



# 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** Welcome and Introduction  
**5:15 Mountain** *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*

## FACILITATORS

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**OCTOBER 26**

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

## FORUM SUPPORTER



## SPEAKERS

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

**Will Sarni.** Internationally recognized thought leader on water strategy and innovation. [www.waterfoundry.com](http://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.

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