



3rd National Climate Gathering of the Assembly of First Nations

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



PROVISIONAL GATHERING AGENDA *Subject to change*

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) 3rd National Climate Gathering, under the theme “*Catalyzing First Nations Climate and Conservation Leadership for Transformative Change,*” will again bring together First Nations experts, leadership, youth, women, Knowledge Keepers and other professionals from coast to coast to coast to address the most urgent issues of our time, the climate crisis. This gathering will explore solutions that First Nations are implementing in response to rapid climate changes at local, regional, national, and international levels. For First Nations, a healthy environment is essential to our health, well-being, culture, languages, water, food security, and housing.

Monday, October 7, 2024 TELUS Convention Centre	
Time	Activity
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Gathering Registration
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 8, 2024 TELUS Convention Centre	
Time	Activity
7:30 a.m.	Gathering Registration
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies and Welcoming Remarks
9:30 a.m.	Setting the Context for the Gathering
10:00 a.m.	Health Break
10:15 a.m.	Plenary Presentation - Knowledge Keeper’s Circle
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Introduction to First Nations Climate Lens and Concurrent Sessions
1:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a Just Transition – Indigenous-led Pathways Toward Equitable Solutions and Resiliency from Community to International Scale • Closing the Infrastructure Gap – Climate Risks and Adaptation Needs • Nature-based solutions, natural climate solutions, carbon offsets or is it really Netukulimk? • First Nations Leadership in Marine Conservation – Knowledge-sharing, Capacity-building, and Pathways Forward • A holistic approach to addressing the climate crisis – One Health • Gnaaji-wiinge – Anishnaabeg Life Path Game • Climate Economic Reconcili-action – Indigenous Views and a Net-Zero Reality Check • Weaving First Nations’ Knowledges in Climate Resilience-Building • Advancing First Nations Climate Leadership – Lessons learned and future opportunities



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Time	Activity
3:15 p.m.	Health Break
3:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De la reconnexion à la protection du Territoire : témoignages des Gardiennes du Territoire de l'Université Laval • Centering First Nations Youth in Climate Action – Lessons from the Reconnection Vision and the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council Youth Advisory Council • Healthy Energy Homes • Indigenous-led Conservation and Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) • Strategizing Against Environmental Racism and Towards Environmental Justice and a Right to a Healthy Environment • First Nations, Climate Change, and Carbon Governance • Climate Resilience Perspectives – Navigating Laws, Policies, Proposals: the UNDA, Emergency Management, and Land Back • Climate Risk Assessment, Resilience and Decision-making for First Nations Infrastructure and Natural Assets • Fighting the Flow – A Workshop on Flood Adaptation Strategies • Nadlii – The Rebirth of First Nation Rights and the Balancing of Power Through AI Technologies
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn for Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, October 9, 2024	
Time	Activity
8:00 a.m.	Gathering Registration
8:00 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Recap of Day 1 - Overview of Day 2
9:05 a.m.	Panel Presentation - Catalyzing Climate and Conservation Leadership
10:15 a.m.	Health Break
10:45 a.m.	Panel Presentation - Sharing Examples of First Nations Climate and Conservation Solutions
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Introduction to Concurrent Sessions



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Day 2 – Wednesday, October 9, 2024	
Time	Activity
1:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uplifting the Voices of First Nations Youth – Lessons from the Youth Gathering • Save Lives! Help Build an Accessibility/ Disability Climate Action Tool Kit • Climate Leadership 101 with Indigenous Climate Action • Pathways to financial certainty for IPCAs and Indigenous-Led Conservation Finance • Climate Change and its Impacts on Freshwater Fisheries – Challenges and Opportunities • Land-Based Practices, Trees, Language and Climate Resilience • First Nations Leadership in Energy Transition • First Nations Food, Nutrition and Climate Health Resiliency Funding Opportunities and Sustaining Future Generations by Harnessing Traditional Knowledge: The FEHNCY Project • Reclaiming Narratives – A Journey in Indigenous Knowledge Revitalization and Climate Adaptation and Mobilizing Transformative Environmental Governance Through Braiding Knowledge • L’nu Energy Sovereignty
3:15 p.m.	Health Break
3:45 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transforming Climate Action by Incorporating Ceremony into Climate Discussions, Decisions and Actions • S’ancrer aux territoires et aux savoirs pour l’action climatique : Leadership des Premières Nations au Québec • Just Transition – Challenges and Opportunities for Youth, Workers, and Communities Working Nation to Nation • First Nations Approaches to Species at Risk • Navigating Nuclear Waste – First Nations Perspectives and Climate Change Implications in Canada • Addressing the costs and impacts of climate change – Tools for Restitution • Trailblazing Indigenous Climate Leadership – The Journey of the Hailzaqv Climate Action Team and Tools for communities to engage members in adapting to climate change. • Decolonizing Environmental Non-Profit Climate Advocacy – A workshop and discussion • – Scotty Creek: Canada’s First Indigenous Led Research Station
5:45 p.m.	Return to Plenary for the Day’s Wrap-up
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Dinner and Evening Entertainment	



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Day 3 - Thursday, October 10, 2024	
Time	Activity
8:00 a.m.	Hot Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Recap of Day 2 - Overview of Day 3
9:00 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collective Power Building for Indigenous-led Conservation and Climate Action• Visioning workshop to Support Rural and Remote First Nations on their Pathway to Energy Sovereignty and the Just Transition• Indigenous Conservation Finance – Lessons Learned from the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii• Leveraging Canada's International Commitments to Elevate First Nations' Priorities – Perspectives from Mushkegowuk Council• Kitchen Conversations with Authors from the For Our Future – Indigenous Resilience Report• Drought preparedness and resilience• Advocating for First Nations Climate Action at the Provincial, National, and International Level and Retaining Medical Supply Chain Resiliency in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities and First Nations – An Applied Case Study of Northern British Columbia
10:45 a.m.	Health Break
11:00 a.m.	Plenary Presentation – Youth Knowledge Keepers' Roundtable
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Provided
1:00 p.m.	Panel Presentation – Turning Our Minds to Implementation
2:30 p.m.	Closing Plenary and Wrap Up in Plenary
3:45 – 6:00	Optional Off-site Activity (to be confirmed)