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## Advancing Success: An Employer's Forum on Urban Indigenous Youth and the Labour Market

February 15-16, 2023 | Gatineau, Québec  
Hilton Lac-Leamy

### AGENDA

Wednesday, February 15, 2023: Day 1	
7:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 10:00 am	Registration check-in
9:00 – 9:30 am	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Opening Keynote – Indigenous Youth in the Labour Market</b> <i>Nikki Fraser, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Councillor &amp; Youth Advocate</i>
10:45 – 11:00 am	<b>Networking Break</b>
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<b>Spotlight on Indigenous Youth-Led Research</b> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gabrielle Fayant, Assembly of 7 Generations (A7G)</li><li>• Betty Kennedy, Feathers of Hope</li><li>• Caley-Rain Anderson, 4Rs Youth Movement</li></ul>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch and Networking Session</b>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Panel: Creating Accountable Workplaces for Indigenous Youth</b> <i>Panelists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kory Wilson, British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)</li><li>• Nancy Martin, Miziwe Biik</li><li>• Sarah Laurich, Atikokan Friendship Centre</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Autumn Windego, Atikokan Friendship Centre</i></li> </ul>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Remarks: Supporting Urban Indigenous Youth in the Labour Market
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<b>Closing Keynote</b>  <i>Lea Nicholas-MacKenzie, LNM Indigenous Consulting</i>
4:00 – 5:30 pm	<b>Networking Social &amp; Tradeshow</b> <i>Light refreshments provided</i>

**Thursday, February 16, 2023: Day 2**

7:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00 – 9:15 am	Morning Ceremony and Announcements
9:15 – 10:30 am	<p><b>Fireside Chat: Experiences of Indigenous Youth in the Workplace</b></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Renae Nyce, Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashlee Willette, People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre</i></li> <li>• <i>Cherice Liebrecht, Winnipeg Indigenous Friendship Centre</i></li> <li>• <i>Elizabeth Anderson, First Light St. John’s Friendship Centre</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Beatrice Anane-Bediakoh, Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet)</i></p>
10:30 – 10:45 am	<b>Networking Break</b>
10:45 – 11:45 pm	<p><b>Spotlight on Friendship Centre Employment and Training Initiatives</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ron Rice, Victoria Native Friendship Centre</i></li> <li>• <i>Joanna Ahenakew, Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teresa Innis, Newo Yōtina Friendship Centre</li> <li>• Ken Munro, Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre</li> </ul>
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch and Networking Session</b>
12:45 – 1:30 pm	<p><b>Panel: Promising Practices from CreateAction to Support Meaningful Youth Employment</b></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rachel Sansregret, Winnipeg Indigenous Friendship Centre</li> <li>• Heidi Dixon, First Light St. John's Friendship Centre</li> <li>• Morag Morison, Portage La Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator: Matthew Thompson, CCEDNet</i></p>
1:30 – 2:15 pm	<p><b>Financial Wellbeing and Paying Indigenous Youth a Living Wage</b></p> <p><i>Danielle Levine, CPA BC</i></p>
2:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
2:30 – 3:15 pm	<p><b>Mental Health in the Workplace: Creating Healthy, Safe, Welcoming, and Anti-Oppressive Workplaces</b></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Amy Shawanda, University of Toronto</li> <li>• Quin Buck, 4Rs Youth Movement</li> </ul>
3:15 – 4:15 pm	<p><b>Closing Keynote / Fireside Chat – Future of Work: Perspectives and Needs of Indigenous Youth in the Workplace Moving Forward</b></p> <p><i>Julia Knox, Senior Vice President - Merchandising Services and Retail Support, Sobeys</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Jocelyn Formsma, CEO, NAFC</i></p>
4:15 – 4:45 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks and Prayer

**Note:** This agenda may be subject to change.