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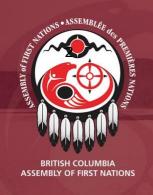
BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

Economic Development Forum: Economic Empowerment
October 16th – 18th, 2023
In-Person at the Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre, Whistler, and
Online Via Zoom
– DRAFT AGENDA –

Co-Facilitators: Kyle Alec and Taylor Behn-Tsakoza

Monday, October 16 th		
5:30 PM	REGISTRATION OPENS • Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre	
6:00 PM	OPENING OF THE EVENT	
6:05 PM	WELCOME ● Regional Chief Terry Teegee	
6:15 PM	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE • Spo7ez	
6:45 PM	CANAPE RECEPTION AND NETWORKING	
8:00 PM	EVENT CONCLUDES	





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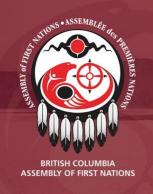
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Tuesday, October 17 th		
8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	
9:00 AM	OPENING BLESSING AND WELCOME	
9:15 AM	OVERVIEW AND OPENING • Co-Facilitators Kyle Alec and Taylor Behn-Tsakoza	
9:30 AM	WELCOME AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS • Regional Chief Terry Teegee	
10:00 AM	BC FIRST NATIONS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: LAUNCH • Deputy Chief Harlan Schilling, Chief Executive Officer CoE.	
10:45 AM	WELLNESS BREAK	
11:00 AM	PROVINCIAL PARTNERSHIPS • Assistant Deputy Minister, Ann Marie Sam, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation	
11:20 AM	BRITISH COLUMBIA INFRASTRUCTURE BENEFITS (BCIB) Brenda Ireland, Economic Development Consultant, First Light Initiatives	
12:00 PM	LUNCH – Sponsored by BCIB	
1:15 PM	AFTERNOON KEYNOTE - DOING OUR VERY BEST: SQUAMISH NATIONS APPROACH TO EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • Khelsilem, Council Chairperson, Squamish Nation	







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1:45 PM	 NATURAL RESOURCES PANEL: CRITICAL MINERALS AND MINING David Porter, Chief Executive Officer, BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council Paul Blom, Executive Director, BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council Joelle Walker, Principal, Miller Titerle and Company
2:45 PM	WELLNESS BREAK
3:00 PM	CANNABIS FIRESIDE DISCUSSION: CANNABIS REVIEW, POLICY SOLUTIONS FOR FIRST NATIONS INCLUSION • Jeff Beaudry, Senior Policy Analyst, AFN • Amy Lickers, Entrepreneur
3:30 PM	FIRST NATIONS FORESTRY COUNCIL: A CHANGING LANDSCAPE • Chief Executive Officer, Lennard Joe
4:00 PM	BC FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION REPORT: DATE EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES • Susan Mowbray, Partner, MNP
4:30 PM	ADJOURNMENT





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October 18 th		
8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	
9:00 AM	OPENING BLESSING	
9:10 AM	CLOSING THE EQUITY GAP: FIRST NATIONS BANK OF CANADA (FNBC) Booker Cornea, Manager, Business Development, FNBC	
9:30 AM	KEYNOTE: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY DURING CLIMATE CHANGE • Jacob Beaton, Founder, Tea Creek	
10:00 AM	FOOD SOVEREIGNTY BREAKOUT SESSION: HOW DO WE FEED OUR COMMUNITIES IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD?	
10:45 AM	JOBS, ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND INNOVATION: A MESSAGE FROM MINISTER BAILEY • Minister Brenda Bailey, JEDI	
11:00 AM	 INTERNATIONAL TRADE: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN ACTION Wayne Garnons-Williams, President, International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organization 	
11:30 AM	CULTURAL PERFORMANCE • Spo7ez	
12:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT (BAG LUNCH TO GO)	

