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*"LET'S WORK TOGETHER": A CONFERENCE ON CREATING MEANINGFUL & SUSTAINABLE  
EMPLOYMENT FOR ATLANTIC ABORIGINAL PEOPLE*

**FEBRUARY 16 - 18, 2010, HALIFAX, DARTMOUTH HOLIDAY INN**



**ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS  
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**THE CONFERENCE WILL EXPLORE HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER IN THE ATLANTIC REGION TO CREATE MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. BEST PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES AND CURRENT RESEARCH FOR WORKING TOGETHER WILL BE SHARED. THERE WILL BE FACILITATED SESSIONS WITH PARTICIPANTS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THESE WILL BE USED TO GUIDE A PROACTIVE VISION FOR MOVING FORWARD.**

<b>Day 1: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>DARTMOUTH HOLIDAY INN HARBOURVIEW</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>1:00 - 5:00pm</b>	<b>REGISTRATION AND BOOTH SET UP</b>	<b>City Terrace</b>
<b>3:30 - 5:00pm</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> <b>Master of Ceremonies:</b> AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI Roger Augustine & AFN Regional Chief NS/NF Rick Simon <b>Opening Prayer:</b> Keptin John Joe Sark <b>Welcome Remarks:</b> APCFNC Co-Chair, Chief Lawrence Paul, Millbrook First Nation <b>Special Presentation: In Our Languages:</b> Maw-Lukutinej * Mawoluhkhotine * Mamu Uitshetesimetutau * Suliakakatigelautta <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACOA Representative - TBD</li> <li>• Honourable Percy Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Department of Tourism, Culture, and Heritage, Province of Nova Scotia</li> <li>• APCFNC Co-Chair, Chief Noah Augustine</li> </ul>	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>
<b>6:00 - 9:00 pm</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b> <b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> <b>Master of Ceremonies:</b> AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI Roger Augustine & AFN Regional Chief NS/NF Rick Simon <b>Welcoming Remarks:</b> John G. Paul, Executive Director, APCFNC, AAEDIRP Aboriginal Co-Chair <b>Key Note Address:</b> <b>"Building a Strong Aboriginal Workforce"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theresa Hollett, Impact and Benefit Agreement Coordinator, Nunatsiavut Government, Department of Land and Natural Resources</li> </ul> <b>"Using What We Have Learned from our Ancestors to Ensure a Better Future for our People"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Mi'sel Joe, Miawpukek (Conne River) First Nation</li> </ul>	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>

<b>Day 2: Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010</b>		
<b>TIME</b>	<b>DARTMOUTH HOLIDAY INN HARBOURVIEW</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:30 - 8:45 am	BREAKFAST	Lake City Ballroom
8:00 am	REGISTRATION AND BOOTHS	City Terrace
9:00 - 9:15am	Opening Prayer: Introduction of Session Theme: AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI Roger Augustine & AFN Regional Chief NS/NF Rick Simon	Lake City Ballroom
9:15 - 9:50am	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> <b><i>“Developing Sustainable Community Economic &amp; Social Development”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gerard Joe, Director of Economic Development, Miawpukek First Nation</li> </ul> <b><i>“Two Eyed Seeing: Taking Down the Boundaries between Mi’kmaq Traditional Knowledge and the Mainstream”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albert Marshall, Elder and HonDLitt, Eskasoni First Nation and Cheryl Bartlett, Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science, Cape Breton University</li> </ul>	Lake City Ballroom
9:50 - 10:30am		
10:30 -10:45am	BREAK	Change into 3
10:45 - 11:20am	<b><i>“The Michelin Tire/Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative - Partnering for Progress”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Morrison, Human Resources Manager, Michelin North America Inc. and Manson Gloade, Head of Aboriginal Initiatives, Government Relations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada</li> </ul> <b><i>“AAEDIRP: Assessing the Effectiveness of Labour Force Participation Strategies”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lori Ann Roness, Lori Ann Roness Consulting and Mary Collier, Potlotek First Nation, Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager, BBA, Business Technology Diploma</li> </ul>	Section 1
11:20 - 11:55am		
10:45 - 11:20am	<b><i>“AAEDIRP: A Study of the Atlantic Aboriginal Post-Secondary Labour Force”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pat Sark, Oromocto First Nation, First Nation Education Initiatives; David Bruce, Director of Rural and Small Town Programme, Mount Allison University</li> </ul> <b><i>“Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joan Stevens, Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative Coordinator, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat and Kara Paul, Aboriginal Health Sciences Initiative Coordinator, Dalhousie University</li> </ul>	Section 2
11:20 - 11:55am		
10:45 - 11:20am	<b><i>“Melknaq - A Mi’kmaq-University Partnership based on Relentless Spiritedness”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John J. Paul, Director of Program Services, Mi’kmaq Kina’matnewey and Jeff Orr, Dean, Faculty of Education, St. Francis Xavier University</li> </ul> <b><i>“Atlantic Provinces Community Colleges Initiatives”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin Henderson, Academic Chair Oceans, Nova Scotia Community College, Ian Wentzell, Senior Fisheries Advisor, APCFNC</li> <li>Bobbi McLean, College of the North Atlantic</li> </ul>	Section 3
11:20 - 11:55am		
12:00 - 1:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b> <b>Keynote Address:</b> <b><i>“ The Creation of Minigoo Fisheries”</i></b>	(Change room back) Lake City

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chief Darlene Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation</li> </ul>	<b>Ballroom</b>
<b>1:10 - 1:25pm</b>	<b>Introduction of Session Theme:</b> AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI Roger Augustine & AFN Regional Chief NS/NF Rick Simon	
<b>1:25 - 2:00pm</b>	<b>PLENARY PRESENTATIONS</b> <b><i>“A Collaborative Approach to Community Based Economic Development: The Unama’ki Model”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan Christmas, Chair, Unama’ki Economic Benefits Office, and Robert Bernard, Procurement-Community Business Liaison Officer, Unama’ki Economic Benefits Office</li> </ul>	
<b>2:00 pm - 2:35</b>	<b><i>“Joint Economic Development Initiative(JEDI) and Aboriginal Workforce Development of New Brunswick Inc. (AWDI)”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alex Dedam, Aboriginal JEDI Co-Chair TBD</li> <li>Karen LeBlanc, Executive Director</li> </ul>	
<b>2:35 - 2:50 pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Change into 3</b>
<b>2:50 - 3:25pm</b>	<b><i>“Aboriginal Labour Market Initiatives in New Brunswick”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rod Clark, Program Consultant, Service Canada and Wanda Paul, Aboriginal Employment Officer, First Nations Human Resources Development Corporation</li> </ul>	<b>Section 1</b>
<b>3:25 - 4:05pm</b>	<b><i>“Ocean Spray Joint Venture Development Project in Rogersville, New Brunswick”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stuart C.B. Gilby, Associate Lawyer, Burchell Hayman Paris</li> </ul>	
<b>2:50 - 3:25pm</b>	<b><i>“Aboriginal Participation in the Nova Scotia Labour Market”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paula Demone, Manager, Partnership Development &amp; Coordination, Labour Market Partnerships Division, Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Workforce Development</li> </ul>	<b>Section 2</b>
<b>3:25 - 4:05pm</b>	<b><i>“ Mi’kmaq Labour Market Strategy’s Scan of Mi’kmaq Labour Market Research Literature”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dawn McDonald, Provincial Labour Market Strategy Coordinator, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq; Trudy Sable, Director, Office of Aboriginal and Northern Research Gorsebrook Research Institute, Saint Mary’s University; David Sable, Gorsebrook Research Institute Project Consultant</li> </ul>	
<b>2:50 - 3:25pm</b>	<b><i>“Millbrook First Nation”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lloyd Johnson, Economic Development Officer, Millbrook First Nation</li> </ul>	<b>Section 3</b>
<b>3:25 - 4:05pm</b>	<b><i>“AAEDIRP: Examining Business Partnership Arrangements between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Businesses”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lori Ann Roness, Lori Ann Roness Consulting and Mary Collier, Potlotek First Nation, Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager, BBA, Business Technology Diploma</li> </ul>	
<b>6:00 - 9:00pm</b>	<b>BANQUET</b> <b>Keynote Speakers:</b> <b>Title - TBD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Rich, CEO, Innu Development Limited Partnership</li> </ul> <b><i>“A Fair Job for Everyone”</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan Christmas, Membertou Senior Advisor</li> </ul> Showing of <b><i>“Experienced, Capable, Ready”</i></b> , A Documentary on the Sydney Tar Ponds Clean Up Project	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>

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<b>7:30 - 8:45am</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Introduction of Group Discussions and Session Theme	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00pm</b>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Change room into 3 sections</b>
<b>9:00 - 12:00pm</b>	<b>Booths and Poster Sessions</b>	<b>City Terrace</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:30am</b>	<b>A PROACTIVE VISION FOR MOVING FORWARD</b> Group 1 Facilitated Circle/Discussion Group 2 Facilitated Circle/Discussion Group 3 Facilitated Circle/Discussion	<b>Section 1</b> <b>Section 2</b> <b>Section 3</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>Change back room</b>
<b>10:45 am - 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Group Reports and Conference Wrap-Up:</b> AFN Regional Chief NB/PEI Roger Augustine & AFN Regional Chief NS/NF Rick Simon <b>Closing Prayer:</b>	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>  <b>Thank you to the following organizations for setting up BOOTHS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Youth Council, (MMAYC)</b> - Ashley Julian, Youth Coordinator, APCFNC &amp; Denny Issac, MMAYC Representative</li> <li>• <b>Aboriginal Health Human Resource Initiative (AHHRI)</b> - Kara Paul, Aboriginal Health Sciences Initiative Coordinator &amp; Shelly Young, Aboriginal Health Sciences Initiative Outreach Coordinator</li> <li>• <b>Unama'ki Economic Benefits Office</b> - Robert Bernard, Procurement-Community Business Liaison Officer &amp; Alyssa Jeddore, Training Support Job Coach Officer</li> <li>• <b>Union of New Brunswick Indians</b> - Ellen Bubar</li> <li>• <b>Ulnooweg Development Group Inc.</b> - Joe Augustine &amp; Mike Tubrett, Commercial Account Managers</li> <li>• <b>Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Developers Network (AAEDN)</b>, Louis Joe Bernard, AAEDN Co-Chair, Union of Nova Scotia Indians</li> </ul>	<b>Lake City Ballroom</b>