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UNITED FOR GROWTH

“Growing Together”
Leadership Summit of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
Cleveland, Ohio
October 13-15, 2023

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

Friday, October 13

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
Rooftop Deck

Governors’ and Premiers’ Press Conference

Remarks by each participating Governor and Premier followed by question and answer session. Ceremonial tree planting.

Open Press

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

6:15 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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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
1100 Rock and Roll
Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Welcome Reception
Welcoming remarks by Governor DeWine
Introduction by Greg Harris, President & CEO, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

Closed Press
Attendance: All Participants
Attire: Casual

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

Opening Dinner
Closed Press
Attendance: All Participants
Attire: Casual

9:00 p.m.
Meet at Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Main Entrance

Buses depart for Renaissance Hotel
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.

9:00 p.m. – on
Locations TBD by hosts

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

Saturday, October 14

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

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Grand Ballroom

Plenary Sessions

Open Press
Attendance: All Participants

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Tribal Invocation

Mr. Jason Schlender, Executive Administrator, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission and Member, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe

Welcoming Remarks by Governor DeWine
Introduction by Ms. Lillian Kuri, President & CEO, The Cleveland Foundation

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- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Tree planting**
This session will focus on the Governors’ and Premiers’ ambitious goal to plant 250 million trees in the region by 2033.
Moderator: Ms. Carmen Hardin, Applied Forestry Bureau Director, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Panelists: Dr. Patrick Doran, Divisional Director of Strategy, Measures and Science, The Nature Conservancy;
Ms. Samira Malone, Director, Cleveland Trees Coalition;
Mr. Bryan Van Stippen, Program Director, National Indian Carbon Coalition and Member, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Remarks by Governor Whitmer**
Introduction by Mr. Ridgway White, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Maritime transportation**
This session will focus on strategies to decarbonize regional shipping while simultaneously seeking to increase maritime trade.
Moderator: Mr. Paul LaMarre III, Port Director, Port of Monroe; President, American Great Lakes Ports Association
Panelists: Ms. Deborah DeLuca, Executive Director, Duluth Seaway Port Authority;
Mr. Terence Bowles, President and CEO, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
Mr. David Martin, Owner, The CSL Group Inc.
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Remarks by Governor Holcomb**
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Break**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**
Ambassador Ballroom **Lunch—Celebration of GSGP’s 40th anniversary**
Video remarks by former Governor Blanchard and former Governor Celeste

Protecting and Restoring the Great Lakes:
Congresswoman Shontel Brown

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Remarks by Her Excellency Kirsten Hillman, Ambassador of Canada to the United States

Open Press

Attendance: All Participants

1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Grand Ballroom

Plenary Sessions

Open Press

Attendance: All Participants

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Remarks by:

Director Brian Baldrige, Ohio Department of Agriculture;

Director Mary Mertz, Ohio Department of Natural Resources;

Director Anne M. Vogel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

100% Great Lakes Fish

This session will focus on GSGP's ambitious work to more fully use all parts of each commercially caught fish from the Great Lakes and create more value.

Moderator: Dr. Marc Gaden, Deputy Executive Secretary, Great Lakes Fishery Commission

Panelists: Dr. Alexandra Leeper, Head of Research and Innovation and Managing Director of International Affairs, Iceland Ocean Cluster;

Mr. Erik Olsen, Lead Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians;

Mr. Sal Peralta, President and Chief Executive Officer, A & A Marine Foods

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Remarks by Ontario Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Cruising the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence

This session will focus on the record-breaking 2023 cruise season and strategies for future growth.

Moderator: Ms. Anna Tanski, Tourism Director, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers

Panelists: Ms. Jackie Q. Carter, Director, Port Milwaukee;

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Ms. Cindy Larsen, President, Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce;

Mr. Aaron Lawton, Head of Expedition Operations, Viking Cruises

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks by Governor Evers

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

Remarks by Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb

Closed Press

Attendance: All Participants except for Governors, Premiers and Heads of Delegation

Attire: Casual

8:00 p.m. 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 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, October 15

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

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Renaissance Hotel
Ambassador Ballroom**

Brunch

**Remarks by Cuyahoga County Executive Chris Ronayne
Fireside Chat with Cleveland Cavaliers legends Mark Price and Austin Carr and play-by-play announcer John Michael**

Closed Press

Attendance: All Participants

Attire: Casual

9:30 a.m.

Summit adjourns

After adjournment

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**Terminal Tower
Observation Deck
Tower City Center**

Access to the Terminal Tower Observation Deck will be available for free to all Summit attendees on the morning of October 15.

The Terminal Tower, completed in 1929 by the Van Sweringen brothers and standing 52 stories tall, is Cleveland's most admired landmark with its unique Beaux-Arts architecture and popular light shows. When ready to go to the Observation Deck, notify security at the front desk in The Terminal Tower lobby facing Public Square that you are ready to be taken.