



CLIMATEWEST FORUM 2025

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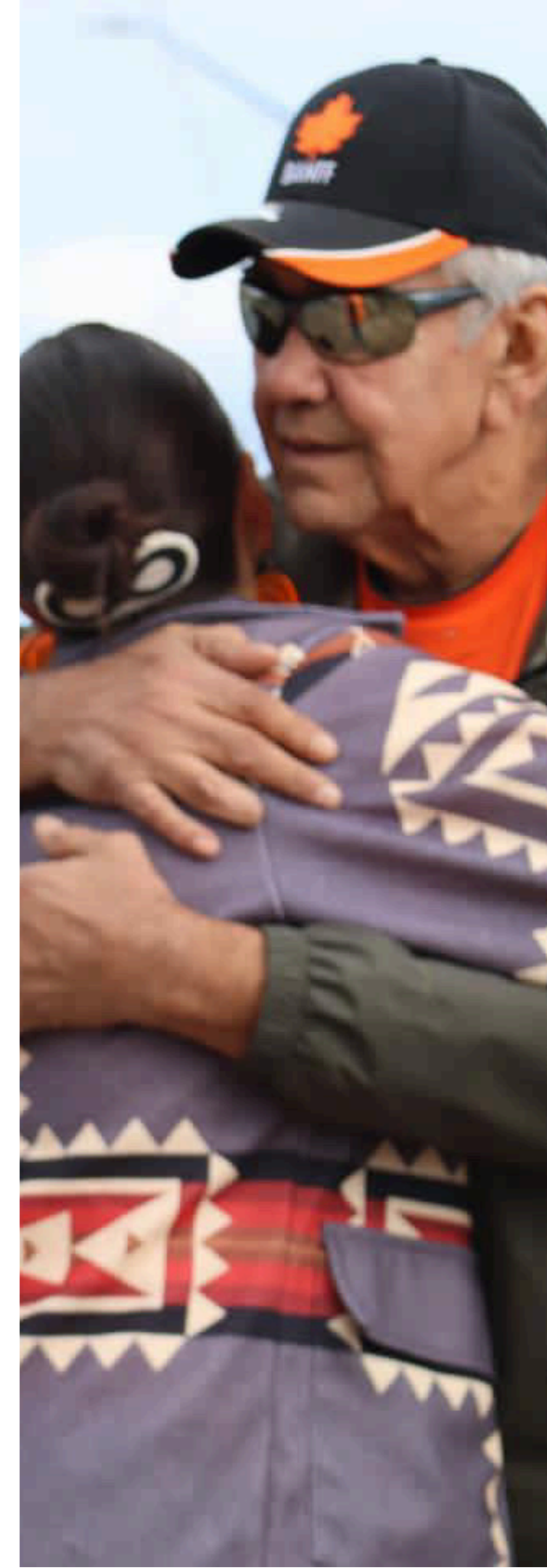


IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON PEOPLE AND THE LAND

This foundational session will delve into the profound impacts climate change has on both people and the environment by exploring the interconnected physical and mental challenges faced by communities and ecosystems throughout the prairie region.

Topics

- Observed climate change impacts in the Prairie provinces and future projections
- The impacts of a changed climate on Indigenous communities, and recommendations for continuing reconciliation work towards climate justice
- Practical strategies for engaging young people in conversations about climate justice & emotions, fostering empathy, and building resilience through connection, skills-building, and collective climate action.



JORDYN BURNOUF | SAKÎTAWAHK

Rooted in Land, Identity & Resilience



The impacts of climate change are deeply personal. They show up in how we live, where we come from, and the stories we carry. I bring forward not just my work, but my whole self — shaped by the land, history, and the strength of my family and community.

- Nehîyaw (Cree)/Métis woman from the community of Sakîtawahk (Île-à-la-Crosse, SK), and a member of Black Lake First Nation
- Intergenerational Survivor of the Île-à-la-Crosse Residential School and helper of the Survivors Committee with the Métis Nation—Saskatchewan
- Pemmican Lodge | Harvester, Hunter, Guide







Living & Leading Through Land-Based Connection

The land teaches us how to take care of each other. My work is about returning to those teachings — through story, through youth leadership, and through real connection to the bush. This is where climate resilience starts: in our communities, in our hands, and in our voices.

- **Nôhcmihk Podcast**
- 20/20 Indigenous Clean Energy Catalyst
- Co-Founder of **ImaGENation**
- Former Co-Chair of **SevenGen**
- Co-Founder of **Sakîtahk Youth Environmental Circle**



Indigenous Leadership in Climate & Energy Policy

We are not just stakeholders — we are rights-holders, knowledge holders, and leaders in climate solutions. My role at the national level is to push for systems that reflect our values and realities, and to make space for more Indigenous voices in climate policy, clean energy, and beyond.

- Board of Directors, **Indigenous Clean Energy** and **the Canadian Climate Institute**
- Appointed to the **Wah-ila-toos Indigenous Advisory Council** (NRCan, CIRNAC, ISC, Infrastructure Canada, ECCC)
- **Masters of Sustainability** in Energy Security – University of Saskatchewan





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