



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
11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Main lobby	Summit Registration
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bassin Louise, 100 Quai Saint-André	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. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business casual</i>
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby at Summit registration desk	Old Québec Walking Tour Participants will enjoy a guided tour of Old Québec, a World Heritage Site, and learn about its history, architecture and people. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>

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<p>6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Verchères</p>	<p>Welcome Reception</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business casual</i></p>
<p>7:30 p.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Rooms</p>	<p>First Nations Invocation Grand Chief Pierre Picard, Wendat Nation</p>
<p>7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Rooms</p>	<p>Opening Dinner—A Taste of Québec</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business casual</i></p>
<p>9:00 p.m. – on</p>	<p>Post-dinner receptions to be hosted by sponsors or others as appropriate</p>

Sunday, October 5

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<p>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Registration</p>
<p>9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Sessions</p> <p><i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business</i></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>An Introduction to the Agenda for Growth</p> <p>Remarks by Premier Legault</p> <p>Remarks by Governor Whitmer Introduction by Mr. Ridgway White, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation</p>
<p>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Regional Economy Overview Mr. Doug Porter, Chief Economist, BMO</p>

	An overview of the regional economy, key sectors, issues, and challenges.
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Energy Moderator: Ms. Ève Bernèche, Managing Director, CDPQ Speakers: Ms. Susan Fancy, Associate Director, Global CO2 initiative, University of Michigan; Ms. Doreen Harris, President and Chief Executive Officer, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Mr. Simon Whitelocke, Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corporation</p> <p>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 we sustainably leverage energy and water for competitive advantage?</p>
10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.	Governor Hochul Speech
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Sustainable Agriculture Moderator: Mr. Tim Boring, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Speakers: Mr. Kris Johnson, Director of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy; Mr. Robert Loggins, Director of External Affairs, Bush Brothers & Company; Ms. Cathy Lennon, General Manager, Ontario Federation of Agriculture</p> <p>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?</p>
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Governor Evers Speech
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Shipbuilding Moderator: Ms. Julie Lambert, President & General Manager, Pétro-Nav Inc., and Executive Vice-President — Liquid Bulk, Groupe Desgagnés Inc. Speakers: Mr. James Davies, CEO, Davie Shipbuilding; Mr. Patrick Kelly, CEO, Fraser Industries;</p>

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	<p>Ms. Susan Corbin, Director, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity</p> <p>The session will focus on growing shipbuilding in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region including a discussion of opportunities and challenges for US and Canadian shipbuilders; and, strategies that the States and Provinces can use to support this industry including workforce development.</p>
<p>12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Frontenac/Petit-Frontenac Room</p>	<p>Lunch Regional Economic Development Speakers: Ms. Véronique Proulx, President and Chief Executive Officer, Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec;</p> <p><i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business</i></p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Ballroom</p>	<p>Plenary Sessions</p> <p><i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business</i></p>
<p>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Protecting and Restoring our Region’s Waters: A Conversation with Foundation Leaders Moderator: Ms. Erika Jensen, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission Speakers: Ms. Elizabeth Cisar, Director, Environment Program, The Joyce Foundation; Mr. François de Gaspé Beaubien, Director, de Gaspé Beaubien Foundation; Mr. Nat Lichten, Great Lakes Program Officer, Fred & Barbara Erb Family Foundation; and, Mr. David Rankin, Executive Director, Great Lakes Protection Fund</p> <p>The session will focus on how foundations are working or can work with regional organizations such as the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers, the Great Lakes Commission, States, Provinces, and others to protect and restore our ecosystem to improve environmental quality and its economic</p>

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	usefulness including for water use, tourism, and maritime transportation.
3:00—3:30 p.m. Verchères	Break
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.	<p>Transportation Moderator: Ms. Anne Reinke, President & CEO, Intermodal Association of North America Speakers: Mr. Charl van Niekerk, Chief Executive Officer, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority; Ms. Julie Gascon, President & CEO, Montréal Port Authority; Mr. Eric Harvey, President and CEO, Railway Association of Canada</p> <p>Building a robust and efficient regional transportation system to move people and goods, including discussion of key infrastructure such as the Gordie Howe Bridge, maritime assets, rail, and multimodal connections.</p>
4:15-4:30 p.m.	Governor Shapiro Speech
<p>6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Théâtre Capitoile, 972 Rue Saint-Jean</p> <p>First opened in 1903, with its large staircase, gilding, balustrades and decor rich in memories, the Théâtre Capitoile vibrates for almost a century to the rhythm of the major currents of art and entertainment.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants.</i> <i>Attire: Business casual</i></p>

Monday, October 6	
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<p>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room</p>	<p>Networking Breakfast</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Business casual</i></p>
<p>9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Place d’Armes Room</p>	<p>Press Conference</p> <p>Remarks by each participating Governor and Premier followed by question-and-answer session. Ceremonial tree planting immediately following the press conference.</p> <p><i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: Governors, Premiers, other heads of State and Provincial delegations and press.</i> <i>Attire: Business</i></p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>