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The 2021 annual conference: another great success



Photo: Grand Chief, Dr. Abel Bosum, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Drs. Ted Moses, President of the Secretariat. Photo: Paul Brindamour

The very first Secretariat's conference in a hybrid format took place on June 9-10. The Allia platform gave us the opportunity to fulfill our mission and bring together several nations and regions around a crucial theme for the populations of northern Quebec. Thus, more than two hundred participants, including forty speakers and dignitaries, reflected on and shared their ideas around the theme of energy and the environment in a nordicity context.

A much-appreciated presence of four ministers at the Conference, namely Mr. Jonatan Julien, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Mr. Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change; Mr. Pierre Dufour, Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks and Member of Parliament for Abitibi-Est; and Mr. Ian Lafrenière, Minister responsible for Native Affairs. We would also like to point out the presence of three deputies from the regions concerned, the Deputy for Ungava, Mr. Denis Lamothe, and the Deputy for Abitibi-Baie-James-Nunavik-Eeyou, Ms. Sylvie Bérubé and Suzanne Blais, Deputy for Abitibi – Also present, we had the Grand Chief and Deputy Grand Chief of the Cree Nation, Dr. Abel Bosum and Ms. Mandy Gull, as well as that of the Grand Chief of the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council, John Boudrias as well as the Chief of the Abitibiwinni First Nation , Ms. Monik Kistabish and the President of the Val-d'Or Native Friendship Center, Oscar Kistabish.

Despite the limited number of face-to-face participants, we still had a dozen kiosks, thanks to our Allia platform, to the delight of the participants. The Secretariat also took advantage of the event to unveil its new logo.



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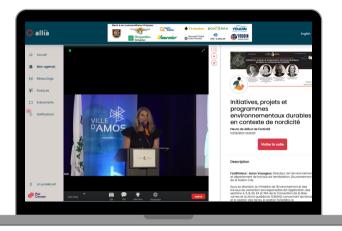


2021 annual conference

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In short, these two days were very rich in exchanges and learning. The speakers demonstrated the social and economic potential of green energies, but above all the strength of collaboration and the positive impacts of their projects on the well-being of communities. The projects presented reinforce the mission of the Secretariat by demonstrating fruitful partnerships from which each of the organizations and communities emerges. While in the history of the Cree Nation, its social and environmental concerns have not often been taken into consideration, this time they are at the heart of the projects presented and this brings comfort and hope.

The relevance of these discussions was accentuated by the quality of the speakers gathered during the event. We would like to thank them once for their generosity and also thank all the participants. See you next year!

Good conferences. Very much appreciate the presentations of aboriginal companies in environment.

— ANDRÉ MARTINEAU, AVJET HOLDING

A year of challenges successfully met.

The <u>2020 annual report</u> is now available on our website. We invite you to consult it. Good reading!

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« I really enjoyed the chance to hear from experts in the industry share their experiences. I learned a lot from these panel style presentations / discussions.»

- COREY KRUPA, BIOÉNERGIE COMMERCIALE



Mark your calendars!





Business Exchange Day on December 7, 2021

The Secretariat's team is pleased to announce the next annual edition of its Business Exchange Day, which will take place on December 7, 2021. Although we wish to be able to welcome as many people as possible in person, we still intend to keep a special attention to the Allia platform. This is an important electronic tool that gives more networking possibilities despite the distance. Note that the last edition of the event, which was held entirely on the platform, was a real success, allowing more than three hundred business meetings during the day and many more in the following days.

We are convinced that once again, this day will be filled with new meetings and enriching exchanges, which is why we invite you to already put this event on your agenda!

Economic Development as a way to fight racism





Our President, Drs. Ted Moses, had the opportunity to speak about the impacts of the actions of the Secretariat during a round table organized in February 2021 by the Association of First Nations Quebec-Labrador (AFNQL). This focused on the theme "Economic development as a way to fight racism and discrimination towards First Nations". Based on the signing of the Paix des Braves, our president took the opportunity to highlight the positive impact of partnerships and collaborations between Quebec and Canadian businesses and organizations and communities. This round table was held following the launch of the AFNQL's <u>Action Plan on Racism and Discrimination</u>, which we invite you to consult.

Important Notice to Northerners

Please note that the Vallée-de-l'Or mining companies have planned shutdowns in the weeks of September 7 to 11 and from November 29 to December 3. 2021. Issues accommodation may arise during these periods. If you plan to travel to Val-d'Or these dates, it is stronaly recommended that you reserve your hotel rooms in advance. Note that debit cards marked "visa" can be accepted as credit cards. In the event that you do not have one, it is sometimes possible to make an agreement with the reception. Please share this information!





The Secretariat have a new logo









Partnerships are being created around allia

The Secretariat has signed agreements with two Abitibi-Témiscamingue Chambers of Commerce to offer members of the latter a discount on annual registration.

The economic development organizations of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and the territories deserved by the Secretariat's activities can find out about the visibility agreements' opportunities for companies and members of their corporations by contacting us.

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To learn more about the benefits offered to members of the CCVD: Avantage aux membres CCVD

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Members of the CCIRN also benefit from a reduced rate for registering on the platform.

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