



UNITED FOR GROWTH

Leadership Summit of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers

October 4-6, 2025

Québec, Québec

Only confirmed speakers listed

Saturday, October 4	
	Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at Le Château Frontenac, 1 Rue des Carrières
12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. <i>Le Château Frontenac</i>	Summit Registration
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. <i>Bassin Louise</i>	Precision Underwater Survey Demonstration Project Remarks by Ms. Olga Farman , CEO, Port de Québec; Dr. Jessica Daignault , Technical Sales Manager, Kongsberg Discovery The Smart Ships Coalition will conduct a pilot project demonstrating the use-case for smart shipping technologies in underwater survey.
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. <i>Meet in hotel lobby at Summit registration desk</i>	Old Québec Walking Tour <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> Participants will enjoy a guided tour of Old Québec, a World Heritage Site, and learn about its history, architecture and people.
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. <i>Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room</i>	Welcome Reception
7:30 p.m.	First Nations Invocation

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Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room Approximately 150 people	
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room	Opening Dinner—A Taste of Québec <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
9:00 p.m. – on	Post-dinner receptions to be hosted by sponsors or others as appropriate

Sunday, October 5	
Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at Le Château Frontenac	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. <i>Ballroom</i>	Plenary Sessions <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	An Introduction to the Agenda for Growth Governor Whitmer, Governor DeWine, Premier Legault
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Regional Economy Overview Mr. Doug Porter , Chief Economist, BMO An overview of the regional economy, key sectors, issues, and challenges.
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 1--Energy Speakers: Ms. Susan Fancy , Associate Director, Global CO2 initiative, University of Michigan; Mr. Simon Whitelocke , Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corporation; Others to be invited Presentation of University of Michigan report on regional energy use including 10-year demand forecast; roundtable discussion among industry and other energy experts. How do

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	we sustainably leverage energy and water for competitive advantage?
10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 1
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 2--Sustainable Agriculture Moderator: Mr. Tim Boring , Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Speakers: Mr. Kris Johnson , Director of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy; Others to be invited Highlighting the value of the agriculture industry for the region and exploring opportunities to strengthen the farm economy and build resilience. How can regional collaboration ensure sustainability from farm to table?
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 2
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 3--International Trade Speakers to be invited
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. <i>Frontenac/Petit-Frontenac Room</i>	Lunch Keynote address by Mr. Charles Emond , President and CEO, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. <i>Ballroom</i>	Plenary Sessions <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
1:45 – 2:00 pm.	Governors/Premier Speech 3
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Plenary 4--Transportation Speakers: Mr. Charl van Niekirk , Chief Executive Officer, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority; Ms. Julie Gascon , President CEO, Montréal Port Authority; Others to be invited Building a robust and efficient regional transportation system to move people and goods, including discussion of key

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	infrastructure such as the Gordie Howe Bridge, maritime assets, rail, and multimodal connections.
2:45—3:00 p.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 4
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Moderated Fireside Chat
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. <i>Théâtre Capitolé, 972 Rue Saint-Jean</i> <i>First opened in 1903, with its large staircase, gilding, balustrades and decor rich in memories, the Théâtre Capitolé vibrates for almost a century to the rhythm of the major currents of art and entertainment.</i>	A Night of Québec Culture—Entertainment by Flip Fabrique Remarks by Québec City Mayor Bruno Marchand FLIP Fabrique is a circus company based in Québec. This troupe is composed of world-class artists crafting contemporary circus shows with an uncanny ability to have fun and move the audience. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants.</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>

Monday, October 6	
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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. <i>Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room</i>	Networking Breakfast <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Press Conference
10:30 a.m.	Adjourn