

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, 3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M. • HALIFAX CONVENTION CENTRE, ROOM A2

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

Taking climate action means addressing climate change and biodiversity loss, including their structural drivers, to rebalance the relationship with all creation. As record heat waves and wildfires devastate Canada and the state of biodiversity and abundance declines across the landscape, it is evident that there is no more pressing issue for humanity to address.

This session will provide an opportunity to inform First Nations-in-Assembly on climate and conservation leadership activities. The session will begin with opening remarks by the portfolio holder(s), Regional Chief Prosper and Regional Chief Picard, and dedicated sessions on Climate and Conservation Leadership, including presentations on the AFN National Climate Strategy, the First Nations Nature Table, and the Global Biodiversity Framework.

SPEAKERS:

AFN Nova Scotia Regional Chief Paul Prosper

AFN Quebec/Labrador Regional Chief Ghislain Picard

AFN Environment, Lands and Water Branch Senior Policy Advisor, Graeme Reed

AFN Environment Sector Director, Curtis Scurr

AFN Environment Sector Senior Policy Analyst, Gerben Deinum

AFN Water Sector Special Advisor, Wanli Ou

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Time	Agenda Item	Leads
3:00 p.m.	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Lorraine Netro
	Welcome and Introductions	Curtis Scurr, AFN Environment Sector Director (Facilitator)
	Opening Comments and Context Setting	AFN NS Regional Chief Paul Prosper/ AFN QC/LB Regional Chief Ghislain Picard
	Climate Leadership 1. National Climate Strategy (Presentation) 2. AFN Draft Resolution #31/2023 Urgent and Transformative Climate Action through the AFN National Climate Strategy	Graeme Reed, AFN Environment, Lands and Water Branch Senior Policy Advisor
	Conservation Leadership 1. Advancing the Establishment of a First Nations Nature Table (Presentation) 2. Global Biodiversity Framework Implementation	Curtis Scur, AFN Environment Sector Director (Facilitator) Gerben Deinum, AFN Environment Sector Senior Policy Analyst Wanli Ou, AFN Water Sector Special Advisor
	Discussion and Questions	Curtis Scurr, AFN Environment Sector Director (Facilitator)
4:30 p.m.	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Lorraine Netro
Meeting Adjourns		