

NATIONAL
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PHOENIX  ARIZONA

DEFINING OUR VISION FOR VIBRANT & HEALTHY TRIBAL ECONOMIES

“Defining **OUR** vision for
healthy and vibrant
American Indian and Alaska
Native economies”



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Preserve Culture

Preserve Tradition

Preserve Community



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OVERARCHING THEMES

- Financial, Business, and Leadership Training
- Human Development
- Partnerships- Between Tribes and Beyond!
- Communication- Sharing Best Practices
- Strong Intergovernmental Relationships
- Public and Policy-Maker Education



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OVERARCHING THEMES – con't

- Need for Comprehensive Community Planning
- Cultural Relevancy & Community Involvement
- Tribal Self-Sufficiency
- Constitutional Reform / Strengthening Governance
- Code Development

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Capital and Finance

- Reform federal regulations and legislation to address economic barriers in banking, bond financing, tribal investments, and tax incentives
- Increase funding for the CDFI Fund's Native American Initiatives
- Develop, implement, and fund a comprehensive financial literacy program for Native students K-12
- Create student loan forgiveness programs to encourage tribal members to access business training opportunities
- Coordinate funding for the development of tribal member-owned businesses
- Include private tribal member-owned businesses in tribal strategic plans



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Business Development Track

- Leverage energy assets to tribes' advantage
- Protect existing competitive advantages
- Strengthen tribal opportunities in government contracting through the SBA 8(a) program and the Buy Indian Act
- Share tribal and individual business best practices
- Amend WIA to provide for more flexible use of funding for economic development purpose
- Sustain federal economic development incentives



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Business Development Track - con't

- Provide tribes with authority to conduct their own assessments – environmental, land, etc.
- Develop and deliver curriculum for leadership/governance training
- Provide access for tribal businesses to global markets through:
 - Skill development for tribal leaders and business people
 - The creation of international trade zones
 - Deepening relationships with Indigenous groups, nations, and multi-national entities



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Infrastructure – Physical

- Transportation- funding for maintenance; partnerships on state/local transportation
- Housing- increase flexibility in NAHASDA; utilize available financing tools in new ways
- Water/Sewer- remove moratorium on tribal water codes; develop Office of Water within DOI/BIA
- Telecommunications - ensure tribal access to spectrum over tribal lands; protect and expand the USF to include broadband
- Planning - ensure planning is permissible under federal programs; create programs for Indian students to study planning

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Infrastructure – Legal

Constitutional Reform

- Organize regional forums
- Fund and empower tribes for constitutional reform
- Provide technical assistance and support

Tribal Code Development

- Labor and Human Resources Code
- Secured Transaction and U.C.C. Codes
- Corporation and Non-Profit Establishment Codes
- Drafting codes appropriate to your tribe

Indian Land and Trust Reform

- Empower tribal planning and decision making
- Improve title plant efficiency to facilitate transactions
- Streamline leasing process
- Make land to trust process more timely
- Address fractionation to improve land productivity



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Continuing Traditional Role of Native Economies



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Traditional Role of Native Economies

Responsible Cultural and Economic Stewards of our Resources

- Forestry and timber products
- Innovations in Agra-business
- Subsurface resource development
- Ranching and land use
- Salmon runs and fish farms

Traditional Role of Native Economies

Trade Envoys & Conductors of International Trade

- Seafood sales between northwest tribes and supermarkets and restaurants
- Development with international partners
- Telecommunication technology
- Food agreements and trade

Challenges Persist...

- Real per capita income on Indian reservations is less than half the national average
- Unemployment is more than double what it is for the rest of the country- in some places 70-80%

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And we want to do
something about it!

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Q: Are you here to listen to a bunch of experts telling you what your community needs?



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NO



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Q: Are you here to
discuss challenges and
develop forward-
thinking solutions?



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YES!



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- Q: Is this a Summit that brings together the influential partners needed to effect positive change in tribal economies?



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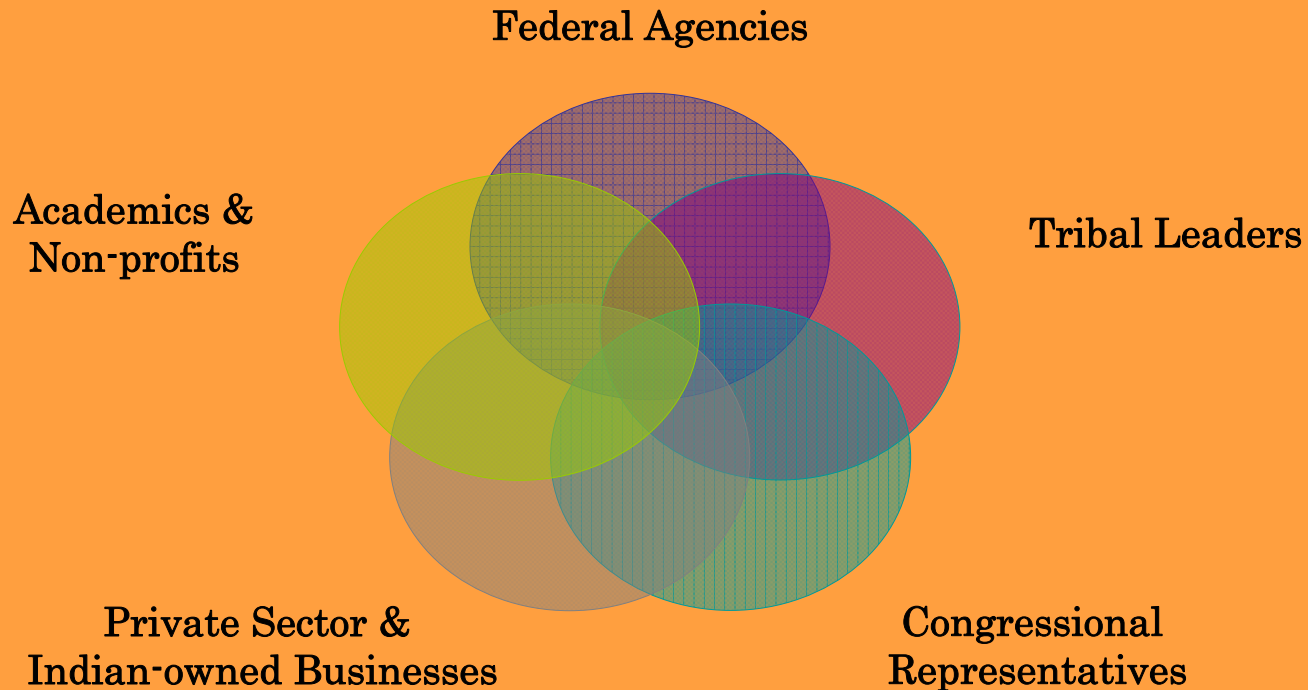
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Summit Participation



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Bringing together all of the influential and affected partners allows your voices to carry much further and in many different directions.



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Pre-Summit

Summit Planning -- White Papers -- Collaboration

Summit

Expert Led Discussion -- Brainstorming



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Track 1 – Capital & Finance

Track 2 – Business Development

Track 3 - Infrastructure



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There will be opportunities during and after the Summit to provide policy recommendations in all areas that impact tribes and businesses.



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Policy Recommendations

1. Policy matrix
2. Recommendations table
3. Large group discussions
4. NCAI Website –
www.ncai.org



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Does everything that
happens in Phoenix stay
in Phoenix?



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NO



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Will these policy recommendations
go beyond Phoenix?

YES!



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- Legislative Action
- Regulatory Reform
- Tribal Initiatives
- Private Sector Response
- Academic Study



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to support
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- Department of Justice: Office of Justice Programs
 - Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - Department of Agriculture
- Federal Communications Commission
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis



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



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