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"Claiming Our Future" will bring together more than 450 Aboriginal leaders, business people, policy makers, negotiators, academics and representatives from the federal, provincial and territorial governments to explore the ways that comprehensive land claims agreements can be used to generate economically and culturally sustainable communities.

Session themes focus on:

- **Social and Economic Prosperity:** how can modern treaty holders leverage economic, social and cultural assets to create wealth and self-sufficiency among their communities?
- **International Connections:** Comprehensive land claims agreements provide Aboriginal peoples with a strong and growing voice in international affairs. How can these international connections best benefit modern treaty holders in Canada?

### Who Should Attend

- Aboriginal governments, businesses & cultural organizations
- Northern & Aboriginal economic development corporations
- Federal, provincial & territorial governments and agencies
- Aboriginal business leaders
- Institutions of public government, regulatory bodies and co-management boards
- Self-government and land claim negotiators
- Industry and sectoral organizations with an interest in Aboriginal land and resource development
- Businesses serving Aboriginal clients: consulting and legal firms, airlines, banks and others
- Academic and training institutions

### Conference Speakers



Economic  
Keynote:  
Calvin Helin



Nelson Leeson, President  
Nisga'a Nation  
and Coalition  
First Nations Co-chair



Paul Kaludjak, President  
Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.  
and Coalition Inuit Co-chair

### Other Speakers Include:

Julie Kitka – President of the Alaska Federation of Natives  
Richard Nerysoo – President, Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Hon. Chuck Strahl - Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs  
Bob Reid – President, Aboriginal Pipeline Group  
Jean Larose – CEO Aboriginal Peoples' Television Network  
Professor Michael Byers - University of British Columbia

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