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AHEAD TOGETHER

Business Exchange Day 2020 on allia platform: A virtual success!

On December 9, 2020, the Secretariat held its annual Business Exchange Day. In the pandemic context, the 17th edition of this event took place on the *allia* platform.

A high-level program, including business appointments planned by the *allia* platform algorithm, booth visits from the nine exhibitors, as well as renowned speakers.

For the first time in the history of the Secretariat, participants were able to see and hear, on the same day of the event, Grand Chief Dr Abel Bosum, three ministers of the provincial government, namely the Minister of Forests, Wildlife and Parks Minister Responsible for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue Region and the Nord-du-Québec Region, and Member for Abitibi-Est, Mr. Pierre Dufour; Mr. Ian Lafrenière, Member for Vachon and Minister responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Mr Jonatan Julien, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and Member for Charlesbourg.

Other distinguished dignitaries completed the panel of speeches: Pierre Corbeil, Mayor of Val-d'Or; Sylvie Bérubé, Member of Parliament for Abitibi - Baie-James - Nunavik -Eeyou of the House of Commons, Canada; Denis Lamothe, Member of Parliament for Ungava and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Forest, Wildlife and Parks and to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Mr René Dubé, Mayor of Matagami and President of l'Administration régionale Baie-James; Ronald Brazeau of Conseil de la Nation Anishnabe du Lac Simon and Drs. Ted Moses, O.Q., Chair of the SCNATEA.





« Great platform easy to use!».

- ROBERT AUCLAIR, CREECO

« ...The platform is simple, effective and precise...»

— SCOTT SZABADKAI, MACHINERIE ST-PIERRE





2020 Business Exchange Day

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Tangible results for the participants.

More than 300 business appointments were planned, on the platform, and many more were held in the days that followed. The booth visit and Networking Room also contributed to the informal networking and to the direct and indirect impacts of the event.

«I had relevant, humanly rewarding meetings. The organization was impeccable.»

- JUDITH CAMIER, CENTRE D'ENTREPRENEURSHIP NORDIQUE

The President of the Secretariat, Drs.Ted Moses, stressed in his closing speech that this success could not have been possible without the small team of the Secretariat, which could make «miracles» with the means at its disposal, to hold on, at any cost, this very popular event for businesses and organizations in Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Eeyou Itschee and elsewhere. The results match their efforts and dedication.



«I have to say this is one of the most innovative and best orchestrated exchange days I've had the chance to attend... »



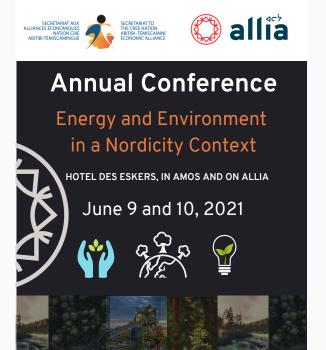
«... A model to follow for other economic and cultural organisations. I am lucky to have taken part in this event; already looking forward to 2021.»

SCOTT SZABADKAI,
MACHINERIE ST-PIERRE



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2021 Secretariat's Annual Conference On your agenda: June 9-10, 2021

Through its mission, the Secretariat organizes each year information, communication, exchange and networking activities, including an annual conference on topics of interest to members. For participants, it is a great opportunity to network with other First nations businesses and organizations and other communities.

In 2020, the Annual Conference, which featured high-level programming, had to be postponed. This year, we are resuming its holding under the same theme: Energy and Environment in a Nordicity Context. Topics such as the Grand Alliance, the Northern Plan, future opportunities, and developments in the environmental and energy sectors will be presented.

The programming will soon be available on our website: creenationat.com

The 2021 Annual Conference will have the distinction of being in a hybrid format: in person at the Hôtel des Eskers, in Amos and also in live streaming on the allia platform.

This is an event not to be missed. On your agenda: June 9 and 10, 2021

Appointment of Bertie Wapachee as health sector representative on the Board of Directors of the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance.

On 10 December 2020, the Board of Directors of the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance welcomed Bertie Wapachee as the new Cree representative of the health sector.

Indeed, on November 27, 2020, Mr. Bertie Wapachee of the Cree Nation of Chisasibi was sworn in as Chairperson of the Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay. His career highlights and extensive network were showcased in the speeches by Chief Daisy House, Grand Chief Dr. Abel Bosum and CBHSSJB Executive Director Daniel St-Amour.

He replaces Bella Moses Petawabano, on the Secretariat's Board of directors. Ms. Moses Petawabano received the most sincere thanks from the President, Drs. Ted Moses, on behalf of the organization, for the great work done during her term.

Drs. Moses and the other members of the Board officially welcomed Mr. Wapachee on December 10th, 2020, while holding the regular meeting of the Secretariat's Board of Directors.





The Secretariat has a new virtual tool for your business alliances, in a northern context.





www.alliab2b.com

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: <u>Avantage aux membres CCVD</u>

Promotional Code

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

Promotional Code

CCIRN225

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