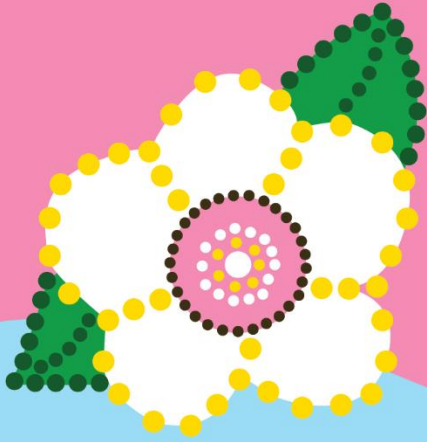


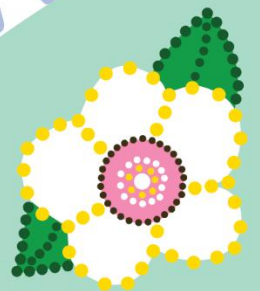
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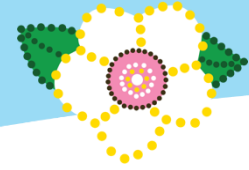
**February 12 and 13, 2025 | Rogers Centre, Ottawa**

Registration: [Sustainable Development Goals & Métis Nation Global Summit](#)

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 25, 2015, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted “Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” signalling a collective endeavour to address contemporary social, environmental, and economic challenges and crises and to bolster inclusive development, ensuring no one gets left behind. The vision encapsulated in the 2030 Agenda is that economic development does not have to come at the cost of environmental degradation or the violation of human rights. Under this wholistic framework, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 Targets put forward in the 2030 Agenda seek to eliminate structural inequalities and restore the benefits of development to marginalized and vulnerable populations. Through its adoption, the 2030 Agenda underscored that human rights - whether they relate to civil, cultural, economic, political, or social issues - are inherent to the dignity of every human person. Recognizing that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda must go hand-in-hand with implementation on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the SDGs present an opportunity to centre the unique knowledge of Indigenous Peoples under a responsive, inclusive, participatory, and representative framework.

Hosting the inaugural Métis Nation Global Summit in 2024, the Métis National Council has taken the first steps to facilitate a dialogue that situates and mobilizes the priorities of Indigenous Peoples in the global development narrative. Bringing the local and the global together, the Summit provides a platform to explore these complex dynamics, fostering a deeper understanding of the intersections, challenges, and potential solutions. It is a call to action, urging participants to envision a future where the 2030 Agenda and Indigenous aspirations exist harmoniously, driving progress that is both meaningful and inclusive.



## Global Summit Agenda Day 1

February 12, 2025 | Rogers Centre Room 205 & 207 | 8:00am - 4:30pm |

8:00 – 9:00am **Breakfast**

### Welcome

9:00 – 9:30am

*Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer from Elder Veda Weselake; Opening Remarks from MNC President Victoria Pruden and MNO President Margaret Froh; Overview of Objectives and Agenda; Housekeeping Items*

### Keynote Address: Finding Marie Callihoo: Métis Women's Stories Inside of Métis History

9:30 –  
10:15am

*Otipemisiwak Métis Government Secretary for the Advancement of Women and Girls, Tai Amy Grauman*  
Finding Marie Callihoo: Métis Women's stories inside of Métis history' chronicles a Metis Women's journey through history to find her ancestor 'Marie'. Why are Metis Women's stories missing from the glorified story of the Nation? Where do we find these women?

10:15 –  
10:30am

### Morning Break

### Painted Beadwork Workshop

10:30am –  
12:00pm

*Led by Alexa Lizotte (Desert Métis Creations)*

Métis women have long acted as economic drivers of the culture and stewards of the land, relying on the interconnectedness of the natural world around them to carry out sustainable practices. Framed by UN Sustainable Development Goals towards gender empowerment, economic growth and building sustainable communities, this painted beadwork art and history workshop sees the role of Métis women in preserving cultural heritage and fostering entrepreneurship in practice, articulating a vision of sustainable development that is expressly Métis.



12:00 –  
1:00pm

**Lunch**

*Prayer and remarks from Elder Bruce Dumont*

**Safeguarding our Students: Advancing Elementary and Secondary Education in Indigenous Communities**

1:00 – 2:30pm Recognizing childhood development as a crucial stage in building a connection to culture, to land, and to oneself, this panel explores the importance of elementary and secondary education to Indigenous Peoples and to the realization and preservation of distinct Indigenous cultures, heritage, community and wellbeing. Grounded by UN Sustainable Development Goals on education, researchers and educators come together to discuss the unique barriers in accessing quality, relevant and culturally appropriate education in the K-12 years as well as opportunities to strengthen lifelong learning and educational outcomes for Indigenous youth.

*Panelists: Dr. Yvonne Poitras-Pratt (University of Calgary), Dr. Angela Baeza Peña (Queensland University of Technology), Donna Richey (National Indian Education Association, USA), Lauren Petersen (moderator – Métis National Council)*

2:30 – 2:45pm

**Afternoon Break**

**Holding Children, Youth and Families in Culture: Avenues for Prevention and Cultural Revitalization**

2:45 – 4:15pm An essential step in protecting and nurturing the wellbeing of Indigenous children and youth is keeping them safe, healthy and thriving within their families, communities and culture. In this panel, child, youth and family services researchers and specialists discuss successes in the prevention of discriminatory child welfare interventions and in cultural preservation and revitalization amongst Indigenous communities and their children.

*Panelists: Dr. Cathy Richardson (Concordia University), Kristina Kopp (University of the Fraser Valley), Grandmother Dianne Ludwig, Angie Tucker (moderator – University of Alberta)*

4:15 – 4:30pm

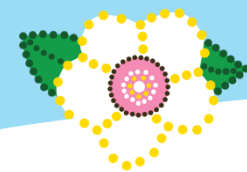
**Day One Conclusion**

4:30 – 7:00pm

**Reception**

Held at the Westin Hotel, Venue Twenty Two (22<sup>nd</sup> floor)

*Fiddle by Alex Kusturok*



## Global Summit Agenda Day 2

February 13, 2025 | Rogers Centre Room 205 & 207 | 8:00am – 5:00pm |

8:00– 9:00am **Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:10am **Welcome Back**

### **Envisioning Sustainability through *Wahkohtowin* and *Whanaungatanga*: An Intergenerational Fireside Chat**

9:15 – 10:45am Drawing on the knowledge and perspectives of Indigenous Elders and youth, this fireside chat is an opportunity for different generations to gather and envision a sustainable and just future for a collective Indigenous world. The UN Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda offer a starting place for this innovative intergenerational dialogue.

*Participants: Grandmother Kathy Boston, Elder Veda Weselake, Elder Bruce Dumont, Britney Supernault/Cree Nomad, Johannah Kātene-Burge, Flynn Rosie, Kate Gillis (moderator)*

10:45 – 11:00am **Morning Break**

### **Stories of Health, Wellbeing and Healing: Locating Culture and Kinship in Healthcare**

11:00am – 12:30pm Indigenous health is complicated by critical issues in accessing health care, healthy living, and comprehensive community wellness. With a focus on culture and self-determination as central, protective factors for equitable and effective healthcare, this story-centered fireside chat brings Indigenous health academics and experts together to illuminate how Indigenous-led, culturally competent and land-based health services are filling in the gaps in mainstream health systems. Crucially, participants dialogue on the outlook for resources and sustainability of culturally specific and self-determined care.

*Panelists: Dr. Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine (University of Ottawa), Dr. Bobby Henry (University of Saskatchewan), Celine Wick (Lakehead University / Métis National Council), Victor Odele (moderator – Métis National Council)*

12:30– 1:30pm

### **Lunch**

*Prayer and remarks by Grandmother Dianne Ludwig*

### **Stewards of the Future: Indigenous Conceptions of Emergency Management**

Situating Indigenous Peoples as leaders and stewards of a sustainable future, this panel highlights their role in Sustainable Development Goals concerning emergency management and climate preparedness. Guided by conceptions of resiliency, panelists engage the audience in a discussion of the realities of emergency management for Indigenous communities internationally, and the role that traditional knowledge systems and capacity-building practices can play in sustainable adaptation and mitigation.

1:30 – 3:00pm

*Panelists: Shelley Cardinal (Canadian Red Cross), Angelique Belcourt (Emergency Management Ontario), Thomas Joseph Tsewenaldin (Indigenous Environmental Network), Joshua Mitchell (moderator – Natural Resources Canada)*

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3:00 – 3:15pm

### **Afternoon Break**

### **Indigenous Economic Sovereignty: Building Sustainable Futures**

Drawing on Sustainable Development Goals for economic growth and responsible production and consumption, this international panel leads a rich conversation on own-source revenue generation, international trade, and economic self-determination for Indigenous Peoples, focusing on building long-term, sustainable economies that benefit communities and future generations. Hosting various Indigenous experts and entrepreneurs, this discussion highlights successful Indigenous businesses and initiatives, showcasing how Indigenous knowledge and values can drive economic growth and innovation.

3:15 – 4:45pm

*Panelists: Juanita Marois (Métis Crossing), Bruce Hardy (Myera Group), Brandi Ross (Cherokee Nation), Ben Morgan (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), Patrick Watson (moderator – Métis National Council)*

4:45 – 5:00pm

### **Closing Activity & Remarks**

*Closing Remarks by Global Affairs Canada A/ADM Richard Arbeiter and Closing Prayer by Grandmother Kathy Boston.*