

NATIONAL
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AMERICAN
ECONOMIC
POLICY SUMMIT



PHOENIX  ARIZONA

May 15-17, 2007
Hyatt Regency Phoenix



Welcome to the National Native American Economic Policy Summit!

The primary goal of this week’s Summit will be to identify federal policies that have successfully stimulated tribal economies as well as persistent barriers that can be addressed through policy enhancements. It has been over a decade since economic policies impacting tribal communities have been systematically evaluated in this way. In that time, a number of successful new economic development approaches have been implemented in Indian Country and new challenges have arisen. Bringing the key stakeholders together to share their experiences will provide policy makers with the information needed to build on the growth of the past ten years.

Day one of the two-and-a-half day Summit will be devoted to sharing experiences, challenges and best practices. In the afternoon, breakout sessions in each of the three key areas will be held to allow for more in-depth discussion.

On the morning of the second day of the Summit, facilitators will utilize a proven brainstorming method to structure a forward-looking policy discussion. This method is a flexible, easy-to-use model for fostering collaborative dialogue, sharing mutual knowledge, and developing new opportunities for action. This innovative approach creates dynamic networks of conversation that can catalyze an organization or community’s own collective intelligence around its most important questions.

The afternoon of the second day will include additional breakout sessions. In those sessions, participants will be able to delve deeper into the ideas generated in the brainstorming sessions that will be organized around the three core areas of the Summit. Participants will continue to generate and refine policy recommendations in the specific subject areas.

The final morning of the Summit will take the form of a tribal leader listening session as a part of the on-going government-to-government consultation process. This will enable tribal leaders to provide federal participants an opportunity to build upon the work and momentum of the Summit.

Thank you for being here to be a part of this process!

The Summit is organized around three substantive tracks. For your convenience in identifying the tracks, please refer to the following color guide :

Capital and Finance
Business Development
Infrastructure



AGENDA IN BRIEF

Tuesday, May 15

8:30–12:00

General Assembly (Regency Ballroom)

Welcome and Keynote Address

Agenda Overview and Introduction to Summit Tracks

1:30-2:45

Breakout Session 1

Track 1: Overview of Capital and Finance Issues in Native communities (Sundance)

Track 2: Business Development in Domestic and International Markets (Curtis AB)

Track 3a: Legal Infrastructure (Remington)

Track 3b: Physical Infrastructure (Russell)

3:00-4:15

Breakout Session 2

Track 1.1: Capital & Finance: On-Reservation Private Sector Growth (Curtis AB)

Track 1.2: Investment Tools for Tribal Enterprises (Sundance)

Track 2.1: Getting Started-Strategic Business Planning, Community Assessment, Workforce Development (Remington)

Track 2.2: Growing Bigger-Diversification and Emerging Opportunities in Government Contracting, Energy Development, Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Information and Communications Technologies (Cowboy Artist)

Track 2.3: Going Global-Accessing International Markets, Tourism, and In-sourcing (Cassidy)

Track 3.1: Legal Infrastructure-Courts, Codes, and Institutions (Russell)

Track 3.2: Physical Infrastructure and Comprehensive Community Planning (Ellis)

Wednesday, May 16

8:30-9:00

General Assembly (Regency Ballroom)

Welcome and Keynote Address

9:00-12:00

Dialogue about Economic Policy (Regency Ballroom)

12:00-1:30

Luncheon-Keynote Speakers

1:30-4:15

Breakout Sessions-Developing Policy Recommendations

(Each track will be generating policy recommendations)

Thursday, May 17

8:30-10:30

General Assembly (Regency Ballroom)

Welcome

Consideration of Policy Recommendations

Tribal Leader Listening Session on Economic Policy

10:30

Next Steps

12:00

Adjourn

12:30

Press Conference (Curtis AB)



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Tuesday, May 15	8:30	General Assembly Welcome Jamie Fullmer, Chairman, Yavapai-Apache Nation Color Guard-American Indian Veterans Memorial Organization Invocation	Regency Ballroom
	9:00-11:30	Introduction from Federal Partners Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior (video message) Orlando Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing, HUD Honorable Byron Dorgan, U.S. Senator (video message)	
<p><i>“The Rebuilding of Nations: Lessons from Indian Country”</i> Joseph P. Kalt, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and Native Nations Institute Lance Morgan, President and CEO, Ho Chunk, Inc.</p>			
	11:30-12:00	Agenda Overview and Introduction to Three Tracks Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director National Congress of American Indians	
	12:00-1:30	Lunch (on your own)	
	1:30-2:45	Breakout Session 1	Sundance

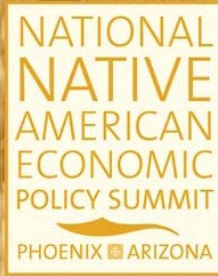
Track 1: Overview of Capital and Finance Issues in Native Communities

This session will cover barriers to accessing capital and finance, cataloguing of capital and finance needs, and examples of how tribes have fostered economic environments which attract capital.

Facilitators: Vickie Oldman, Kitseallyboy Consulting & Manley Begay, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Panelists:

- Gavin Clarkson, Professor, University of Michigan
- Rocky Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Jamie Fullmer, Chairman, Yavapai Apache Nation
- J.D. Colbert, President and CEO, Native American Bank



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Tuesday, May 15	1:30-2:45	Breakout Session 1 (continued)	Curtis AB

Track 2: Business Development in Domestic and International Markets

This session will cover opportunities and challenges associated with developing competitive businesses in both international and domestic markets. Experiences of both tribally-owned and tribal-member owned enterprises will be addressed.

Panelists:

- Kate Spilde Contreras, University of California, Riverside
- Leonard Greenhalgh, Professor, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth
- Lance Morgan, President and CEO, Ho Chunk, Inc.

Remington

Track 3a: Legal Infrastructure

This session will cover developing codes to support economic growth, the important role that courts and stable institutions play in fostering economic growth, and how the land tenure system impacts economic development on tribal lands.

Facilitator: Judge B.J. Jones, Director, Tribal Judicial Training Institute, University of North Dakota

Panelists:

- Kevin Gover, Professor of Law, Arizona State University
- Diane Enos, President, Salt-River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Shawn Realbird, Tribal Operations Specialist, Crowe Tribe Apsaalooke Nation

Russell

Track 3b: Physical Infrastructure

This session will cover community planning, transportation, water, waste/sewage, energy, and telecommunications infrastructure.

Facilitator: Michelle Hale, Arizona State University

Panelists:

- Ted Jojola, University of New Mexico
- Geoff Blackwell, Chickasaw Nation Industries
- Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



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Tuesday, May 15 (continued)	3:00-4:15	Breakout Session 2	Curtis AB

Track 1.1: Capital and Finance to Stimulate On-Reservation Private Sector Growth

This session addresses what works, does not work, and what would foster growth in tribal-member owned businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurship.

Facilitators: Vickie Oldman, Kitseallyboy Consulting

Panelists:

- Elsie Meeks, Executive Director, First Nations Oweesta Corporation
- David Glass, President, American Indian Economic Development Fund
- Gary Millhollon, President, Native American Investment Group
- Paul Lumley, Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council
- Pat Parker, President and CEO, Native American Management Services

Sundance

Track 1.2: Investment Tools for Tribal Enterprises

This session will cover: Tax-exempt bond financing; “Quasi-equity” instruments; Attracting hedge fund, equity fund, angel investors and other financial backers; Economic diversification through inter-tribal collaboration; New Market Tax Credits; Indian Affairs Loan Guaranty and Insurance Program; Energy project grants and loans authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Facilitators: Manley Begay, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Panelists:

- Valerie Red Horse, Senior Managing Director, Western International Securities, Inc
- Harold Monteau, Partner, Rosette & Monteau
- Wendy K. White Eagle, Founder and CEO, Native Capital Investment, Inc
- Paul Moorehead, Partner, Drinker, Biddle and Reath, LLP



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Tuesday, May 15 (continued)	3:00-4:15	Breakout Session 2 (continued)	Remington

Track 2.1: Getting Started: Strategic Business Planning, Community Assessment, Workforce Development, Start-up support

Facilitator: John Phillips, Executive Director, First Americans Land-grant College & Organization Network

Panelists:

- Norm DeWeaver, Workforce Development Specialist
- Ron Solimon, Chairman, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- Tracy Stanhoff, Chairwoman, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation; Owner, ADPRO, Inc.
- Ron His Horse is Thunder, Chairman, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Cowboy Artist

Track 2.2: Growing Bigger: Diversification and Emerging Opportunities in Government Contracting, Energy Development, Agriculture, Manufacturing, and Information and Communications Technologies

Facilitator: Kyle Smith, RedWind Group

Panelists:

- Greg DuMontier, Founder and CEO, S&K Technologies
- Robert Gough, Secretary, Intertribal Coalition on Utility Policy
- Bonnie Pullen, CFO, Colusa Indian Community Council
- Deryl Wright, President and CEO, Chickasaw Nation Industries

Cassidy

Track 2.3: Going Global: Accessing International Markets, Tourism and In-sourcing

Facilitator: Joan Timeche, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Panelists:

- Travis Trueblood, Corporate Counsel, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.
- Alan Parker, Director, Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute, Evergreen State College
- Chris McNeil Jr., President and CEO, Sealaska Corporation
- Julie Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives
- Brian Vallo, Vice-President, American Indian and Alaska Native Tourism Association



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Track 3.1: Legal Infrastructure

Facilitator: Judge B.J. Jones, Director, Tribal Judicial Training Institute, University of North Dakota

Panelists:

- Nina Reece, Village Clerk, Tulalip Tribe
- John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians
- Kevin Wadzinski, Partner, Drinker, Biddle and Reath, LLP

Ellis

Track 3.2: Physical Infrastructure

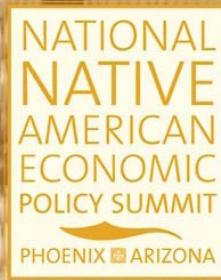
Facilitator: Michelle Hale, Arizona State University

Panelists:

- Mike Marchand, Chairman, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes
- Nora McDowell-Antone, Chairwoman, Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe

5:00-7:00 **Networking Reception and Poster Exhibition** **Atrium**

Come and enjoy an informal evening with more than two dozen poster networking participants. Hors d'Oeuvres and beverages will be served.



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Wednesday, May 16

8:30	General Assembly Welcome Raphael Bear, President, Fort McDowell Tribe Invocation	Regency Ballroom
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“Native Americans in Business Today”

Leonard Greenhalgh, Professor, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth

“Economic Strategies for the Future”

Julie Kitka, President, Alaska Federation of Natives

9:00-12:00	Dialogue about Economic Policy Facilitators: Dr. Eddie Brown, Arizona State University Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians	
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Discussion Questions:

1. What is our vision for vibrant, healthy Native economies?
2. What (infrastructure/ capital and finance/ business development) tools do we need to make this vision a reality?
3. What actions, policies, and conversations need to occur to make this happen?

12:00-1:30	Luncheon Keynote Speakers: Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs Roger Campos, President and CEO, Minority Business RoundTable	Atrium
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8:30 **General Assembly**
 Welcome
 Invocation

Regency Ballroom

Read out of Policy Recommendations - This will be one of the most important events of the Summit! The partners will formally present the policy recommendations generated during the Summit so they may be moved in the months and years to come.

Tribal Leader Listening Session with Federal Officials - Tribal leaders will have the chance to formally address the federal officials present for the meeting. This will be a prime opportunity for discussion among the participants on the economic policy recommendations set forth during the Summit.

11:30 Next Steps
 12:00 Adjourn

12:30	Press Conference	Curtis AB
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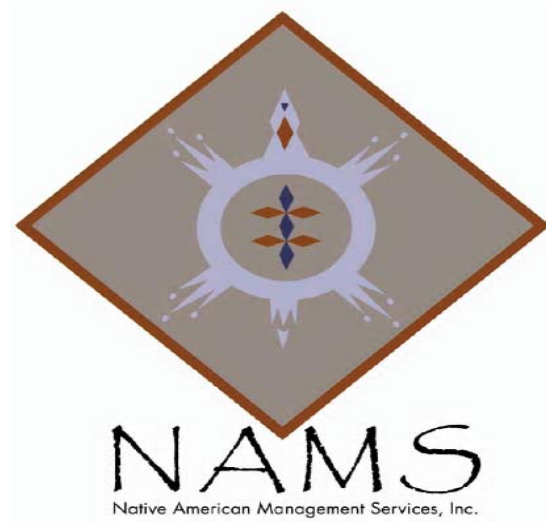
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Tribal Partners of the Summit include:

The National Congress of American Indians, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the United South and Eastern Tribes, the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Native American Contractors Association, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, the First Nations Development Institute, First Nations Oweesta Corporation, the Council for Energy Resource Tribes, the Inter-tribal Council on Utility Policy, the National American Indian Housing Council, the National Council on Urban Indian Health and Arizona State University American Indian Policy Center.



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