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NOV. 30 - DEC. 1, 2023 | DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

CONFERENCE AGENDA - DAY 1		
TIME	NOVEMBER 30, 2023	PRESENTER
8:00 - 8:45 am	Registration and Hot Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:15 am	Opening Prayer	Elder - TBD
	Welcome, Introduction of Co-Chairs	Debbie Christmas, AFOA Atlantic Chair
	Review of Agenda	Harold Tarbell/Annie Johnson
9:15 - 10:30 am	OPENING PLENARY Managing Risks Facing First Nations	Eugene Ng, Partner MNP Cyber Security Lindsey Gallivan, Senior Manger Risk Services, Grant Thornton Darcy Gray, National Community Research Director for the Rebuilding First Nations Governance Project (RFNG)
10:30 - 11:00 am	NUTRITION BREAK	
11:00 - 12:00 pm	SESSION 1 Cyber Security and AI	Eugene Ng, Partner MNP Cyber Security Lindsay MacDonald, Manager, Critical Infrastructure Partnerships, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
	SESSION 2 Managing Conflict of Interests	FNFMB – Matt Tapper Capacity Development Manager
12:00 - 1:00 pm	PLATED LUNCHEON	
1:00 - 2:30 pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Membership	Dr. Pamela Palmater
2:30 - 3:00 pm	NUTRITION BREAK	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	SESSION 3 Governing for Success	FNFMB – Tara White, Senior Manager, Capacity Development Eastern Region; Jonathan Parenteau, Capacity Development Manager
	SESSION 4 Cannabis Laws	Trevor Bernard, Executive Director, Membertou First Nation



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CONFERENCE AGENDA - DAY 2		
TIME	DECEMBER 1, 2023	PRESENTER
8:00 - 8:45 am	Registration and Hot Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:15 am	Introduction to today's agenda	Harold Tarbell/Annie Johnson
9:15 - 10:30 am	PLENARY Reconnecting Nationhood	Darcy Gray, National Community Research Director for the Rebuilding First Nations Governance Project (RFNG)
10:30 - 11:00 am	NUTRITION BREAK	
11:00 - 12:00 pm	SESSION 5 First Nations Taxation Commission - Revenue options and service agreement facilitation	Trenton Paul – FNTC Director of First Nation Engagement
	Tax structure considerations for First Nations	Patrick Lahey, Partner – Taxation, Grant Thornton Alli Cheng, Senior Manager – Taxation, Grant Thornton
	SESSION 6 ARALA – Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association	Paula Paul, VP ARALA
12:00 - 1:00 pm	PLATED LUNCHEON	
1:00 pm	Evaluations Closing Prayer	TBA



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