INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATORS FORUM

OCTOBER 2021

PURPOSE AND AGENDA

Our goal is that delegates will share information, understand problems, build relationships, and develop collaborative agreements on a wide variety of issues relevant to the participating jurisdictions of Manitoba, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan.

OCTOBER 19

DROUGHT + WATER RIGHTS IN OUR REGION

6:15 Central **5:15 Mountain**	Welcome and Introduction *Ann Crews Melton, Consensus Council* *Missouri River Energy Services: Silver Sponsor*
6:20	Agenda Overview & Housekeeping *Leah Hargrove, Consensus Council*
6:25	Kick-Off Questions
6:30	Drought in the Northern Plains *Dr. Adnan Akyuz, North Dakota State Climatologist, NDSU*
6:55	Small Group Breakouts
7:05	Share-out to Forum
7:15	Cross-Jurisdiction Water Agreements *Ralph Pentland, Order of Canada*
7:40	**Cellphone Break (5 minutes)**
7:45	The Role of the Private Sector in Addressing Water Problems *Will Sarni, Water Foundry*
8:10	Open Floor: Questions, Recommendations, and Next Steps
8:40	Exit and Gratitude *Ann Crews Melton, Leah Hargrove*

Immediately Following	**Optional** Virtual After-Hours *small group chats for networking*

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SPEAKERS

Adnan Akyuz. ND State Climatologist. North Dakota State University.

Will Sarni. Internationally recognized thought leader on water strategy and innovation. www.waterfoundry.com

Ralph Pentland. Author, consultant, and expert on US-Canada water policy. 2020 Recipient of the Order of Canada.

Laurie Trautman. Director of the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University. Global Fellow, Wilson Center.

Mark Warner. International business and regulatory law expert with private practice and government experience in Canada and the US.

Carlo Dade. Director of the Trade & Investment Centre, CanadaWest Foundation.

OCTOBER 26

CROSS-BORDER COMMERCE DURING COVID-19 AND STRENGTHENING REGIONAL ECONOMIES

6:15 Central ***5:15 Mountain***	Welcome and Overview *Leah Hargrove, Consensus Council*
6:20	Consular Address *Consul Bryan Koontz, United States* *Colin McLeod, Consul, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service, Canada*
6:30	Jurisdiction Introductions
6:35	Poll Questions
6:40	Open Floor Discussion
6:55	Expert Panel on Border Issues *Carlo Dade: Economics* *Dr. Laurie Trautman: Policy* *Mark Warner: Law*
7:25	**Cell phone break (5 minutes)**
7:30	Panel Questions/Open Floor
8:00	ILF Delegates: Recommendations and Next Steps
8:25	Invitation for 2022 *Ann Crews Melton*
8:30	Exit and Gratitude *Leah Hargrove*

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