

Conference: “Looking Ahead Together” Annual *rendez-vous* with the Cree Nation

Amos, May 9, 2016 – This morning, the Secretariat to the Cree Nation Abitibi-Témiscamingue Economic Alliance (SAENCAT) launched its official program for its “Looking Ahead Together” conference taking place in Amos on June 1st and 2nd.

The event is organized in collaboration with the City of Amos and the Grand Council of the Crees. The conference will take place at the Hôtel des Eskers under the co-presidency of Dr. Ted Moses, President of the Secretariat, and Mr. Sébastien D’Astous, Mayor of Amos. More than 35 speakers and 200 participants are expected to take part in this event. Simultaneous translation will be available on site.

The use of social media will be of great relevance during this event, as a giant screen will be showing all comments published on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. To join the conversation, simply use the #SAENCAT hashtag at any time.

Among the speakers, we will have the honour of hearing Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come, as well as the following presentations:

- Presentation of the Plan Nord infrastructure projects;
- A vision of the Cree Nation Government;
- The challenges and opportunities of developing Nordic cities;
- The collective progression of the Makivik Corporation;
- The optimization of energy supply chains, Glencore Mine Raglan: a success;
- Presentation of different successful models and projects in education and training.

There will also be **discussions and exchanges** on:

- The communications sector, an essential tool to a territory’s development;
- The future of the resource regions’ economy;
- The models of Aboriginal joint businesses, partnerships and alliances in Northern Quebec.

“Looking Ahead Together” brings subjects that are important to Northern Quebec and the Abitibi-Témiscamingue regions. Come and join us during this great gathering in the hope of growing stronger partnerships, business dialogues and cultural awareness between the Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Eeyou Istchee James Bay and Nunavik.

About the SAENCAT

The SAENCAT was created in Val-d’Or in 2002. It helps maintain a continuous dialogue between Crees and the citizens of Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Eeyou Istchee James Bay and Nunavik. It increases exchanges between our regions. It also ensures the development of economic alliances with the Communities for their projects – on both the local and regional scales; and supports the networking efforts between Cree entrepreneurs and those in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. To learn more about the SAENCAT, or to register for the conference on June 1st and 2nd, please visit www.creenation-at.com.

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