



**Innovations in Economic Development:
Tribal Governance Strategies to Promote Economic Growth**



Tentative Agenda

(as of April 17, 2017)

Intended Participants: Elected tribal officials, tribal department directors, federal and state government representatives, and private sector partners from the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions.

Summit Objectives:

- To share examples of innovative governance strategies, best practices, and resources to assist tribal leaders to take the steps necessary to create an environment for successful economic development.
- To inspire tribal leaders and their economic development teams to explore new approaches to stimulating tribal economies, consistent with their cultural contexts.
- To provide a forum for tribal leaders in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regions to collaboratively develop regional economic development strategies.

Monday, May 8, 2017

Travel Day

6:00 – 8:00 PM *Welcome Reception and Registration*

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM *Breakfast and Registration*

8:30 AM **Opening Ceremony, Prayer, and Welcome**

Creating an Environment Conducive to Economic Growth

An interactive exercise that looks at two tribes' economic development efforts, followed by an introduction to the Native nation building principles. *Joan Timeche, MBA, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute (Hopi)*

Making Tribal Economies Work

A closer look at the ways tribal governance institutions can support economic growth and an initial self-assessment of each tribe's governing structure. *Dr. Miriam Jorgensen, Director of Research, Native Nations Institute*

Framework for Sustainable Development and Overview of Summit

Tracks: Governance, Infrastructure, Financing, Resources. *Nikki Pieratos, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa)*

Noon

Lunch Provided

Panel Discussion: Did You Know? – Using Data to Promote Economic Growth

1:30

Breakout Sessions - Round 1: *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

- **Governance**
Courts and Court Development: Appropriate dispute resolution for tribal business development, including an interactive case study, an overview of research findings, and an individual assessment exercise.
- **Infrastructure**
Legal Infrastructure: Adopting Uniform Commercial Codes (UCC) and legal infrastructure to govern commerce.
- **Financing**
Tribal Enterprise and Business Financing: The role of the tribe in leveraging financing for tribal enterprises and individually-owned businesses.
- **Resources**
Marketing in the 21st Century: Using technology to promote Native commerce.

Break

3:15

Breakout Sessions - Round 2: *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

- **Governance**
Effectively Managing Business Decisions and Operations: Strategic planning at the tribal council level for business investment, including an interactive case study and teaching session on tribal experiences.

- **Infrastructure**
Creating a Sensible Regulatory Environment: Regulatory systems to support commerce including land use planning, tribal employment rights offices, and environmental regulations.
- **Financing**
Avoiding Business Scams: How tribal leaders can protect their financial assets by understanding the warning signs of potentially fraudulent business opportunities.
- **Resources**
Promoting Financial and Business Management Skills: How tribal leaders can support financial management and business coaching programs for business owners and consumers.

4:30 – 5:00 PM **Closing Plenary**

5:00 – 7:00 PM **Exhibitor Reception**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 AM *Breakfast and Registration*

8:30 AM **Morning Plenary - Welcome Back**

The Ho-Chunk Economic Development Model

Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc.

9:30 AM **Breakout Session Round 3:** *Breakouts will feature interactive sessions with panels, best practices, and hands-on activities.*

- **Governance**
Analyzing Business Opportunities: An overview of categories of economic development and a working session on assessing project opportunities.
- **Infrastructure**
Cultivating Human Capital: Promoting workforce development and customer service skills to support commerce.
- **Financing**
Economic Impact Studies: Resources available for tribal enterprises and individually-owned businesses to conduct market research, economic impact, and feasibility studies.

- **Resources**

Business Networks: How tribal leaders can promote business development through networks, including chambers of commerce, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, and Indian Business Alliances.

Break

Opportunity Forums: Exploring Economic Drivers by Sector

Small discussion forums organized by sector to explore opportunities for information sharing and collaboration – Agriculture, Technology, Manufacturing, Arts and Tourism, Residential Construction, and Alternative Energy.

Noon – 1:00

Lunch Provided

An Introduction to the Center for Indian Country Development – An overview of the Center’s focus areas and how it supports tribal leaders’ efforts to develop and implement economic strategies. *Patrice Kunesh, JD, Director, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (Standing Rock Lakota)*

1:00

Networking Break

1:30

Community Asset Mapping Exercise

An exercise for tribal delegations to map out economic development assets, governance institutions, and needs for the future – specific to each tribe.

Regional Strategies World Café

Facilitated discussions for tribal leaders to explore regional approaches to economic development and policy advocacy.

Closing Plenary

Closing Prayer and Flag Ceremony

5:00 PM

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