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  Sneak Peek: NCAI’s “Building Tribal Economies” Decision-Framing 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