



PRÉSENTE UNE CONFÉRENCE SUR / PRESENTS A CONFERENCE ON

Regardons Ensemble vers l'Avenir / Looking Ahead Together

PROGRAM

This conference aims at strengthening partnerships, business dialogue and cultural awareness between Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Eeyou Istchee James Bay and Nunavik.

DAY 1 – Wednesday, June 1, 2016

- 8:00 Registration and welcoming of delegates
- 8:30 Prayer and Words of Welcome:
Dr. Ted Moses, President of SCNATEC **(confirmed)**
Mr. Sébasbien D'Astous, Mayor of Amos **(confirmed)**
Chief David Kistabish, *Conseil de la Première Nation Abitibiwinini* **(confirmed)**
Mrs. Johanne Jean, Principal, *Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue* **(confirmed)**
- 9:00 Mr. Stéphane Asselin, Vice President, Infrastructure, Environment and Economic Development, *Société du Plan Nord* **(confirmed)** Subject: Updated Presentation of the *Plan Nord* Projects
- 9:45 Mr. Bill Namagoose, Executive Director, Cree Nation Government / Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) **(confirmed)**
Subject: Evolution and Structure of the Cree Nation Government
- 10:30 Health break and booth visits
- 10:45 Moderator: Mr. Louis Lavergne, President, L4 Communications Inc. **(confirmed)**
Subject: Communications sector, essential tools for the development of a territory
Over the years, Northern Quebec has experienced telecommunication difficulties in regard to high-speed Internet and field service. Come and interact with a panel of speakers on the best practices to meet the regional requirements in telecommunications.
- Panel:**
Mr. Alfred Loon, President of Eeyou Communications Network **(confirmed)**
Mr. Jean-François Dumoulin, Senior Coordinator of Programs and Partnerships for the Tamaani Internet section of the Kativik Regional Government **(confirmed)**
Mr. Tim Whiteduck, Technology Director, First Nations Education Council **(confirmed)**
Mr. Raymond Lacroix, Regional Vice President of Public Markets, Telus Quebec **(confirmed)**
- 12:15 Networking and booth visits
- 12:30 Luncheon conference with Grand Chief Dr. Matthew Coon Come, GCCEI/CNG and President, Eeyou Istchee James Bay Regional Government **(confirmed)**
- 1:30 Moderators: Mr. Youcef Larbi, Chief Geologist and Head of the Executive, Cree Mineral Exploration Board
Mr. Jean-Marc Séguin, Mining Coordinator, Makivik Corporation **(confirmed)**

Subject: Abitibi and Northern Quebec are well-known for their vast landscape and these areas continue to emerge as the largest natural resource projects in North America and in the world. Come and discuss with a panel of speakers in the mining sector on the subject the future economy of resource regions.
- Panel:**
Mr. Simon Thibault, Director Environmental and Social Responsibility of Nemaska Lithium Inc. **(confirmed)**
Mr. Thierry Rodon, Director of *Centre interuniversitaire d'études et de recherche autochtones (CIÉRA)* and of the Inuit Studies magazine, Professor of the Northern Sustainable Development Research Chair, Université Laval **(confirmed)**
- 3:30 Health break and booth visits
- 3:45 Moderator: Mrs. Suzanne Durand, Professor in Management Science, UQAT **(confirmed)**

Subject: Model of Aboriginal joint ventures, partnerships and alliances in Northern Quebec; this presentation will examine the various entrepreneurial development models, the ways of functioning.
- Panel:**
Mr. Jimmy R. Fireman, President, Chisasibi Business Development Group Inc. **(confirmed)**
Mr. Pierre Maheux, President, Autobus Maheux **(confirmed)**
Mr. Matthew Happyjack, President, Air Creebec **(confirmed)**
Mr. Daniel St-Amour, Executive Director (interim), Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay **(confirmed)**
Mr. Étienne Lambert, President and General Manager, Propair Inc. **(confirmed)**
Mr. Mario Rouillier, President, Rouillier Drilling **(confirmed)**
Mr. Vincent Boileau, Business Development Director, Rouillier Group **(confirmed)**
Mr. Robert Jimikin, President, Eskan Company & Subsidiaries **(confirmed)**
Mr. Denis Blais, General Manager for Quebec and International Operations, Cementation Canada Inc. **(confirmed)**
- 5:15 Cocktail and booth visits
- 6:00 Opening Words:
Mr. Romeo Saganash, MP, Abitibi—Baie-James—Nunavik—Eeyou, Deputy Critic for Intergovernmental Aboriginal Affairs **(confirmed)**
Mrs. Robin McGinley, Executive Director, Cree Outfitting & Tourism Association
Subject: An invitation to visit Eeyou Istchee Baie-James

Dinner banquet with a taste of Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute
Aanischaaukamikw is a unique and powerful opportunity to recognize extraordinary Cree culture from the Eeyou Istchee James Bay region. A mobile exhibit of the Aanischaaukamikw Cree Cultural Institute gives us the opportunity to recognize the great cultural wealth of our Aboriginal neighbors and to help this Institute to be used as source of inspiration so that other similar institutions can be created by Aboriginal people everywhere in the world.
- 7:30 Closing word



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DAY 2 – Thursday, June 2, 2016

- 8:00 Continental breakfast, networking, booth visits
- 8:30 Prayer and Word of Welcome:
Dr. Ted Moses, President of SCNATEC
- 8:45 Mr. René Dubé, Mayor of Matagami and First Vice-chairman of *Administration régionale Baie-James* (**confirmed**)
Subject: Development Challenges and Opportunities of Northern Cities
- 9:15 Mr. Adam Lewis, Makivik Corporation (**confirmed**)
Subject: Collective Progression of Makivik Corporation
- 9:45 Mr. Ian Diamond, Business Development, Waska Ressources (**confirmed**)
Mr. Jean-Claude Dostie, Business Development Director, *Le groupe Desfor* (**confirmed**)
Subject: A co-enterprise success.
- 10:15 Health break and booth visits
- 10:30 Moderator: Mrs. Robin McGinley, Executive Director, Cree Outfitting & Tourism Association
Subject: Education and training play a crucial role in economic development; they are important explanatory factors of the variations of standards of living; Presentations of various models and projects for success.
- Panel:**
Mr. Abraham Jolly, Director General, Cree School Board (**confirmed**)
Mrs. Louisa Saganash, Director, Cree Human Resources Development (**confirmed**)
Mr. Robert Marquis, President and CEO, Institut *national des mines du Québec* (**confirmed**)
- 12:30 Luncheon Conference
- 1:30 Closing word – Dr. Ted Moses

Simultaneous translation will be available.