



**BREAKOUT SESSION: Building Tribal Economies: Framing the Strategic Considerations**  
**DATE/TIME: Wednesday, June 23, 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. EDT**

**SUMMARY:** This breakout session explores the key strategic considerations that tribal leaders, key decision-makers, and citizens must address as they work together to build thriving, resilient tribal economies. Featuring a panel of insightful voices sharing the innovative economy-building approaches of the Tribal Nations they represent, the session will also provide attendees a “sneak peek” preview of NCAI’s forthcoming “Building Tribal Economies” decision-framing toolkit, which NCAI will be distributing to Tribal Nations later this year. The toolkit will equip Tribal Nations with the knowledge, tools, best-practice approaches, and proven strategies they need to develop and sustain strategic approaches to building economies that meet their needs and priorities.

**MODERATOR:**

- **Sherry Salway Black**, Chairperson, First Peoples Fund

**PANELISTS:**

- **Raeann Adams**, Project Director and Community Planner, “One Akwesasne” Tourism Initiative, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- **Dennis Johnson**, CEO, Ho-Chunk Capital, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- **Tyrel Stevenson**, Legislative Director, Coeur d’Alene Tribe

**AGENDA:**

**5:30 to 5:34**

**Session Welcome**

- **Ian Record**, Vice President, Tribal Governance and Special Projects, National Congress of American Indians

**5:34 to 5:40**

**Session Framing and Panelist Introductions**

- **Sherry Salway Black**, Chairperson, First Peoples Fund

**5:40 to 6:05**

**Panel: Three Innovative Approaches to Tribal Economy Building**

*Panelists will provide brief overviews of the particular aspects of their tribal economy-building approaches chronicled in NCAI’s toolkit.*

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**6:05 to 6:20**

**Moderated Discussion**

- Moderator will lead discussion with the three panelists.

**6:20 to 6:28  
Framing**

**Sneak Peek: NCAI's "Building Tribal Economies" Decision-**

**Toolkit**

- **Ian Record**, Vice President, Tribal Governance and Special Projects, National Congress of American Indians

**6:28 to 6:43**

**Attendee Q&A**

- Panelists will answer questions posted by the attendees in the Zoom chat.

**6:43 to 6:45**

**Closing**

- The toolkit's release
- Related resources for further learning
- Staying connected