

CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY ONE

7:00 AM

SACRED FIRE

Outside Collingwood Room

9:00 AM

OPENING SONG:

Danielle Migwans

OPENING PRAYER

Chiefs of Ontario Knowledge Keepers: Donna Debassige, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and Norma General-Lickers, Six Nations of the Grand River

WELCOMING REMARKS

Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum, Nishnawbe Aski Nation

BRIEF REMARKS

Director of Women's Initiatives Nancy Johnson, Chiefs of Ontario

9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION OF FACILITATOR

Michele Young-Crook

9:45 AM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGIES

Bill Couchie, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Initiatives Program Facilitator, Skills Ontario
Bertha Sutherland, Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council

NOTE: INDIVIDUAL SELF-CARE SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT AS OF 10 AM (SEE REGISTRATION DESK)

NALOXONE TRAINING COURTESY OF NATIONAL OVERDOSE RESPONSE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE: KITS AVAILABLE VIA SIGN UP

DAY ONE CONTINUED:

10:45 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM	KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:	
ENTREPRENEURSHIP: A HEALING JOURNEY Sandi Boucher, Seine River First Nation, Consultant, Author and Speaker		
12:00 PM	LUNCH AND VISION BOARDING: Economic Abundance and Wellbeing	
1:00 PM	PLENARY PRESENTATION:	
INDIGENOUS WOMEN IN BUSINESS: RESOURCES, TOOLS FOR SUCCESS AND INDUSTRIES TO CONSIDER Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business - Angela Mark, Director, Research Natalie Adams, Director, Supply Change Summer Jones, Manager, Membership		
2:00 PM	BREAK	
2:15 PM - 3:45 PM	CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:	
THE TRAUMA OF MONEY PART 1: DISRUPTING OUR FINANCIAL SHAME, AVOIDANCE, AND MONEY TRAUMA Jacqueline Jennings, Entrepreneur Coach, Start-up Consultant and Group Facilitator with Carol Ann Budd, Founder, Woodland Wealth. Wealth Advisor, Aligned Capital Partners	SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS: MOOKA'AM KWE: SHE RISES BIZ CAMP Mary Margaret Laing, Business Development Coordinator and Elizabeth Verwey, Business Growth Advisor, PARO	FASHION INDUSTRY JOURNEY AND CRAFT WORKSHOP Tracy Toulouse, fashion designer, founder of Swirling Wind Designs

DAY ONE CONTINUED:

3:45 PM

BREAK

4:00 PM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

CONFIDENT FIRST IMPRESSIONS: ROCK YOUR JOB INTERVIEW

Joya Mukherjee, Program Manager, Dress for Success Toronto

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

FEATHER BUNDLE WORKSHOP

Dawn lehstoseranón:nha,
Indigenous Arts Collective of Canada
and Pass The Feather

CRYSTAL WORKSHOP

Tawny Mestecanean,
Indigenous Arts Collective of Canada

END OF DAY ONE

DAY TWO

8:45 AM

WELCOME BACK - COFFEE TALK

9:00 AM

PANEL PRESENTATIONS:

**FIRST NATIONS WOMEN IN THE
TECHNICAL FIELD - CAREERS,
WORKFORCE AND BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES:**

Melanie Debassige, Executive Director,
and Chelsey Johnson, Communications
Manager, Ontario First Nations
Technical Services Corporation

**CAREERS FOR FIRST NATIONS
WOMEN IN THE FOOD AND
BEVERAGE PROCESSING INDUSTRY:**

Lorraine Pitawanakwat, Indigenous
Outreach and Program Facilitator,
Ontario Native Education Counselling
Association (ONECA)

DAY TWO CONTINUED:

10:00 AM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

**ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE WELLBEING OF FIRST NATIONS WOMEN -
RESEARCH, CASE STUDIES**

Sara Wolfe, Institute for Gender and the Economy (GATE),
Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

10:45 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

COMMUNITY-LED BUSINESS GROWTH: OUR STORIES

Randi Ray, PhD. Founder of Miikana Consulting and Noojimo Health

12:00 PM

LUNCH

Special Guests: Aaniin (Hello) Retail Inc.

1:00 PM

PLENARY PANEL:

**INDIGENOUS WOMEN: INCREASING OUR WELLBEING
THROUGH FINANCIAL SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Helen Bobiwash, FCPA, CAFM, GCB.D, CCB.D
Magnolia Perron, B.A., M.A, Indigenous Women & Youth Program Manager,
National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association
Ashley LaBelle, Women in Business Coordinator, Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund
Jacklyn Stott, FNWE Business Coach, First Nations Agriculture & Finance Ontario

2:30 PM

BREAK

DAY TWO CONTINUED:

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:

THE TRAUMA OF MONEY PART 2: RECREATING WEALTH AND WELLBEING & INTERVENTIONS FOR LATERAL HARM

Jacqueline Jennings, Entrepreneur
Coach, Start-up Consultant and
Group Facilitator with Carol Ann Budd,
Founder, Woodland Wealth. Wealth
Advisor, Aligned Capital Partners

GROWING FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIES - CAPACITY BUILDING

Peggy Domingue, Director of Marketing
and Training, Ontario First Nations
Economic Developers Association
Liz Blazanovic, Meridian Credit Union
Rebecca Atkinson, The Firecircle
Chad Solomon, Biskane

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

EVENING SOCIAL:

Join us for an evening gathering with finger foods,
traditional drumming, and socializing!

END OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE

9:00 AM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS: ONTARIO FIRST NATIONS BUSINESS DIRECTORY AND SUPPLY CHAIN PROCUREMENT

Arvind Sharma, Sam Abtahi and Jey Pakeerathan,
Chiefs of Ontario Economic Development Sector

9:45 AM - 11:00 AM

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS:

SAGE INITIATIVE SHARES INDIGENOUS CONCEPTS OF COMMERCE

Sage Lacerte, Founder/CEO,
Sage Initiative

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP: EMPOWERING AND SUPPORTING OUR CIRCLE

Sandi Boucher, Seine River First Nation,
Consultant, Author and Speaker

DAY THREE CONTINUED:

11:00 AM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S STRENGTHS AND THE TOURISM INDUSTRY

Lisa-Marie Lavallee, Project Administrator and
Ella Vanderburgt, Indigenous Business Advisor, Indigenous Tourism Ontario

12:00 PM

LUNCH

1:00 PM

PLENARY PRESENTATION:

CHIEFS OF ONTARIO HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Frances Pine, Project Lead, Chiefs of Ontario Health Human Resources

1:15 PM

WRAP UP:

Three things we will each do
Recommendations to Funders and
First Nations Leadership
Feedback (Evaluation Survey)

2:00 PM

CLOSING PRAYER

END OF DAY THREE

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