



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
<b>12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b> Main lobby	<b>Summit Registration</b>
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b> Bassin Louise, 100 Quai Saint-André	<p><b>Precision Underwater Survey Demonstration Project</b> Remarks by <b>Ms. Olga Farman</b>, CEO, Port de Québec; <b>Dr. Jessica Daignault</b>, Technical Sales Manager, Kongsberg Discovery</p> <p>The Smart Ships Coalition will conduct a pilot project demonstrating the use-case for smart shipping technologies in underwater survey.</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i></p>
<b>4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.</b> Meet in hotel lobby at Summit registration desk	<p><b>Old Québec Walking Tour</b> Participants will enjoy a guided tour of Old Québec, a World Heritage Site, and learn about its history, architecture and people.</p> <p><i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i></p>
<b>6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

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

<b>Sunday, October 5</b>	
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<b>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> Ballroom	<b>Plenary Sessions</b>  <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>An Introduction to the Agenda for Growth</b>  <b>Remarks by Premier Legault</b>  <b>Remarks by Governor Whitmer</b> Introduction by Mr. Ridgway White, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
<b>9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Regional Economy Overview</b> <b>Mr. Doug Porter</b> , Chief Economist, BMO An overview of the regional economy, key sectors, issues, and challenges.
<b>9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1--Energy</b> Moderator: <b>Ms. Ève Bernèche</b> , Managing Director, CDPQ

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	<p>Speakers: <b>Ms. Susan Fancy</b>, Associate Director, Global CO2 initiative, University of Michigan;  <b>Ms. Doreen Harris</b>, President and Chief Executive Officer, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority;  <b>Mr. Simon Whitelocke</b>, 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>
<b>10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Governor/Premier Speech 1</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Plenary Session 2--Sustainable Agriculture</b>  Moderator: <b>Mr. Tim Boring</b>, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;  Speakers: <b>Mr. Kris Johnson</b>, Director of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy;  <b>Mr. Robert Loggins</b>, Director of External Affairs, Bush Brothers &amp; Company;  <b>Ms. Cathy Lennon</b>, 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>
<b>11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Governor/Premier Speech 2</b>
<b>11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Plenary Session 3- Shipbuilding</b>  Moderator: <b>Ms. Julie Lambert</b>, President &amp; General Manager, Pétro-Nav Inc., and Executive Vice-President — Liquid Bulk, Groupe Desgagnés Inc.  Speakers: <b>Mr. Patrick Kelly</b>, CEO, Fraser Industries;  <b>Ms. Susan Corbin</b>, Director, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity;  Others to be invited</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</p>

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	shipbuilders; and, strategies that the States and Provinces can use to support this industry including workforce development.
<b>12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.</b> Frontenac/Petit-Frontenac Room	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Regional Economic Development</b> Speakers: <b>Ms. Véronique Proulx</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer, Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec; <b>Mr. Lou Sandoval</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Chamber of Commerce  <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
<b>1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b> Ballroom	<b>Plenary Sessions</b>  <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
<b>1:45 – 2:00 pm.</b>	<b>Governors/Premier Speech 3</b>
<b>2:00 – 2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Plenary 4--Transportation</b> Moderator: <b>Ms. Anne Reinke</b> , President & CEO, Intermodal Association of North America Speakers: <b>Mr. Charl van Niekirk</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority; <b>Ms. Julie Gascon</b> , President & CEO, Montréal Port Authority;  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.
<b>2:45—3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Governor/Premier Speech 4</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Moderated Fireside Chat</b> <b>Her Excellency Kirsten Hillman</b> , Ambassador of Canada to the United States <b>The Honorable Peter Hoekstra</b> , Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada

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	Moderator: <b>Ms. Hannah Thibedeau</b> , Executive Communications Officer, Global Public Affairs
<b>6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.</b> Théâtre Capitolé, 972 Rue Saint-Jean  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.	<b>A Night of Québec Culture—Entertainment by Flip Fabrique</b> Remarks by Québec City <b>Mayor Bruno Marchand</b> 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>

<b>Monday, October 6</b>	
	Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at Le Château Frontenac
<b>8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.</b> Petit Frontenac/Bellevue Room	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>  <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
<b>9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</b> Frontenac Room	<b>Press Conference</b> Remarks by each participating Governor and Premier followed by question-and-answer session. Ceremonial tree planting immediately following the press conference.  <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: Governors, Premiers, other heads of State and Provincial delegations and press.</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>