

# **NATIONAL SUMMIT**

**on the Indigenous Forest Bioeconomy**



National Aboriginal  
Forestry Association  

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Association Nationale  
De Foresterie Autochtone

**May 9-10-11, 2023**  
**SASKATOON, SK**  
**DELTA DOWNTOWN HOTEL**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023** – Field and Operations Tour,  
Mistik Forest Management & Meadow Lake BioEnergy Centre  
(Meet in Hotel Lobby @ 7:15 am)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023** – Summit Plenary Day 1  
(Michelangelo A Room)

8:00 – 8:45 HOT BREAKFAST

8:45 – 9:00 **Welcoming** - Micaela Champagne - Youth Knowledge Holder

Opening Remarks Conference Co-Chairs

- Chief Blaine Fiddler – Waterhen First Nation  
National Aboriginal Forestry Association Board Member
- Brad Young – Executive Director  
National Aboriginal Forestry Association

9:00 – 10:15 **Panel Presentation: National Indigenous Forest Sector Overview, 1982 to Present Day**

- Brad Young – The band logging company to carbon credits
- Russell Diabo – Rights, policies, self-determination
- Kevin Gillis – Proposed Indigenous Peoples' Conserved Area (IPCA)  
Canoe Lake Co-Management Traditional Territory

10:15 – 10:30 HEALTH BREAK

10:30 – 11:00 **Bioheat in Remote First Nations**

Cara Sanders – Askii Environmental Inc.

11:00 – 11:45 **Case Study: Atikamekw of Obedjiwan – Forest Biomass Cogeneration Plant**

Zachary Simard and Gregoire Lemay, Société en Commandite  
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11:45 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:45 **Case Study: Meadow Lake Tribal Council Industrial Investments (MLTCii)** - Al Balisky, President and CEO

1:45 – 3:00 **Panel Presentation: The State of BC First Nations Forestry**

- Lennard Joe, President and CEO, BC First Nations Forestry Council
- Lori Wilson, RPF, MSc – Tla'amin Nation  
Forestry in an Accommodated Environment

3:00 – 3:15 HEALTH BREAK

3:15 – 4:15 **Panel Presentation: Resource Revenue Sharing and Natural Resource Transfers, East and West**

- Jeremy Williams, RPF – Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Pic River First Nation)
- Chief Derek Nepinak – Minegoziibe Anishinabe (Pine Creek First Nation)

4:15 – 4:30 Closing Comments Day 1

6:00 – 9:00 **Evening Social Reception: "Carbon Cowboys and Indians"**

Hors d'œuvres and cash bar Sponsored by Indigenous Aerospace



# THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 – Summit Plenary Day 2 (Da Vinci Room)

8:00 – 8:30 HOT BREAKFAST

8:30 – 9:30 **Panel Presentation: Funding to Support the Indigenous Forest Sector** - Indigenous Forestry Initiative, Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships, 2 Billion Trees

- Laura MacKenzie, Director – Indigenous Forestry and Bioheat Division, NRCan

9:30 – 9:45 HEALTH BREAK

9:45 – 10:45 **Panel Presentation: Treaty Land Resource Revenue Principles**

- Alain Bartleman - Nahwegahbow Corbiere Resource Revenue Sharing: Title and Treaty Issues
- Chief Dean Sayers – Batchewana First Nation From the Great Lakes
- Chief Clarence Easter - Chemawawin Cree Nation From the MB Great Lakes  
Nekote First Nations Shareholders Representative

10:45 – 12:15 **In-Camera Session – Federal/Provincial Policy Recommendations:**

Open Floor Recommendation Plenary – National Co-Development Options – “National scale equity and accommodation”

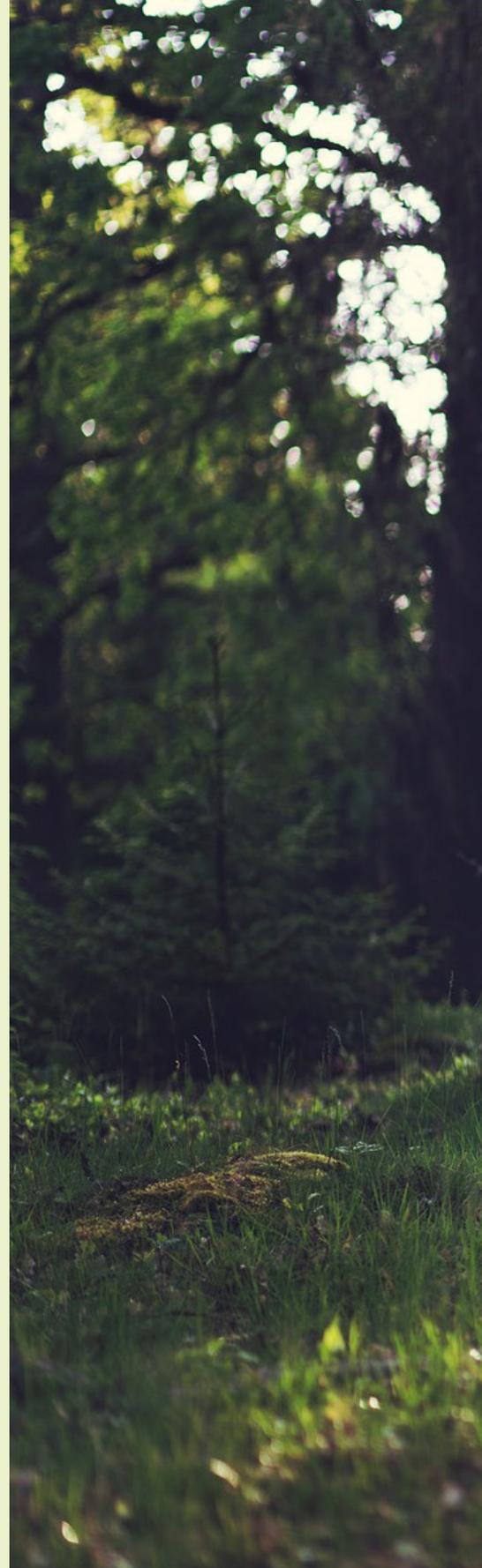
Moderated by Jacob Taylor (Curve Lake First Nation) and Lori Wilson (Tla’amin Nation)

Youth Development, National Prosperity Table, National Indigenous Economic Strategy, Calls to Prosperity, Indigenous Forest Sector Funding, National Indigenous Development Fund / Bank

12:15 **Closing Remarks** – Conference co-chairs

Homefire Prayer – Elder





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