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**Indigenous Women
in Industry Summit**
VANCOUVER, BC
September 28-30

Weaving Our Worlds Together



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Weaving our Worlds Together

IWI – Indigenous Women in Industry Summit – Canada 2026 is an international gathering designed to create economic, social and cultural opportunities for Indigenous women around the world. Co-hosted by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) and Rise Global, IWI 2024 was launched in Rotorua, Aotearoa (NZ) and will travel to Australia in 2028 and the United States in 2030. IWI means tribe or group of people in Te Reo Māori, the Indigenous language of Aotearoa.

He Moemoeā Vision

United Indigenous women for a stronger economy, people and planet.

He Pae Mission

Empowering Indigenous women as leaders in sustainable, equitable economies, we drive positive transformation for a better world.

Ngā Matāpono Values

Kotahitanga

We unite

Hononga

We connect

Whakanuia

We celebrate

Kaitiakitanga

We protect

Manaakitanga

We care

Rangatiratanga

We lead



Welcome from Dawn Madahbee Leach, *IWI Canadian Patron*

Warmest greetings and welcome to all attendees of this international conference for Indigenous Women in Industry.

It is an honour to gather in a safe space where Indigenous women from across Nations, communities, cultures, and business sectors can come together to unite, connect, celebrate, care, inspire and lead. It is a place where our voices, experiences, knowledge, cultures, and aspirations are valued – and where we can come together to strengthen one another to build a future rooted in opportunity, reciprocity, and collective success.

May this event create space for meaningful connections, courageous conversations, shared learning, and new possibilities. May we celebrate the achievements of Indigenous women, honour the life journeys that brought us all here, and nurture the relationships that will carry our work forward.

Together, we have the opportunity to inspire one another, champion economic empowerment, share our wisdom and lead with purpose – for our communities, our families and the generations to come.

Welcome. You belong here. Your voice matters. Your leadership inspires. Dream boldly.

Miigwetch,

Dawn Madahbee Leach
Canadian Patron
Indigenous Women in Industry

Lettre de bienvenue de Dawn Madahbee Leach, marraine canadienne de l'IWI

Je souhaite la plus chaleureuse des bienvenues à toutes les participantes à cette conférence internationale destinée aux femmes autochtones dans l'industrie.

C'est un honneur de nous réunir dans un espace sécuritaire où les femmes autochtones de toutes les nations, communautés, cultures et secteurs d'activité différents peuvent se rassembler pour s'unir, créer des liens, célébrer, s'entraider, s'inspirer et exercer leur leadership. C'est un lieu où nos voix, nos expériences, nos connaissances, nos cultures et nos aspirations sont valorisées, et où nous pouvons nous rassembler pour nous soutenir mutuellement et bâtir un avenir fondé sur l'égalité des chances, la réciprocité et la réussite collective.

Puisse cet événement favoriser des échanges enrichissants, des conversations courageuses, un apprentissage partagé et de nouvelles perspectives. Puisse-nous célébrer les réalisations des femmes autochtones, rendre hommage aux parcours de vie qui nous ont toutes menées ici et cultiver les relations qui nous permettront de poursuivre notre travail.

Ensemble, nous avons l'occasion de nous inspirer mutuellement, de promouvoir l'autonomisation économique, de partager notre sagesse et de diriger avec détermination, pour nos communautés, nos familles et les générations futures.

Bienvenue. Vous avez votre place parmi nous. Votre voix compte. Votre leadership est une source d'inspiration. Osez rêver grand

Miigwetch,

Dawn Madahbee Leach
Marraine canadienne
Femmes autochtones dans l'industrie





Nau mai, Welcome

**Rachel Petero - Ngaati Tamaoho,
Ngaati Whawhaakia, Ngaati Te
Ata, Ngaati Tahinga**



He Reo Poowhiri Naa Te Kaiwhakatuu

Teenaa koutou e ngaa kaahui manu, e ngaa manu
maareikura kua whakakotahi mai i ngaa hau e whaa o te ao.

Kei te mihi ki too taatou manu ariki ko Te Arikinui Kuini
Nga Wai hono i te po i runga i te ahurewa tapu o oona
tuupuna.

Te Arikinui kia tau te aroha

Kia mau i o rangi
Kia mau i o papa
Nga Wai hono i te po
Nga Wai hono i te ao

Rire rire hau paimaarire.

He manuwihiri maatou ki teenei whenua, noo reira ka
tuku mihi ki ngaa iwi taketake o teenei rohe, ki ngaa
mana whenua, ki ngaa kaitiaki o te whenua nei. Kei raro
maatou i oo koutou tikanga me oo koutou kawa. E mihi
ana i oo koutou manaaki, hei whakatuwhera mai i oo
koutou whenua, ngaakau hoki kia hui tahi ai taatou.

Ko te kaupapa o IWI 2026, **Weaving Our Worlds
Together – Maa ngaa aho me ngaa whenu e
whakakotahi ai taatou.**

He aho taatou katoa. He whakapapa, he moohiotanga,
he puukenga, he moemoeaa too ia iwi. Ka rarangahia
eenei aho, ka tupu ngaa hononga, ngaa ara
tauhokohoko, ngaa ara rangatira, me ngaa ara hou moo
ngaa uri whakaheke.

Ehara teenei hui i te hui noa iho. He waahi hei
whakakaha i ngaa hononga iwi taketake ki te iwi
taketake, waahine ki te waahine, whakatupuranga ki te
whakatupuranga.

Kia kaha taatou ki te tuu, ki te koorero, ki te
whakarongo, ki te honoa e taatou.

**I haere mai taatou hei manuwihiri, e wehe atu nei
hei whaanau. Noo te mea ka ara ana ngaa Waahine
Taketake, ka whakakahangia oo taatou iwi, oo taatou
ohaoha, me too taatou taiao.**

Naaku iti noa

Rachel Petero - Founder Rise Global & IWI

A Message from the Founder

To our Indigenous nations and women who have
travelled from across the world, welcome to IWI 2026.

We acknowledge Te Arikinui Kuini Nga Wai hono i te po
under the auspices of her ancestors.

May the love of our Atua be with you
Hold strong to your heavens
Hold strong to your earth

Goodness and peace

We come to Canada as visitors. We acknowledge and
honour the Host Nations, the traditional custodians of
these lands, and we enter guided by their protocols,
generosity and leadership. Thank you for opening your
lands and your hearts so that we may gather.

Our theme, **Weaving Our Worlds Together**, speaks to
why we are here.

Each of us brings a thread—our culture, knowledge,
enterprise, leadership and aspirations for our people.
When we weave those threads together, we strengthen
relationships, open pathways to trade and opportunity,
and create something greater for the generations who
follow.

IWI is more than a gathering. It is an opportunity to
strengthen Indigenous-to-Indigenous relationships—
nation to nation, woman to woman, generation to
generation.

Over these days, bring your voice. Share your
knowledge. Listen deeply. Build relationships that travel
home with you.

We came as visitors we leave as a family.

Because when Indigenous women rise, we strengthen
our people, our economies and our planet.

**I haere mai taatou hei manuwihiri, e wehe atu nei
hei whaanau. Noo te mea ka ara ana ngaa Waahine
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Rachel Petero - Founder Rise Global & IWI





Welcome

from Shannin Metatawabin, *National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association*

On behalf of NACCA, welcome to the Indigenous Women in Industry Summit 2026. We are honoured to gather with delegates from Canada and across the globe to celebrate the strength, vision, and leadership of Indigenous women. This summit is about connecting us together and share knowledge, lift one another up, and continue the pathway to prosperity both now and for future generations.

Indigenous women have always been the backbone of our families, pillars in our vibrant communities, and drivers in our resilient economies. Today, they continue to lead businesses, drive innovation, preserve culture, and inspire future generations. Their leadership is strengthening Indigenous economies and is essential to advancing meaningful economic reconciliation and lasting prosperity. At NACCA, we see this every day through the work of more than 50 Indigenous Financial Institutions and our Indigenous Women Entrepreneurship program.

Over the coming days of IWI, connect with one another, share your experiences, and celebrate the diverse perspectives that make this summit so meaningful. The conversations and partnerships that begin here have the potential to shape stronger Indigenous economies and communities around the world.

When Indigenous women lead and thrive in business, their success lifts our families today and is creating prosperity that seven generations from now will still stand on.

Kinanskoomatin,

Shannin Metatawabin
CEO, NACCA

Au nom de NACCA, bienvenue au Sommet des femmes autochtones dans l'industrie 2026. C'est un honneur de nous rassembler avec des déléguées venus du Canada et des quatre coins du monde pour célébrer la force, la vision et le leadership des femmes autochtones. Ce sommet vise à nous rapprocher, à partager nos connaissances, à nous élever les unes les autres et à poursuivre le chemin de la prospérité, tant aujourd'hui que pour les générations futures.

Les femmes autochtones ont toujours été la colonne vertébrale de nos familles, les piliers de nos communautés dynamiques et le moteur de nos économies résilientes. Aujourd'hui, elles continuent de diriger des entreprises, de stimuler l'innovation, de préserver la culture et d'inspirer les générations à venir. Leur leadership renforce les économies autochtones et demeure essentiel à l'avancement d'une véritable réconciliation économique et d'une prospérité durable. À NACCA, nous en sommes témoins chaque jour grâce au travail de plus de 50 institutions financières autochtones et à notre programme d'entrepreneuriat pour les femmes autochtones.

Au cours des prochains jours du sommet IWI, je vous encourage à échanger, à partager vos expériences et à célébrer la diversité des perspectives qui font la richesse de ce rassemblement. Les conversations et les partenariats qui s'amorcent ici ont le pouvoir de façonner des économies et des communautés autochtones plus fortes partout dans le monde.

Lorsque les femmes autochtones dirigent et s'épanouissent en affaires, leur réussite élève nos familles d'aujourd'hui et crée une prospérité sur laquelle s'appuieront les sept prochaines générations.

Kinanskoomatin,

Shannin Metatawabin
PDG, NACCA



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Our Master of Ceremonies

Victoria LaBillois

Victoria LaBillois is an award-winning Mi'gmaq entrepreneur and founder of The Eloquent Hostess, blending her gift for languages with her commanding voice as MC for national events. She has served in First Nation, provincial, and federal public service, including on the National Indigenous Economic Development Board, Hydro-Québec Board, and Indigenous Advisory Council for Major Projects. Passionate about mentorship, Victoria dedicates her time to teaching financial literacy to Indigenous youth.

To learn more about our amazing Summit speakers and panelists, visit our Speakers page by scanning the QR Code



www.iwiglobal.ca/speakers



About the Logo

The Sisterhood logo showcases the strength and unity of women in business globally. Strong women stand hand-in-hand, representing diversity in culture, professional ambition and collective strength.

The pink floral globe highlights the interconnectedness of women across different nations. The blue sky and lush green grass create a backdrop of hope and growth, emphasizing the potential of women to thrive in the business world.

The logo conveys a powerful message of empowerment, collaboration, and the shared journey of women striving for success in their respective fields, embodying resilience and innovation.

This artwork was generously donated to NACCA and Rise Global by Tracey Metallic.



Agenda

MONDAY - September 28, 2026

CANOE CEREMONY AND WELCOME FROM HOST NATIONS

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Teatotaler Beach (close to the Vancouver Maritime Museum)

Please join us at the Canoe Ceremony, serving as the cultural opening of the Indigenous Women in Industry Summit 2026, bringing together Indigenous women leaders, entrepreneurs, community members and allies in a spirit of respect, partnership and reconciliation.

Hosted on the traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, the Ceremony will be the welcome of the visitors to the lands and waters.

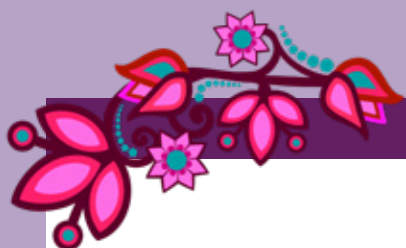
*Transportation from the Hyatt Regency Vancouver to Teatotaler Beach return provided.
Delegates meet in hotel lobby at 2:00 p.m. Shuttle bus leaves promptly at 2:15 p.m.*

SUMMIT REGISTRATION OPEN

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Regency Ballroom Foyer

Beat the morning rush and register this evening! Take a few minutes from the Welcome Reception to stop by Registration to pick up your name badge and delegate kit.



WELCOME RECEPTION

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Oxford/Prince of Wales Room, Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Following the Canoe Ceremony, we welcome everyone back to the Hyatt Regency Vancouver for our Welcome Reception. Enjoy some light refreshments, including one of the Summit's Signature Mocktails and take some time to network with your fellow delegates before Day 1 of the Summit!

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TUESDAY - September 29, 2026

DAY 1

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Summit Registration Open	Regency Ballroom Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast & Networking	Regency Ballroom D-E-F Foyer
8:30 a.m.	Indigenous Marketplace Open	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
	<i>Master of Ceremonies: Victoria LaBillois, The Eloquent Hostess</i> Opening Prayer - Local Elder - Rise Global Representative, Aotearoa Welcome to the Territory - Syexwáliya, Ann Whonnock, Squamish Nation - Musqueam Nation (TBC) - Councillor Kalila George Wilson, Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TBC)	 Syexwáliya
9:30 a.m.	Welcome Address from IWI	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
	- Dawn Madahbee Leach, Canadian Patron - Teresa Tepania-Ashton, Aotearoa Patron - Elaine Chambers, NACCA Board of Directors	 Dawn Madahbee Leach  Teresa Tepania-Ashton  Elaine Chambers
9:40 a.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Te Kahukura Boynton, Founder, Māori Millionaire</i>	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
	Te Kahukura Boynton is a bestselling author, entrepreneur and founder of Māori Millionaire, Aotearoa's largest trauma informed financial literacy platform. Of Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngai Tūhoe and Te Whakatōhea descent, she is working to bridge the wealth gap through accessible, culturally relevant financial education grounded in an Indigenous lens. What began as a personal goal has grown into a movement of more than 120,000 people, through digital content, a podcast and national events. A 2025 Young New Zealander of the Year semi-finalist and United Nations Entrepreneur of the Day award winner, Te Kahukura is reshaping conversations about money and financial wellbeing across Aotearoa.	 Te Kahukura Boynton 

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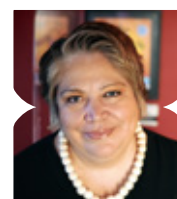
DAY 1

Time	Activity	Location
10:10 a.m.	Networking Break in the Indigenous Marketplace Visit the Indigenous Marketplace daily in Regency Ballroom A-B-C to explore unique handcrafted goods, artwork, gifts, and creations from Indigenous vendors. Stop by during breaks and lunch to connect with and support Indigenous women entrepreneurs and artisans—and discover something special to take home.	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
10:30 a.m.	PANEL - Rooted in the Region: Women Entrepreneurs Driving Change Moderator: Ginger Gosnell-Myers, Nisga'a and Kwakwaka'wakw Planner, Policy Leader and City-BUILDER • Inez Cook, <i>Salmon n' Bannock Restaurant</i> • Alissa Assu, <i>Owner of RavenSong Soap & Candles</i> • Maria Clark, <i>Island Coast Mobile Welding and Manager, Tin Wis Resort</i> British Columbia is home to a vibrant and growing community of Indigenous women entrepreneurs who are creating opportunity, strengthening communities, and contributing to the economy. Panelists will share their journeys and explore how Indigenous women are driving economic growth and creating lasting impact across the province.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
11:30 a.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Jennifer Orrala, Founder and Director of ArteOrrala, Ecuador Jennifer Orrala is an Ecuadorian ceramic artist, cultural manager, social entrepreneur, and public speaker from the Huancavilca Indigenous people of Santa Elena. Raised in the Ancestral Community of Valdivia, she is dedicated to preserving this endangered cultural heritage while creating opportunities for future generations. As founder and director of ArteOrrala, Jennifer combines ancestral ceramic techniques, innovation, and economic development, training young artisans and strengthening cultural identity. She also founded the Alfa Orrala Foundation, supporting vulnerable children and youth through education and the arts. An internationally recognized leader, Jennifer champions cultural heritage as a driver of economic opportunity and social transformation.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	Regency Ballroom D-E-F

A complete vendor list can be found on page 22.



Ginger Gosnell-Myers



Inez Cook



Alissa Assu



Maria Clark



Jennifer Orrala





Time	Activity	Location
12:30 p.m.	Indigenous Fashion Showcase <i>featuring Dorothy Grant (Canada) and Special Guests Amanda Healy, Kirrikin (Australia) and Christiane Waneissi, Chateaubriand Wear (New Caledonia)</i> Showcase Soundtrack provided by DJ Morgan Lily! <i>Dorothy Grant, Kaigani Haida, Fashion Designer</i> Skil Da 'Yuuwans Dorothy Grant, of the Yahgw Janáas clan of the Kaigani Haida, is an internationally renowned fashion designer who has brought Indigenous fashion to the world stage. Launching her first label, Feastwear, in Vancouver in 1989, Dorothy built a distinguished career bridging Haida art, regalia and contemporary fashion. Her designs embody the Haida philosophy of <i>yahgwdáng/yahguudang</i> – respect – and promote empowerment, pride and confidence. Her work is held in major collections, including the National Gallery of Canada, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and The Met. A Member of the Order of Canada and recipient of an honorary doctorate from Simon Fraser University, Dorothy continues to mentor Indigenous entrepreneurs and inspire future generations of Indigenous designers.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F

INDIGENOUS Fashion Showcase



featuring
Dorothy Grant
and Special Guests:



Amanda Healy
Kirrikin
(Australia)

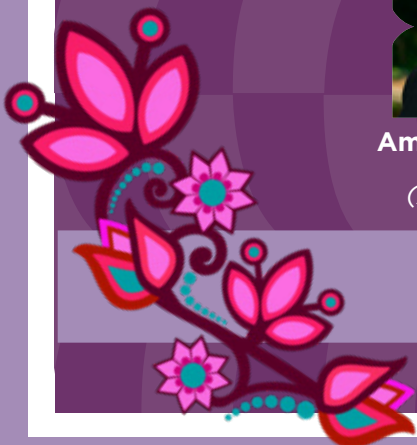


Christiane Waneissi,
Chateaubriand Wear
(New Caledonia)



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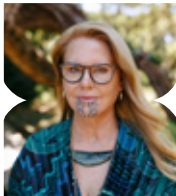
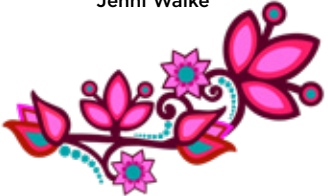
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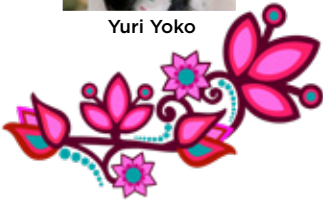
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TUESDAY - September 29, 2026

DAY 1

Time	Activity	Location
1:15 p.m.	PANEL – Matriarchs in Motion: Wisdom, Power, Legacy <i>Moderator: Magnolia Perron, Director of Strategy and Partnerships, NACCA</i> <i>Roberta L. Jamieson, O.C., I.P.C., LLB, LLd (Hon), Director, RBC, Deloitte Canada and Chile, former President & CEO of Indspire (Canada)</i> <i>Dr. Hinemoa Elder, Kaiārahi Oranga Hinengaro, Te Hiku Hauora (Aotearoa)</i> <i>Dr Michelle Deshong, Managing Director, Deshong Consulting Pty Ltd. (Australia)</i> <i>Rosa Walker, President & CEO, Indigenous Leadership Development Institute Inc. & World Indigenous Business Forum (Canada)</i> <i>Jaime Gloshey, Managing Director of Impact Investments (United States)</i> Leadership is shaped by the knowledge, relationships, and generations that come before us. This conversation brings together Indigenous women leaders from diverse fields to reflect on the lessons, responsibilities and relationships that have shaped their journeys. Together, they will explore what it means to lead with purpose, strength, and connection – from carrying cultural knowledge and creating pathways for others to advocating for change and strengthening communities. Looking ahead, panelists will consider how today's leaders can create space for the next generation to lead, innovate, and shape their own futures.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F  Magnolia Perron  Roberta L. Jamieson  Dr. Hinemoa Elder  Dr Michelle Deshong  Rosa Walker  Jaime Gloshey
2:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Jenni Walke, Elephant in the Room Consulting Jenni Walke is a proud First Nations Bundjalung woman and founder of Elephant in the Room Consulting, combining Indigenous wisdom with contemporary business strategy. With more than 25 years of experience across military service, government and the private sector, she works at the intersection of strategy, culture, governance and impact. Jenni has supported over 200 Indigenous businesses, facilitated more than \$10M in contracts and delivered cultural capability, leadership, and governance programs for corporations and government agencies. A trusted advisor, board member, mentor and speaker, she champions culturally safe organizations, Indigenous leadership, community-led outcomes, and meaningful social and economic impact through purpose, courage and culture.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F  Jenni Walke 



Time	Activity	Location
2:45 p.m.	Networking Break in the Indigenous Marketplace	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
3:15 p.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Yuri Yoko, Co-Founder and CEO, Jidi Culture Publishing Ltd.</i> Yuri Yoko is a Truku cultural practitioner, singer-songwriter, researcher and co-founder and CEO of Jidi Culture Publishing Ltd. in Taiwan. Her work brings Indigenous culture, histories and knowledge into contemporary public engagement through music, storytelling, immersive experiences, education and cultural interpretation. A PhD student at National Chengchi University, her research explores Indigenous historical perspectives, cultural heritage, decolonization, and the legacies of colonial violence in Taiwan. Across her creative and academic work, Yuri supports Indigenous communities in telling their own stories and shaping how their cultures and histories are represented.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
		 Yuri Yoko 
3:45 pm.	PANEL - Rising Leaders: Next Gen Women Leading the Way <i>Moderator: Natasha Amos, Squamish Nation</i> <i>Iliganoa Nele Kalolo (Sapini-Faga, Vaimoso, Vaiafai-Iva, Sāpapali'i, Puleia Samoa)</i> <i>Jasmine Newman, Managing Director & Co-Founder of KILLARA Services (Australia)</i> <i>Mya Beaudry, Founder of Kokum Scrunchies (Canada)</i> <i>Jennecca Evalu, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Aotearoa)</i> <i>Marrisa Moccasin-Mitsuing, Co-Founder and CEO, Powwow Times (Canada)</i> A new generation of Indigenous women is stepping forward with bold ideas, leadership, entrepreneurial ambition, and a vision for the future. Panelists will explore the importance of mentorship, confidence, cultural connection, and opportunity, while reflecting on what the next generation needs to thrive, lead on their own terms, and create lasting change.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
		 Natasha Amos  Nele Kalolo  Jasmine Newman  Mya Beaudry  Jennecca Evalu  Marrisa Moccasin-Mitsuing
5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks: <i>Rachel Petero, Rise Global</i>	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
5:10 p.m.	Day 1 Adjourns	

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EVENING

NETWORK LIKE A BOSS

5:15 pm. – 5:45 p.m.

Location: Balmoral Room, 3rd Floor, Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Join us for this fun and interactive session designed to help delegates strengthen their networking skills and put them into practice at the evening's networking event. Whether you're attending your first conference or looking to expand your professional network, you'll gain practical tips to build confidence and make meaningful connections.

Facilitated by Victoria LaBillois, Master of Ceremonies, this session is geared toward our youth attendees, but all delegates are welcome to participate!

TRADE AND PARTNERSHIP LOUNGE

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Oxford/Prince of Wales Room, 3rd Floor, Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Hosted by Global Affairs Canada and EntrepreNorth and inspired by Weaving Our Worlds Together, this Lounge brings together Indigenous women entrepreneurs, international partners, government representatives, and business leaders to connect and build meaningful relationships. Through facilitated, small-group discussions, participants will share experiences, and explore opportunities for trade, investment and cross-border collaboration. Designed to foster practical connections and knowledge sharing, the Lounge creates new pathways for global business and economic cooperation.

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NETWORKING RECEPTION

featuring

**Inez Cook, Nuxalk Nation,
Salmon n' Bannock**

Entertainment by DJ O Show



Music, Drinks and Delicious Eats!

An evening of Indigenous culinary excellence, connection and celebration. Gather with Indigenous women leaders, entrepreneurs, industry professionals, partners, and changemakers from around the world for a memorable reception featuring Inez Cook of the Nuxalk Nation, Co-Founder and Owner of Salmon n' Bannock. Savour inspired Indigenous cuisine, exchange stories and ideas, and build meaningful connections across industries and borders - all set against the relaxed backdrop of music provided by the talented DJ O Show.

Location: Grouse, Stanley and Cypress Rooms (Level 34),
Hyatt Regency Vancouver

September 29, 2026
7:00 - 8:30 PM



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WEDNESDAY - September 30, 2026

DAY 2

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Summit Registration Open	Regency Ballroom Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast & Networking	Regency Ballroom D-E-F Foyer
8:00 a.m.	Indigenous Marketplace Open	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
8:30 a.m.	Opening Prayer • <i>Local Elder (TBC)</i> Highlights of Day 1 / Overview of Day 2 • <i>Master of Ceremonies: Victoria LaBillois</i>	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
8:50 a.m.	Address by Chief Leanne Joe, Squamish Nation	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
9:00 a.m.	Special Ceremony and Recognition of Orange Shirt Day • <i>Phyllis Webstad, CEO & Co-Founder, Orange Shirt Society</i> Phyllis will share stories of her childhood and her life with her grandmother and will explain how and when Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters began. Phyllis will recount her powerful orange shirt story and speak about the generations of her family who attended Indian Residential School and reflect on how these experiences impacted her own life as an Intergenerational Survivor. Through sharing her story, Phyllis brings forward a message of hope for today.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F



Phyllis Webstad

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS INFORMATION

Some of the topics discussed during the Summit may be triggering for some people. If you need assistance throughout the duration of the Summit or on your travels home, please reach out to the following:

Hope for Wellness Help Line

First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples seeking immediate emotional support

Tel: 1-855-242-3310 (24 hours)

On-line Chat: hopeforwellness.ca (24 hours)

National Indian Residential School Crisis Line

24-hour crisis support for former Indian Residential School students and their families

Tel: 1-866-925-4419 (24 hours)



Time	Activity	Location
9:30 a.m.	PANEL – Trade Without Borders: Indigenous Women Going Global <i>Moderator: Jenn Harper, Cheekbone Beauty</i> • <i>Amanda Healy, Kirrikin (Australia)</i> • <i>Jolene Johnson, CEO and Founder, Wabanaki Maple (Canada)</i> • <i>Timmy Smith, Founder, PAUSE for Tea (Aoreatoa)</i> • <i>Janine Fiddler, Counsellor and Senior Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines (Canada)</i> • <i>Jahna Cedar, IWI Ambassador (Australia)</i> Indigenous women are building businesses that reach markets around the world. This conversation explores the opportunities and realities of taking an Indigenous-owned business global – from building international relationships and entering new markets to navigating barriers and finding the right partners. Panelists will share their experiences and explore how culture, relationships, innovation, and purpose can be powerful assets in creating new opportunities in the global economy.	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
10:30 a.m.	Networking Break in the Indigenous Marketplace	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
10:45 a.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS <i>Tracey Metallic, Tracey Metallic Designs</i>	Regency Ballroom D-E-F



Jenn Harper



Amanda Healy



Jolene Johnson



Timmy Smith



Janine Fiddler



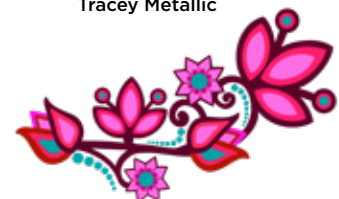
Jahna Cedar

Tracey is a Mi'gmaq artist from Listuguj, Gespe'gewagi, who began painting in 2015 as a therapeutic outlet and way to create cartoon characters for her grandchildren. Her distinctive abstract designs gained recognition through social media, leading to collaborations with corporations and public figures, including Ryan Reynolds.

Her art has expanded into fashion, merchandise, and television productions, including Sullivan's Crossing and Cardinal. In 2024, Tracey presented her merchandise at the Pre-Golden Globes Gifting Suites in Los Angeles and received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Tracey's work reflects resilience, self-reflection, personal growth, and positive change.



Tracey Metallic



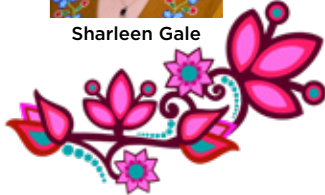
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WEDNESDAY - September 30, 2026

DAY 2

Time	Activity	Location
11:15 a.m.	PANEL - From Tradition to Technology: Indigenous Women Innovating <i>Moderator: Bobbie Racette, Founder of Virtual Gurus (Acquired) Founder of Tapwi</i> • <i>Chelsea Brand, Chief Relationship and Experience Officer, Indigital (Australia)</i> • <i>Shani Gwin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, pipikwan pêhtâkwan and wâsikan kisewâtisiwin (Canada)</i> • <i>Kaye-Maree Dunn, Director, Making Everything Achievable (Aotearoa)</i> • <i>Danielle Forward, CEO and Founder of Native Rising (United States)</i> Innovation can carry Indigenous knowledge, culture, and community into the future. This conversation explores how Indigenous women are using technology, creativity, and new approaches to build businesses and create opportunities. Panelists will discuss digital inclusion, data sovereignty, and protecting Indigenous knowledge, while considering how innovation can be grounded in culture, values, and community and advance Indigenous-led economic development on Indigenous terms.      Bobbie Racette Chelsea Brand Shani Gwin Kaye-Maree Dunn Danielle Forward	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Break	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
1:30 p.m.	PANEL - On Our Land, On Our Terms: The Future of Indigenous Tourism <i>Moderator: Paula Amos, Chief Marketing and Development Officer, Indigenous Tourism BC</i> • <i>Talaysay Campo, Operations Manager, Talaysay Tours (Canada)</i> • <i>Rosanna Angus, Bardi and Jawi Traditional Owner Tourism Commissioner, Western Australia Founder, Oolin Sunday Island Cultural Tours (Australia)</i> • <i>Liliana Palma Santos, Founder, Zapotec Travel (Mexico)</i> • <i>Agneta Granström, Entrepreneur in Sami Health and Culture (Sweden)</i> Indigenous tourism creates opportunities to share culture, strengthen communities, and build sustainable economies. This conversation explores the future of Indigenous-led tourism and developing experiences on Indigenous terms. Panelists will discuss cultural revitalization, community prosperity, environmental stewardship, authenticity and ownership, while considering how tourism can create meaningful connections and ensure its benefits remain within Indigenous communities.      Paula Amos Talaysay Campo Rosanna Angus Liliana Palma Santos Agneta Granström	Regency Ballroom D-E-F



Time	Activity	Location
2:30 p.m.	Networking Break in the Indigenous Marketplace	Regency Ballroom A-B-C
3:00 p.m.	CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS Sharleen Gale, Executive Chair, First Nations Major Projects Coalition	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
	Sharleen Gale is a First Nation leader and Executive Chair of the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC), which she has led since 2017. A Slavey Dene woman, she brings more than 20 years of corporate, energy, and resource-sector experience and 15 years of elected leadership with Fort Nelson First Nation, including eight years as Chief. Grounded in traditional teachings, community, and connection to the land, Sharleen advances Indigenous economic participation, governance, and sustainable development. She has served on provincial, national, and international advisory bodies and received the King Charles III Coronation Medal for her contributions to public service and Indigenous economic development.	 Sharleen Gale 
3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Wrap-up <i>Rachel Petero, Rise Global</i> <i>Closing Prayer by Elder (TBC)</i>	Regency Ballroom D-E-F
3:45 p.m.	Summit Adjourns	



Summit Gala

- EVENING PROGRAM -



SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

6:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.
REGENCY BALLROOM D-E-F

Join us for an evening celebrating Indigenous leadership, culture, and storytelling from around the world. Guests are encouraged to wear traditional outfits or cultural attire and share the stories and traditions that connect us all.

6:00 p.m.

GALA RECEPTION

We invite you to join us a few minutes early in the Regency Ballroom Foyer before the doors officially open.

6:20 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

6:30 p.m.

GALA WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies: Victoria LaBillois

6:35 p.m.

ELDER'S PRAYER AND BLESSING OF THE FOOD

6:40 p.m.

DINNER & CONVERSATION

8:15 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT

- "Who Are You Wearing?"
with Victoria LaBillois,
Master of Ceremonies
- Dancers of Damelahamid



8:45 p.m.

NYOKA MORGAN, IWI AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR



9:00 p.m.

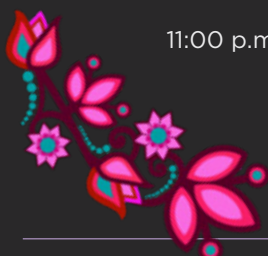
MUSIC OF DJ O SHOW

Time to celebrate each other and dance to some great music provided by the fabulous DJ O Show!



11:00 p.m.

GALA ENDS



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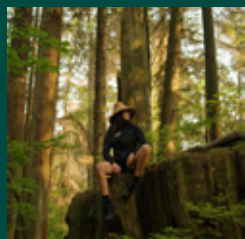
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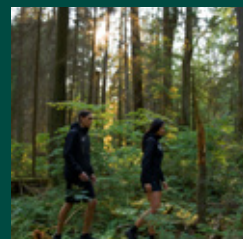
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Looking for an exceptional experience closer to the City Centre? Join Talaysay Tours for their *Salish Sea & Me Journey* or their *Spoken Treasures & Talking Totems* tour ... or both!

Salish Sea & Me Journey

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Jericho Beach, Vancouver, BC

Paddle with Indigenous guides on the Salish Sea, learn coastal stories and cultural teachings from the water and experience an authentic half-day journey!

Spoken Treasures & Talking Totems

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Stanley Park, Vancouver, BC

Join Indigenous guides on a cultural walk in Stanley Park to explore stories, land-based teachings and the living history of the totem poles!

Indigenous Marketplace

September 29 & 30, 2026 - Regency Ballroom A-B-C

The Marketplace features a wonderful selection of vendors showcasing unique products, handcrafted goods, artwork and gifts. Take time during networking breaks and sessions to browse the Indigenous Marketplace, connect with vendors, support Indigenous women entrepreneurs and artisans and discover something special to take home. Whether you're looking for a meaningful gift, one-of-a-kind creation, or simply want to explore and connect, we encourage everyone to stop by and experience all that the Indigenous Marketplace has to offer!

Agriculture and Food & Beverage	Culture & Media	Health & Wellness	Retail & E-Commerce
Arts	Finance	Manufacturing	Non-Profit & Community Service

Vendor
A Cree Iskwew Design
Amanda Ruth Beads & Swú'wa Beads
Amopiyesis
Awasis Boutique
Bella Cree Beads
Catalyste+
Cedar Stone Trading
Chateaubriand Wear
Cheryl's Trading Post
Copper Canoe Woman
Dăna Năye Ventures
Dorothy Grant Studios
Haisla Dream Creations
Hawk Lace
Indigenous Newswire

Vendor
Ironstar Co
LadyBear Designs
Mashkiki Lifestyles & Co.
Open Space Therapy
Pacha Indigenous Arts
PAUSE For Tea
RavenSong Soap & Candle
Sacred Soul Apparel
Salmon n' Bannock
Spirit Bear Designs
Sriracha Revolver Hot Sauce
Sweetgrass Soap/Shining Bear Designs
The Sacred Four
Totem Design House
Up the Hill Inc.

September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters

*September 30th marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and
Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters*

Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters began in Williams Lake, British Columbia, in May 2013. A commemorative project was designed to bring together former students and their families from the *St. Joseph Mission Residential School*: to commemorate the Indian Residential School experience; to witness and honour the healing journey of the Survivors and their families; and, to commit to the ongoing process of Truth and Reconciliation.

During these events, former student Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at Residential School when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl.

Her bright orange shirt symbolized love, excitement and belonging. When it was taken away, it represented how the system tried to strip away identity, culture and the fundamental truth that Every Child Matters.

Phyllis' story spread like wildfire, leading to the creation of Orange Shirt Day. What began with one orange shirt has now become a national movement.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was established in response to Call to Action 80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which called on the federal government, in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, to create a statutory holiday recognizing Indian Residential School Survivors, their families and communities while ensuring the history and legacy of Residential Schools are publicly remembered. Bill C-5, which established the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a federal statutory holiday, received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day are both observed annually on September 30th, and they are dedicated to honouring Indian Residential School Survivors, their families and those who never returned home, and to recognize the lasting impacts of Canada's Residential School system. These commemorations provide an opportunity to deepen Canada's understanding of the intergenerational effects of Residential Schools and to reflect on their enduring legacy as part of the ongoing journey toward truth, healing and reconciliation

**On September 30, we encourage everyone to wear orange in honour of
Indian Residential School Survivors and their families, and in remembrance
of the children who never returned home.**





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