hall D



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Session #13:	<p><b>Climate Risk Assessment, Resilience and Decision-Making for First Nations Infrastructure and Natural Assets</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Ian Mauro, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions; Christey Allen, Prairie Climate Centre; Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson), Prairie Climate Centre; Matthew Loxley, Prairie Climate Centre; Elmer Lickers, Ontario First Nations Technical Services Centre; Frank Brown; Carolyn Smeltzer, Swampy Cree Tribal Council; Sasha Young, Swampy Cree Tribal Council; Dr. Elvis Asong, Climalogik Inc.; Darren Swanson, Novel Futures Corporation.</i></p> <p>This workshop provides a hands-on introduction to the topic of climate change risk assessment, resilience and decision-making for First Nations infrastructure and natural assets. It features approaches and tools being developed by the Prairie Climate Centre, the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions and First Nations partners. The experience of participatory climate change risk assessments on buildings and natural assets conducted in eight (8) First Nation communities in west-central and northern Manitoba will also be shared by the Swampy Cree Tribal Council, along with a short practical exercise on participatory climate risk assessment.</p>	<b>Macleod Hall A</b>
Session #14:	<p><b>Indigenous-led Conservation and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas</b></p> <p><i>Presenter(s): Lisa Young, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources; Melissa Labrador, Pemsik Mawa'tasikl Ankotmu'kl; Matthew Munson, Dena Tha' First Nation; Terry Dorward, Iisaak Olam Foundation; Eli Enns, Iisaak Olam Foundation.</i></p> <p>Engaging two-part session dedicated to exploring Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) examples across Canada and current trends. Participants will hear firsthand accounts from Indigenous leaders about their community's conservation story. The session includes presentations on the creation and impact of IPCAs followed by interactive group discussions to allow participants to delve deeper, engage with panelists and explore their own needs.</p>	<b>Macleod Hall B</b>
Session #15:	<p><b>Strategizing Against Environmental Racism and Towards Environmental Justice and a Right to a Healthy Environment</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Janelle Lapointe, climate justice and Indigenous rights organizer from Stellat'en First Nation; Jordan Stranger, an artist from Peguis First Nation; Lynn Konwaia'tanon:we's Jacobs, Indigenous Leadership Initiative and PhD candidate, McGill University; Waba Moko Ikwe, Anishnabe Moose Research Committee; Breanne Lavallee-Heckert, Author, author La nature de l'injustice chapter on decolonizing climate policy in Canada and Quebec; Justin "C.J." Smith-White, Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Beze Gray, youth advocate from Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Lori Fryzuk, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Rebecca Dixon, Health Canada. Moderated by: Dr. Sabaa Khan, David Suzuki Foundation; Andrea Lesperance, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p>	<b>Macleod Hall C</b>



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	Panelists will discuss community experiences, initiatives, programs, laws and other legal instruments that confront and strategize against environmental racism and its impacts. We will consider how the federal Right to a Healthy Environment Implementation Framework and Environmental Justice Strategy relate to (or complements) UNDRIP/Indigenous rights. We will also discuss to what extent recent federal legal reform will compel government entities to consider and address equity concerns in climate mitigation and adaptation efforts, including public health, cumulative impacts, social costs and welfare impacts.	
Session #16:	<p><b>First Nations, Climate Change and Carbon Governance</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dr. Deborah McGregor, University of Calgary; Lillian Trapper, Chiefs of Ontario; Patricia Rojas-Caro, British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (virtual).</i></p> <p>Carbon management has been the focus of climate action at the global, national, regional and local levels around the world in recent years. Indigenous Peoples are often excluded from the global carbon governance, yet their lands are expected to remain “carbon sinks”. In Canada, First Nations continue to define how they want to govern and make decisions within their territory. The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and British Columbia Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) have taken steps to assert authority and jurisdiction over carbon in their territories. COO and BCAFN have sought to codify their rights and responsibilities in the carbon landscape through the development of discussion papers intended to support First Nations capacity and awareness in this space. This presentation will share insights on how and why it is important for First Nations to assume responsibility as carbon managers in their own communities. How can First Nations continue to care for, restore, conserve and protect their territories in light of external pressures to profit from the carbon stored in these territories? How can First Nations respond to the demands placed on them to use their lands for purposes that may not benefit them? We will share insights from the Cree Nation for how First Nations may wish to evaluate and assess their potential participation in the carbon economy.</p>	Glen Room 201-202
Session #17:	<p><b>Climate Resilience – Emergency Management and Additions to Reserve</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Nathan Polard-Yopek, Assembly of First Nations; Jason Clark, Chair of ClimateProof Canada; Judy Wilson (Red Hummingbird Woman); Natalie Dube, Assembly of First Nations; Federal officials from Indigenous Services Canada and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs.</i></p> <p>This session will discuss how to drive forward transformational policy change as it relates to two key policy areas. This 2-hour session will discuss the Additions to Reserve (ATR) policy and the Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP). Attendees will be able to learn more about navigating working with the federal government and other partners to improve their climate resilience in a way that focuses on incorporating, upholding, and respecting Indigenous Laws and empowering First Nations self-determination for climate resilience. Participants will be able to ask questions about the ATR and EMAP as it relates to climate disasters and gain important perspectives on the future of multilateral emergency management agreements, and the path forward from proposal-based programming.</p>	Glen Room 203-204





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Session #18:	<p><b>Ma'nsstaam (Lodgepole Pine) Project: Reclaiming Access through Biocultural Relationships of Blackfoot Keystone Species</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Ira Provost, Piikani Consultation and Traditional Knowledge Services.</i></p> <p>This presentation will discuss the biocultural relationship between the Blackfoot Keystone Species and the Piikani (Blackfoot) Nation. For decades, arbitrarily created laws and restrictions have kept the Piikani people from readily and freely accessing plants and animals through harvesting that have helped sustain their culture and heritage since time immemorial. Piikani people, time and time again, have shown their desire, care and duty to steward their Lands and have done so based upon their own sacred and natural law. The study of the relationship between the Piikani culture and their own defined cultural keystone species will definitively show how critical environmental conservation and adaptation must be led by the Indigenous community themselves.</p>	Glen Room 206
Session #19:	<p><b>L'nu Energy Sovereignty</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Drew Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation.</i></p> <p>This presentation will discuss Lennox Island First Nation's efforts to become the largest Independent Power Producer in Prince Edward Island. Lennox Island is advancing a number of major energy projects, including an 18MW wind farm (with further plans to expand up to 45MW), a 37MW solar farm, an Oil to Heat Pump Program to convert all on-reserve homes to electric heat, lobster vessel electrification project, and a net-zero greenhouse project in which we hope to install agrivoltaics. Combined, we hope to create a net-positive microgrid owned and operated by a non-profit utility on reserve in the future to achieve true energy sovereignty. Drew will share more about these projects and the overall vision of the work on Lennox Island.</p>	Glen Room 209
Session #20:	<p><b>Developing a First Nations Climate Action Toolkit</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Nikita Kahpeaysewat, Assembly of First Nations; Dr. Graeme Reed, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>Since the release of the National Climate Strategy in October of 2023, the AFN has begun Phase II of the Strategy; the implementation phase. The First Nations Climate Lens was the conceptual foundation of the Strategy, developed collaboratively with First Nations Knowledge Keepers, technicians, men, women, and youth from coast-to-coast-to-coast. The Strategy, and the Climate Lens, attempted to refocus on what climate action looks like from a First Nations perspective. This workshop will explore the development of a national toolkit to support First Nations in applying the lessons in their climate-related work, territories and negotiations.</p>	Macleod Hall E1
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn for Day 1	



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8:00 a.m.	Gathering Registration	Exhibition Hall Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Hot Breakfast	Exhibition Hall C
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trade Show in Exhibition Hall D		
9:00 a.m.	Recap of Day 1 – Overview of Day 2 • Gathering Co-Chairs	Exhibition Hall E
9:05 a.m.	Catalyzing Climate and Conservation Leadership <i>Moderator: Mel White, Assembly of First Nations</i> <i>Panelists: Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson), Aluu'taa; Marie-Philippe Menard, First Nations of Quebec and Labrador; Api'soomaahka/William Singer III; Chairperson Khelsilem, Squamish Nation.</i>	
10:15 a.m.	Health Break	Exhibition Hall D
10:45 a.m.	Sharing Examples of First Nations Climate and Conservation Solutions <i>Moderator: Janna Wale, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions</i> <i>Panelists: Melina Laboucan-Massimo, Sacred Earth Solar; Jocelyn Joe-Strack, Reconnection Vision; Shelley Cardinal, Canadian Red Cross; Regional Chief Andrea Paul, Nova Scotia Assembly of First Nations.</i>	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Provided	Exhibition Hall C
1:00 p.m.	Introduction to Concurrent Sessions	Exhibition Hall E
1:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions #21 – #30	
Session #21:	Uplifting the Voices of First Nations Youth – Lessons from the Youth Gathering <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i> <i>Presenters: Participants from the Youth Gathering.</i> On Monday, October 7, the National Youth Council hosted a Youth Gathering to create a dedicated space for First Nations youth to dialogue, build relationships, and prepare for the 3rd AFN National Climate Gathering. This session will speak to the discussions hosted at the Youth Gathering, amplifying the voices, knowledge, and experiences of First Nations youth. First Nations youth will discuss what meaningful engagement in climate conservation looks like, share stories from their Elders and Knowledge Keepers at home and discuss the interconnection between land, rights, culture, and First Nations-led solutions.	Exhibition Hall E (Plenary)



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Session #22:	<p><b>Save Lives! Help Build an Accessibility/Disability Climate Action Tool Kit</b> <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Marie Frawley-Henry, Assembly of First Nations; Shannah McInnis, Disability Intersectional Consultant; Elder Dr. Mike Bruised Head.</i></p> <p>First Nations persons with disabilities are among the most at-risk populations, vulnerable to climate emergencies and are often missed in decision-making processes and climate preparedness and recovery responses. As a result, vulnerable First Nations citizens continue to lose their lives in times of climate disasters. Together we can change this and be part of the solution to build inclusive and accessible First Nations that are resilient to climate emergencies. In this empowering workshop, First Nations persons of all abilities and all participants will have the opportunity to engage in building a one-of-a-kind toolkit designed by First Nations for First Nations to assist emergency and climate responders and First Nations in creating effective accessible policies and implementing inclusive strategies. To ensure inclusivity, this workshop will include sign language interpretation and more, allowing all participants to actively engage in a welcoming space created for individuals of all ages and abilities to share their diverse experiences as self-advocates, caregivers, allies and leaders.</p>	Macleod Hall D
Session #23:	<p><b>Climate Leadership 101 with Indigenous Climate Action</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Jayce Chiblow, Director of Education and Programming; Willo Prince, Education Coordinator; Alexa Metallic, Research &amp; Policy Coordinator; Carole Montour, Climate Leadership Coordinator.</i></p> <p>Join Indigenous Climate Action (ICA) in a condensed version of our Climate Leadership training that encompasses Indigenous ways of knowing and being, climate science, policy advocacy, and community engagement. Learn about why the preservation of traditional knowledge and practices are essential components of climate adaptation and mitigation. While highlighting our Decolonizing Climate Policy reports, we will also discuss how to engage with policymakers and advocate for Indigenous rights and climate justice at local, national, and international levels.</p>	Macleod Hall A



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Session #24:	<p><b>Pathways to Indigenous-Led Conservation Finance</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Deputy Grand Chief Norman A. Wapachee, Cree Nation Government; Michel Ares, Waswanipi; Olivier Kölmel, Cree Nation Government.</i></p> <p>This session will give participants a comprehensive understanding of the pathways to Indigenous-led conservation finance, including the intricacies of carbon rights, the integration of nature-based solutions (NBS) with cultural and carbon credits, and the various funding mechanisms available for Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs). They will also gain practical knowledge to implement these strategies within their communities.</p>	Macleod Hall B
Session #25:	<p><b>Climate Change and its Impacts on Freshwater Fisheries: Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Robin McLeod, Prince Albert Grand Council; Darryl Shorting, Little Saskatchewan First Nation; Marina Milligan, Yukon First Nation Salmon Stewardship Alliance; Dr. Tim Jardine, University of Saskatchewan; James Macdonald, Assembly of First Nations; Christine Shawana, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>Although climate change impacts on fisheries often focus on marine ecosystems, freshwater fisheries and the communities that depend on them are equally impacted. Climate-driven changes are compounded by human impacts, including habitat destruction, water diversion, water level manipulation, invasive species, contamination and pollution. The loss of opportunity to harvest fish poses a significant threat to First Nations ways of life and livelihoods through cultural impacts, access to traditional foods, health effects and economic losses. Colonial practices have not only infringed on First Nations' rights to fish but to act as stewards to protect the resource for future generations. First Nations' collective knowledge, as observers, stewards, and interpreters of ecosystems, makes them essential leaders in addressing climate change and impacts on fish and their habitats. The session will host a panel speaking to the four (4) circles encompassed by a First Nations' Climate lens applied to freshwater fisheries. We will have a presentation around the effects of mercury build-up in freshwater fish, how mercury levels increase both naturally and through human-caused activities, and how those rising levels affect First Nation communities. We will hear from First Nations on how lived realities reflect the impacts of colonization and climate change on freshwater fisheries that affect both physical and mental health. We will hear about multi-dimensional First Nations-led solutions for freshwater fisheries conservation that reflect a holistic and interconnected worldview. Finally, we will hear about First Nations governance and working with colonial legislative, legal and policy contexts at the federal, provincial, territorial and international levels to assert First Nations' rights and inherent responsibilities in climate change actions to protect freshwater fish and the communities that rely on them.</p>	Macleod Hall C



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Session #26:	<p><b>Fighting the Flow: A Workshop on Flood Adaptation Strategies</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Karl Zadnik, Interlake Reserves Tribal Council; Ramona Knebush, Pheasant Rump Nakota Nation; Cynthia Desjarlais, Muskowekwan First Nation; Holly LaRoche, First Nation Adapt, CIRNAC; Jeremy Shute, RPP, Shared Value Solutions; Rita Karrel, Shared Value Solutions; Shannon Thomson, File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council.</i></p> <p>First Nations who have experienced the devastating impacts of flooding know that rising waters are a threat, not only to lives, land and assets but to mental health and well-being. Many First Nations have been leading the way in developing long-term approaches to flood risk, integrating climate change projections and Traditional Knowledge in the assessment of risk and identifying, assessing and implementing adaptation options. In this session, the First Nation Adapt Program (CIRNAC) and Shared Value Solutions Ltd., will bring together guest speakers to share their stories and experiences with flood mapping adaptation, followed by a facilitated break-out session to encourage peer-to-peer connections and mutual learning.</p>	Glen Room 201-202
Session #27:	<p><b>First Nations Leadership in Energy Transition</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Mihskakwan James Harper, NRStor Inc. &amp; Indigenous Clean Energy; Robert Phillips, First Nations Summit &amp; BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council; Rory Gilsean, Natural Resources Canada; John Bekale, Knowledge Keeper; Ratsénhaienhs Ross Montour, Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke; Benjamin Green-Stacey, Kahnawà:ke lakwatonhontsanónhnhha tsi lehiatónhkhwa; Andrea Lesperance, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>Canada, like many countries around the world, is undergoing a process of energy transition, which offers major opportunities for First Nations to lead and own clean energy projects themselves, or with partners they select. Government and industry have promoted the mining and use of critical minerals as necessary to produce “cleaner” and “greener” technology (i.e. solar panels and electric vehicle batteries) than others that emit greenhouse gases. However, no discussion of developing or using critical minerals can occur without addressing the core requirement of consultation towards consent and reconciliation with First Nations. This session will explore various First Nations perspectives on the mining and use of critical minerals on the path to energy transition and other opportunities for First Nations in the green energy sector.</p>	Glen Room 203-204



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Session #28:	<p><b>First Nations Knowledges for Future Generations and Food Sovereignty in a Changing Climate</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Marlene Larocque, Assembly of First Nations; Jennifer Dockstader, Oneida of the Thames, Indigenous Activist and Advocate; Don Clarke, Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve; Dr. Laurie Chan, University of Ottawa.</i></p> <p>First Nations have ancestral knowledge about science and practices that balance the natural order of systems to support ecosystem survival. First Nations have adapted to social and environmental turmoil since European contact; climate change intensifies the need to reinforce food sovereignty and security as changes demand adaptation based on ancestral and emerging knowledge. These presentations will focus on tangible examples of First Nations brilliance, related to Mother Earth and Indigenous-informed research, including through the Food, Environment, Health, and Nutrition of First Nations Children and Youth (FEHNCY). The session begins with a discussion of how First Nations apply respect and appreciation of Mother Earth to center ourselves and connect back to the Land that we come from. It transitions into lived experiences from the Government of Canada’s Climate Change Health Adaptation Program that supports First Nations to focus on health as an indicator of progress. FEHNCY is a national research study working with community partners to address existing knowledge gaps on housing, air quality, nutrition, contaminants and the food environment, with the aim of improving health outcomes among children and youth. Combined, the session advocates for First Nations-led solutions to support the food sovereignty of future generations in a rapidly changing climate.</p>	Glen Room 206
Session #29:	<p><b>Indigenous Knowledge, Risk, and Climate Resilience</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Elder Mary Jane Johnson; Dr. Alyce Johnson; Kelsey Kabanak; Lawrence Ignace; Hetxw’ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson), Aluut’aa; Janna Wale, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions.</i></p> <p>This session explores the intersection of Indigenous knowledge and climate risk assessments. It begins with an introduction to Aluu’taa, a newly launched Indigenous-owned and operated research institute developed to create more support for Indigenous researchers and Indigenous-led research initiatives and bridge the gap between Western research paradigms and Indigenous methodologies. Participants will hear from Janna Wale about From Risk to Resilience, a Special Report she co-authored with Brett Huson, about current Western frameworks on risk assessment processes and what it can mean to include Indigenous perspectives. The session will also highlight the Klwane First Nation’s transformative governance and resilience efforts, presented by Elder Mary Jane Johnston, Dr. Alyca Johnston, Lawrence Ignace, and Kelsey Kabanak. Through breakout discussions, attendees can go in-depth regarding the special report or further explore the initiatives and projects led by the Klwane First Nation team.</p>	Glen Room 209



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Session #30:	<p><b>Trailblazing First Nations Climate Leadership: Learning from the Journey of the Haitzaqv Climate Action Team and Tools for First Nations to Engage Members in Adapting to Climate Change</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Ayla Brown, Haitzaqv Climate Action Team; Dr. David Pearson, Laurentian University.</i></p> <p>Standing on the shoulders of our ancestors, the Haitzaqv Climate Action Team continues to blaze the trail for Indigenous climate leadership. They are currently implementing a portion of their community-led clean energy plan that is steeped in nation-building, traditional laws, reclamation of ways of knowing and the Haitzaqv language. Following a presentation from the Haitzaqv Climate Action Team, examples from partnerships with First Nations in Northern Ontario will be shared. Combining Indigenous knowledge with understandings from Western science in Two-Eyed Seeing is becoming more urgent in preparing for the increasing power and frequency of weather events resulting from climate change affecting Indigenous communities. Collaboratively created illustrations of imagined communities that ask questions about possible future impacts and provide background and suggesting ways of preparing, can trigger discussions among all community members, from youth to Elders. Examples of eight (8) climate challenges such as flooding, wildfire, heat stress, health, and ice roads will be shown, discussed and available as hand-outs.</p>	Macleod Hall E1
3:15 p.m.	<b>Health Break</b>	Exhibition Hall D and Macleod Foyer
3:45 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions #31 – #40</b>	
Session #31:	<p><b>Anchoring Climate Action in Territories and Knowledge: First Nations Leadership in Quebec</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Andréanne Ferland et Marjolaine Mckenzie, IDDPNQL; Wayne Rabbitskin, Territory Therapy Practitioner; Kathleen André, Traditional Medicine; Jonathan Côté, Nagadjitodjig Aki Coordinator – Guardian of the Territory; Benjamin Green-Stacy, Director, Kahnawake Environment Protection Office; Coralie Gauthier, Climate Change Project Manager, FNQLSDI.</i></p> <p>The objective of this session is to anchor the audience in the Land and in First Nations knowledges and use this to present a series of projects from the Quebec Region. The session will end with a tasting of local foods and products.</p>	Exhibition Hall E (Plenary)



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Session #32:	<p><b>Transforming Climate Action and Governance Through Ceremony</b> <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Chief Darrell Bob, Xaxli'p First Nation; Retired Chief and Knowledge Keeper Harvey McLeod, Upper Nicola First Nation; Sophie Collins; Mel White, Assembly of First Nations; Kristi Denby, BC AFN; Ben Linaker, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern-Affairs Canada.</i></p> <p>This session will bring together First Nations Spiritual Knowledge Keepers, First Nations youth, and observers who participated in the <a href="#">BC Spiritual Knowledge Keepers on Climate Change Gathering</a> from November 17-19, 2023 hosted by BCAFN and Chief Darrell Bob. Spiritual Knowledge Keepers from across British Columbia came together in Ceremony on Tsleil-Waututh Territory, to collectively heal and share stories, songs, and teaching around the current climate crisis, its underlying causes and its profound impacts on the Land and all living beings. Panelists will discuss the need for urgent action, healing and the importance of bringing back Ceremony and Natural Law into climate action. The aim of this panel is to share insights and teachings from the Gathering to foster discussions on the importance of incorporating ceremony and spiritual gatherings into climate action, governance, decision making and policy development both within First Nations and Crown governments. Attendees will be encouraged to participate in the dialogue throughout the session.</p>	Macleod Hall D
Session #33:	<p><b>The File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council Youth Advisory Council Climate Action Initiatives</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Caleb Pratt; Kalem Yuzicappi; Robby Thomson-Bear; Birdie Thomson-Bear; Leonard Keshane; Kenton Francis; Jayda Koochicum; Tianna Starblanket; Richelle Bellegarde; Tiarra Creeley.</i></p> <p>In 2024, the Youth Advisory Council plans to install weather and air quality monitoring stations and monitor the water quality of our lakes and streams. These initiatives are not just for us but for the safety and well-being of our Nations, ensuring that the detrimental effects of climate change are better understood and that preventative actions are in place.</p>	Macleod Hall A
Session #34:	<p><b>First Nations Approaches to Species at Risk</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Kuni Albert, Assembly of First Nations (Moderator); Jennifer Duncan; Paulette Fox; Chief Byron Louis, Okanagan Indian Band.</i></p> <p>This session will explore Species at Risk (SAR) and multiple linkages to other scopes across Canada. The session will include presentations and dialogue on SAR linkages to cultural and food safety, the expanding impacts of culturally significant species and places and examples of real-world application of portions of the Species at Risk Act to utilize Indigenous knowledge and stewardship.</p>	Macleod Hall B





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Session #35:	<p><b>Navigating Nuclear Waste: First Nations Perspectives and Climate Change Implications in Canada</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: Dr. Tessa Latchmore, Assembly of First Nations; Randall Kahgee, OKT LLP.</i></p> <p>This session will delve into the multifaceted intersection of nuclear waste management, First Nations priorities, and the far-reaching impacts of climate change in the Canadian context. The sustainability of the proposed nuclear storage methods, such as repositories, amidst the backdrop of a rapidly changing climate, with a particular emphasis on the perspectives and involvement of First Nations, will be discussed. The session will further examine the complex intersections of environmental, social, and cultural factors that shape the ongoing dialogue surrounding nuclear waste management and storage. Through an analysis of climate change impacts on geological stability and First Nations lands, the presentation aims to foster a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in ensuring the long-term viability of nuclear repositories. Furthermore, it will highlight the importance of meaningful partnership with First Nations in decision-making processes, recognizing their inherent rights, traditional knowledge, and stewardship responsibilities over the land and waters. First Nations historical experiences, cultural values, and rights as original stewards of the land and waters play a pivotal role in shaping the discourse surrounding nuclear waste disposal and management. By fostering collaboration and incorporating First Nation perspectives, the presentation seeks to pose inclusive and sustainable approaches that chart a path towards sustainable nuclear waste management practices that prioritize traditional knowledge, environmental justice, and long-term environmental stewardship.</p>	Macleod Hall C
Session #36:	<p><b>Addressing the Costs and Impacts of Climate Change: Tools for Restitution</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Leora Gansworth, Provost’s Postdoctoral Scholar Osgoode Hall Law School (virtual); Andrew Gage, West Coast Environmental Law.</i></p> <p>With First Nations facing dramatic impacts from climate change, restitution is needed to make communities whole and to build and restore the relationships with each other and the earth needed to solve the climate crisis. Environmental assessments and other legal tools under both Indigenous and Canadian legal systems can help First Nations address their climate vulnerabilities, assert their laws and traditions and press for restitution.</p>	Glen Room 201-202
Session #37:	<p><b>Just Transition – Challenges and Opportunities for Youth, Workers and Communities Working Nation to Nation</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Laura Cameron, International Institute for Sustainable Development; Hadrian Mertins-Kirkwood, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives; Brian Fun, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation; Rachel Samson, Institute for Research on Public Policy; Ricardo Chejfec, Institute for Research on Public Policy; Juan Vargas, Climate Emergency Unit; Erin Blondeau, Climate Emergency Unit.</i></p>	Glen Room 203-204



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	Addressing climate change and phasing out fossil fuels will require huge shifts in the economy and workforce. A just transition ensures that affected workers and communities are involved in shaping the low-carbon future, addressing inequities in the process. Indigenous communities, directly affected by extraction and transition, have been key in envisioning that future. This workshop will offer a conversation about the social and economic drivers and implications of the ongoing energy transition and an exchange of resources and stories to support First Nations' solutions. The session will involve a combination of short presentations from First Nations and environmental NGOs and facilitated discussion in small groups. Presentation topics will range from Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's story of economic development planning for the energy transition to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' study of the socioeconomic impacts of oilsands production decline, to the campaign for a national Youth Climate Corps that is rooted in justice, Indigenous self-determination and workers' rights.	
Session #38:	<p><b>Decolonizing Environmental Non-Profit Climate Advocacy: A Workshop and Discussion</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Anna Johnston, West Coast Environmental Law; Caroline Brouillette, Climate Action Network Canada; Severn Cullis-Suzuki, David Suzuki Foundation; Dr. Graeme Reed, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>There is growing recognition among environmental non-profit organizations (ENGOS) that the main drivers of climate change are rooted in unjust colonial systems and practices that, have and continue to exclude Indigenous Peoples. Climate action must seek to dismantle those systems and center Indigenous rights, laws and governance. Yet ENGO climate advocacy in Canada has overwhelmingly tended to exclude Indigenous voices and ignore the intersection of Crown climate policy and Indigenous rights and authority. There is growing recognition among ENGOS that the sector and its work must decolonize, and a coalition of ENGOS working to advance federal climate policy (Pan-Canadian Framework (PCF) Groups) has recently undertaken a collective planning exercise to better incorporate decolonizing principles and actions into its work. However, more needs to be done. This workshop will seek to share knowledge and experience of how climate change is a symptom of and flows from settler colonialism, how ENGO climate advocacy can perpetuate or help dismantle colonial structures, and how ENGOS can better uphold Indigenous rights – including rights to self-determination – and support First Nations as they work to protect their communities from climate impacts.</p>	Glen Room 206



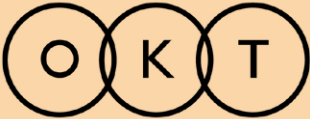
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Session #39:	<p><b>Land-Based Practices, Trees, Language and Climate Resilience</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dr. Deborah McGregor, Whitefish River First Nation; Sylvia Plain, Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Deb Pine; Elder Dr. Francois Paulette, Smith's Landing First Nation.</i></p> <p>Climate change scientists have pointed out that, in 100 years, the maple trees will no longer produce sap for making maple syrup and sugar. Sugar Maple trees (Ninaatigoog) are not adapting to the warmer climate. There are cultural practices of the Anishinabek that revolve around participating and producing syrup (Ziiwaagamide) that are dependent on the environment and promote cultural continuity and language retention. Certain environmental conditions must be met for trees to produce sap; these conditions are well known to the Anishinabek people who still produce Ziiwaagmide. Additionally, birch trees (Wiigwaas) are critical for the Anishinaabe practices of canoe making. Canoes were a central feature of Anishinaabe lifeways that enabled being on the waters and learning about waterways/travel routes. The craft of building a birch bark canoe provides important land-based skills for current and future generations and strengthens Anishinabe roles in caring for the water and lands. The art and science of canoe building require healthy birch trees, also impacted by a changing climate.</p>	Glen Room 209
Session #40:	<p><b>Exploring International Opportunities for First Nations in the Green Circular Economy</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Derek M. Bruno, SevGen Consulting; Jill Yanch, SevGen Consulting; Chad Rickaby, ClimateDoor.</i></p> <p>This session will share concrete experiences from SevGen Consulting and ClimateDoor matching First Nations with the Low Carbon Business Action (<a href="https://lcbacanada.com/what-we-do/">https://lcbacanada.com/what-we-do/</a>) project. The project has supported First Nations in accessing world-leading clean technology and agritech. These technologies present immense new opportunities for First Nations to have self-sufficiency over energy, water and food as well as opportunity for economic development partnerships.</p>	Macleod Hall E1
5:45 p.m.	Adjourn for Day 2	
<p><b>7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Reception &amp; Evening Entertainment</b></p> <p><b><i>Exhibition Hall Foyer</i></b></p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> 		



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8:00 a.m.	Hot Breakfast	Exhibition Hall C
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Trade Show in Exhibition Hall D		
8:45 a.m.	Recap of Day 2 - Overview of Day 3 • Gathering Co-Chairs	Exhibition Hall E
9:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions #41 – #50	
Session #41:	<p><b>Indigenous Conservation Finance: Lessons Learned from the Great Bear Rainforest &amp; Haida Gwaii</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dallas Smith, Coast Funds &amp; Nanwakolas Council; Eddy Adra, Coast Funds; Ross Dixon, Coast Funds; Cohen Bradley, BC Parks Foundation.</i></p> <p>The landscape of Indigenous conservation financing in Canada is rapidly evolving. New funding opportunities, innovative mechanisms, and national networks have emerged to support Indigenous stewardship, conservation, and restoration.</p> <p>This session will bring together leaders from the Indigenous conservation finance sector to share how they have developed and implemented long-term, sustainable financing programs for terrestrial and marine conservation, restoration, and stewardship. Mechanisms that will be discussed will include trust-based mechanisms (such as project finance for permanence models), carbon financing, and other mechanism types. An overview of the new Coast Funds report, Finance for Forests, will also be discussed.</p>	Exhibition Hall E (Plenary)
Session #42:	<p><b>NDN Collective: Collective Power Building for Indigenous-led Conservation and Climate Action</b></p> <p><i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i></p> <p><i>Presenters: Korina Barry, NDN Action Managing Director; Thomas Kenote, Program Officer; Thalia Cachimuel, Director of Philanthropic Network; Robby Burroughs, NDN Holdings Managing Director.</i></p> <p>NDN Collective is an Indigenous-led organization dedicated to building Indigenous power. Through organizing, activism, philanthropy, grantmaking, capacity-building and narrative change, we are creating sustainable solutions on Indigenous terms. We are a US-based movement organization operating across the US, Canada and Mexico to build the collective power of Indigenous Peoples while supporting, investing in, and protecting their self-determination. We operate from a Theory of Change that supporting the self-determination of Indigenous Peoples leads to the best outcomes for all Peoples and for Mother Earth. Our lead representatives, from different parts of NDN's ecosystem, will present on current programs, exciting conservation and climate change projects, the model that has been developed by NDN to provide different supports and services to frontline Indigenous Peoples, and ongoing challenges in expanding all our services to First Nations in Canada. Through an interactive session, presenters will showcase their work and create opportunities for discussion and dialogue with attendees.</p>	Macleod Hall D



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Session #43:	<p><b>Visioning Workshop: Pathways to Energy Sovereignty</b></p> <p><i>Presenter(s): Lynne Couves, Pembina Institute; Freddie Campbell, Indigenous Clean Energy; Mackenzie Roop, Indigenous Clean Energy.</i></p> <p>We invite participants to join this interactive workshop holding space for First Nations’ future visioning around community-centered energy sovereignty. This session encourages youth, elders, and leaders to join in collective visioning for realizing pathways to clean, affordable, and reliable energy, with an emphasis on remote communities.</p>	Macleod Hall A
Session #44:	<p><b>Sharing Examples of First Nations-led Monitoring in Cold Lake First Nation</b></p> <p><i>Presenter: Fin McDermid, Cold Lake First Nation.</i></p> <p>Monitoring the impacts of climate change is important for First Nations across the country for a variety of reasons. This includes everything from food sovereignty and land use to infrastructure adaptation and advocacy efforts. Understanding how the climate is changing and what the tipping points might be for ecosystems in your area is important for everyone from leadership to hunters. At CLFN we are actively working on these problems, and we are here to share some examples, not just on the work, but also of the capacity building and the strategic approach we take.</p>	Macleod Hall B
Session #45:	<p><b>Leveraging Canada’s International Commitments to Elevate First Nations’ Priorities</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Clayton Leonard, JFK LLP; Jamie Lavigne, Assembly of First Nations; Wanli Ou, Assembly of First Nations; Mercedes Morin, Employment and Social Development Canada.</i></p> <p>Canada has made several international commitments to sustainable development through the adoption of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its accompanying 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Goals 13 to 15 include taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, to conserve and sustainably use resources, and to protect ecosystems and address biodiversity loss. Concurrently, Canada committed to protecting 30% of lands and waters by 2030 through the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</p> <p>First Nations have been demonstrating leadership through conservation actions that are in line with their rights and responsibilities as the original stewards of their Lands, Waters and Air. First Nations have also undertaken development that reflects their concepts of sustainability and respects their decision-making authority and priorities, to ensure that no First Nation is left behind.</p>	Macleod Hall C



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Session #46:	<p><b>Kitchen Conversations with Authors from the For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Dr. Deborah McGregor, University of Calgary; Dr. Diana Lewis, University of Guelph; Hetxw’ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson), Aluu’taa; Norma Kassi, Vuntut Gwitchin; Kristen Walsh, Natural Resources Canada; Meredith Caspell, Natural Resources Canada; Nikita Kahpeyseywat, Assembly of First Nations; Dr. Graeme Reed, Assembly of First Nations.</i></p> <p>The release of the For Our Future: Indigenous Resilience Report in March 2024 marked a new period in Canadian climate assessments. As the first-ever climate assessment in Canada prepared from the perspectives of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, the report centered five (5) key messages that focused on uplifting First Nations, Inuit, and Métis, and their solutions, in a rapidly changing climate. Join us at the Kitchen Table as we facilitate discussions with several members of the author team and representatives of the federal assessment process to discuss the Report, upcoming climate assessments, and opportunities for First Nations to be inspired by the report to develop their own assessments.</p>	Glen Room 201-202
Session #47:	<p><b>Drought Preparedness and Resilience</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Chief Don Maracle, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte; Joannie Beaupre, Odanak First Nations; Angela Kane, Secwepemcul’ecw Restoration and Stewardship Society; Laniel Bateman, Environment and Climate Change Canada; Maginda Magendrathajan, Environment and Climate Change Canada.</i></p> <p>This interactive session will hold space for sharing knowledge and stories related to drought preparedness and building resilience to water scarcity in the context of a changing climate. A panel of First Nations representatives will share their on-the-ground experiences and engage in an interactive discussion, including with other communities, organizations, or individuals in the audience who may wish to learn from their work or contribute ideas. Representatives of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) will facilitate the session and share information about the federal government’s efforts towards drought resilience and climate change adaptation.</p>	Glen Room 203-204
Session #48:	<p><b>Dene Nation: Uplifting Dene Knowledge in Climate Action on Fire and Water</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Elder Dr. Francois Paulette, Smith’s Landing First Nation; Gerry Cheezie, former Chief of Smith’s Landing First Nation; Trevor Teed, Dene Nation; Cassandra Blondin Burt, Dene Nation.</i></p> <p>Climate change impacts are accelerating, compounded by the cumulative impacts from industrial development such as the Oil Sands and the Site C Hydroelectric Dam. Join representatives from Denendeh as they share reflections from the 2023 Dene Nation Water Summit, the impacts of industrial development on cancer-causing pollutants, water levels, and contamination, and traditional Dene fire practices related to the water. The session will center Dene knowledge in the development of solutions for climate change and industrial development.</p>	Glen Room 206



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Session #49:	<p><b>Advocating for First Nations Climate Action at the Local, Provincial, National, and International Level</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Judy Wilson (Red Hummingbird Women), former Chief of Neskonlith Indian Band; Denni Clement, ʔAq'am &amp; Indigenous Climate Adaptation Working Group; Evan Hall, University of British Columbia.</i></p> <p>Join us to hear more about the experiences of the Indigenous Climate Adaptation Working Group (ICAWG), an advisory group to the Province of BC on climate change preparedness and adaptation. ICAWG will share its experiences advocating for First Nations climate action at provincial (First Nations Leadership Gathering, Indigenous Climate Resilience Forum), national (Adaptation Futures Conference - Montreal), and international (COP 28 - Dubai) levels, including a pilot project to increase climate resilience capacity-building in First Nations communities and organizations.</p> <p>The discussion will then switch to a more local example, exploring drug and medical supply chains in rural and remote First Nations in Northern British Columbia. Since time immemorial, First Nations have harnessed medicine from their lands to nurture their people, however intensifying climate impacts and wildfire prevalence compound by the imposition of Western medicine, has created conflict and prevented First Nations from accessing these medicines. Western medicine's focus on drug and medical supply access has limited the consideration of climate change impacts to medicinal plants, like KEKEIŁĆ (Arbutus), and water. This talk discusses how improvements to drug and medical supply chains in Northern BC must engage with a two-eyed and distinguished approach to support First Nations health and access to medicine in a changing climate.</p>	Glen Room 209
Session #50:	<p><b>Developing a Treaty #3 Climate Strategy and Community-Based Climate Impact Monitoring Program</b></p> <p><i>Presenters: Johann Strube, Grand Council Treaty 3; Chris Herc, Grand Council Treaty 3; Shy Cobiness, Grand Council Treaty 3.</i></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of Grand Council Treaty #3's climate research and how the results will be used by Treaty #3 communities to mitigate impacts faced by the community. This includes the development of a Treaty #3 Climate Strategy and GCT3's community-based climate impacts monitoring program for water and weather.</p>	MacLeod Hall E1



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## GATHERING AGENDA

Day 3 – Thursday, October 10, 2024 TELUS Convention Centre		
Time	Activity	
10:45 a.m.	Health Break	Exhibition Hall D
10:15 a.m.	<b>Youth Knowledge Keeper's Circle</b> <i>Moderator: Danielle Kehler</i> <i>Panelists: Nikita Bailey-Sawrenko, National Youth Council; Serena Mendizabal, SevenGen; Amber Big Plume, FNpower, Beze Gray, youth advocate from Aamjiwnaang First Nation.</i>	Exhibition Hall E
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Exhibition Hall C
1:00 p.m.	<b>Panel Presentation: Turning Our Minds to Implementation</b> <i>Moderator: Nikita Kahpeaysewat, Assembly of First Nations</i> <i>Panelists: Xàkújághá (Minor Chief) Steven Crowchild, Tsuut'ina Nation; Jayce Chiblow, Indigenous Climate Action; Kenneth Deer, Haudenosaunee External Relations Taskforce; Jesse McCormick, First Nations Major Projects Coalition.</i>	Exhibition Hall E
2:30 p.m.	Closing Plenary	
Gathering Adjourned		