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UNITED FOR GROWTH

**“Growing Together”**  
**Leadership Summit of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers**  
Cleveland, Ohio  
September 17-19, 2021

*Only confirmed speakers are listed. Unless otherwise stated, all sessions are business attire.*

**Friday, September 17**

**12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Renaissance Hotel Lobby**  
**24 Public Square**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44113**

**Summit Registration**

This elegant Cleveland hotel, built in 1918, reflects the city's unique sense of style and rich cultural history. And, near-endless entertainment options are just outside the front door including the must-visit Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**  
**Great Lakes Science Center**  
**601 Erieside Avenue**  
**Cleveland, Ohio 44114**

**Press Conference Registration**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Great Lakes Science Center**

**Governors’ and Premiers’ Press Conference**

Remarks by each participating Governor and Premier followed by question and answer session

*Open Press*

*Attendance: Governors, Premiers, other heads of State and Provincial delegations and press.*

**5:45 p.m.**  
**Meet in Renaissance Hotel**  
**Lobby**

**Buses depart for Welcome Reception**

Buses depart from the Renaissance Hotel. Participants may also enjoy the short twenty-minute walk from the Renaissance Hotel to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

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<b>6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</b> <b>Rock &amp; Roll Hall of Fame</b> 1100 Rock and Roll Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio 44114	<b>Welcome Reception</b>  <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
<b>7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.</b> <b>Rock &amp; Roll Hall of Fame</b>	<b>Opening Dinner</b> Welcoming remarks by Governor DeWine  <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
<b>9:00 p.m.</b> <b>Meet at Rock &amp; Roll Hall of Fame Main Entrance</b>	<b>Buses depart for Renaissance Hotel</b> Buses depart from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Participants may also enjoy the short twenty-minute walk from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to the Renaissance Hotel.
<b>9:00 p.m. – on</b> <b>Locations TBD by hosts</b>	<b>Post-dinner receptions to be hosted by sponsors or others as appropriate</b>

**Saturday, September 18**

Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at the Renaissance Hotel.

<b>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Plenary Sessions</b>  <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Ballroom	<b>Tribal Invocation</b> <b>Welcoming remarks by Governor DeWine - “Growing Together”</b>
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Overview of H2Ohio and efforts to improve regional water quality</b>

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- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Water infrastructure**—including discussion of racial equity, environmental justice and inclusion in economically disadvantaged areas.  
*Moderator: Commissioner Bruno Pigott, Indiana Department of Environmental Management*  
*Speakers: Secretary Preston Cole, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;*  
*Ms. Crystal M.C. Davis, Vice President of Policy & Strategic Engagement, Alliance for the Great Lakes;*  
*Ms. Helen Davis Johnson, President, Michigan Municipal League Foundation*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Governor/Premier Remarks**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Great Lakes Impact Investment Platform** including spotlight on participating projects as well as the opportunities and promise of impact investing for different types of communities where both positive environmental and social impacts are possible.  
*Moderator: Treasurer Rachael Eubanks, State of Michigan*  
*Speakers: Mr. Mike Manning, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer, Ontario Finance Authority;*  
*Dr. Michele Pitale, Managing Partner, CounterpointeSRE;*  
*Dr. Sanjiv K. Sinha, Chief Sustainability Officer and Senior Vice President, ECT*
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Governor/Premier Remarks**
- 11:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**  
**Ballroom** **Lunch**  
*Open Press*  
*Attendance: All Participants*
- 1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Grand Ballroom** **Plenary Sessions**  
*Open Press*  
*Attendance: All Participants*
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Maritime transportation** including launch of 5-year GSGP action plan; discussion of smart shipping, green shipping and other strategies to increase economic value and environmental performance.  
*Moderator: Director Jack Marchbanks, Ohio Department of Transportation*  
*Speakers: Mr. David Bolduc, Executive Director, Green Marine;*

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*Dr. David Closs, Professor Emeritus, Michigan State University/Axia Institute;  
Other speaker to be determined*

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      **Creative approaches to combat **Aquatic Invasive Species****  
*Speakers: Colonel Jesse T. Curry, Commander and District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District; Ms. Sarah Rang, Executive Director, Invasive Species Centre of Ontario;  
Mr. Thor Sigfusson, Founder, Iceland Ocean Cluster*

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **Break**

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Governor/Premier Remarks**

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **Economic development opportunity of carbon**—supply chain demand with corporate commitments, land protection to generate credits, energy transition, importance of interconnected electricity markets including for hydroelectricity.  
*Moderator: Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes, State of Wisconsin  
Speakers: Mr. Lourenco Goncalves, Chairman, President and CEO, Cleveland-Cliffs;  
Mr. Michael Reuter, Midwest Division Director and North America Leadership Team Member, The Nature Conservancy;  
Mr. Jean Simard, President and CEO, Aluminium Association of Canada*

**5:45 p.m.  
Meet in Renaissance Hotel  
Lobby**

**Buses depart for Music Box Supper Club**

**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Music Box Supper Club  
1148 Main Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113**

**Reception and Dinner**

*Closed Press  
Attendance: All Participants except for Governors, Premiers and Heads of Delegation  
Attire: Casual*

**8:00 and 9:00 p.m.  
Meet at Music Box Supper  
Club Main Entrance**

**Buses depart for Renaissance Hotel**

Buses depart from the Music Box Supper Club. Participants may also enjoy the water taxi to the East Bank of the Cuyahoga

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River and the short walk to the Renaissance Hotel.

**9:00 p.m. – on  
Locations TBD by hosts**

**Post-dinner receptions to be hosted by sponsors or others as appropriate**

**Sunday, September 19**

Please see Summit website for a listing of available worship services.

**8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Renaissance Hotel**

**Brunch**

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

*Attire: Casual*

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Field Trip—Ohio & Erie Canalway and the Centennial Lake Link Trail**

Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Mary Mertz will lead a walking tour of a portion of the Ohio & Erie Canalway and The Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail. The trailhead is a short walk from the Renaissance Hotel at the terminus of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. The Canalway is a National Heritage Area designated by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped America grow. Annually, more than 2.5 million people find their way to the iconic 87-mile trail running through the heart of the Canalway. The walking tour will include interpretive speakers at key sites on the trail.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

*Attire: Casual*

**11:30 a.m.**

**Summit adjourns**