

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

8:00 AM **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Robin Beauclair, Cultural Oshkaabewis, Nokiwin Tribal Council

9:15 AM **governWISE Introduction**
Meet the governWISE Team and learn about our work supporting First Nations through capacity building, collaboration and practical advisory support.

9:25 AM **Sweetgrass Teachings & Kindness Ribbons Activity**
Robin Beauclair, Cultural Oshkaabewis, Nokiwin Tribal Council
A cultural teaching and reflection on Sweetgrass and the Kindness Ribbon, grounding the gathering in respect, connection and kindness.

9:45 AM **Indigenous Cyber Resilience Program Launch**
Abdul Sattar Raja, Head of IT & Cybersecurity, governWISE Alliance
Discover the Indigenous Cyber Resilience Program, the supports available to First Nations, and how Nations can participate in this multi-year initiative to strengthen capacity and resilience.

10:00 AM **Government of Canada Perspective on Cybersecurity**
Public Safety Canada
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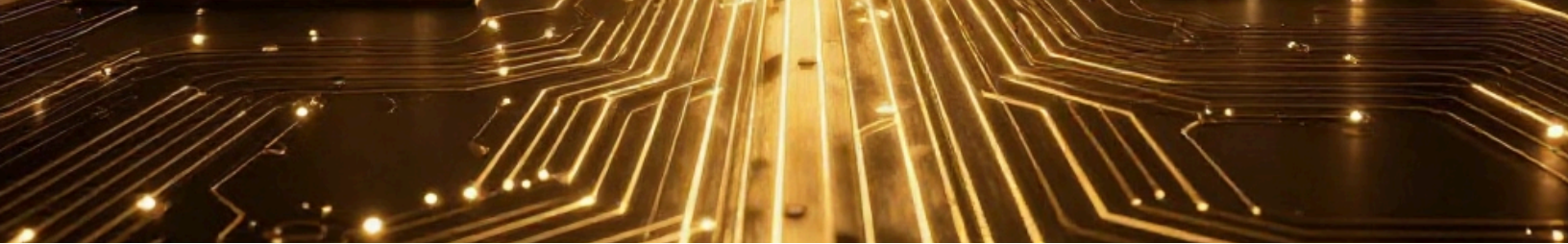
10:20 AM **Break & Networking**

10:35 AM **The National Cyber Threat Landscape**
Emma Sobel, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security
Learn about the evolving cyber threat landscape, emerging risks for First Nations and Organizations across Canada, and practical steps you can take to strengthen preparedness and resilience.

11:15 AM **OPP Cybercrime Investigation: What Happens After An Incident?**
Cybercrime Investigation Team, Ontario Provincial Police
What happens when a cyber incident becomes a criminal investigation? Hear directly from the OPP Cybercrime Investigation Team about when to contact police, what evidence to preserve, what happens after a report is made, and how organizations can prepare before an incident occurs.

12:00 PM **Lunch & Networking**





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1:00 PM

Cyber Pulse: How Prepared Is Your Nation?

Abdul Sattar Raja, Head of IT & Cybersecurity, governWISE Alliance

Put your cyber instincts to the test in this fast-paced, interactive challenge. Respond anonymously to real-world cybersecurity questions, compare your answers with others in the room, and discover where your nation may already be strong – and where there may be gaps.

1:30 PM

Defending Against Frontier AI Agents

Wyatt Tessari L'Allié, Founder & Executive Director, AI Governance and Safety Canada

As AI systems become increasingly capable and autonomous, they are changing the cyber threat landscape. Explore how advanced AI agenda could be used in cyber attacks, what these threats could mean, and how leaders can begin preparing today.

2:00 PM

From Community Challenge to Community Impact: A Leadership Conversation on Strategic Technology Investment

Michael McCormick, Chief Technology Officer, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

See how Wiikwemkoong turned a community challenge into action through strategic technology investments, and the value it created for community safety, services and resilience.

2:30 PM

Break & Networking

2:45 PM

Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity: Leading Secure AI Adoption

Denise Gigova, Partner, MNP Digital and AI Advisory

Steve MacLean, Partner, MNP Digital

Olga Brenner, Consultant, Enterprise Transformation, MNP

AI is already changing how organizations work. Explore how leaders can embrace its opportunities while managing cybersecurity, privacy, governance and organizational risk – and what responsible AI adoption looks like in practice.

3:30 PM

Indigenous Data & Digital Sovereignty: Governing Our Digital Future

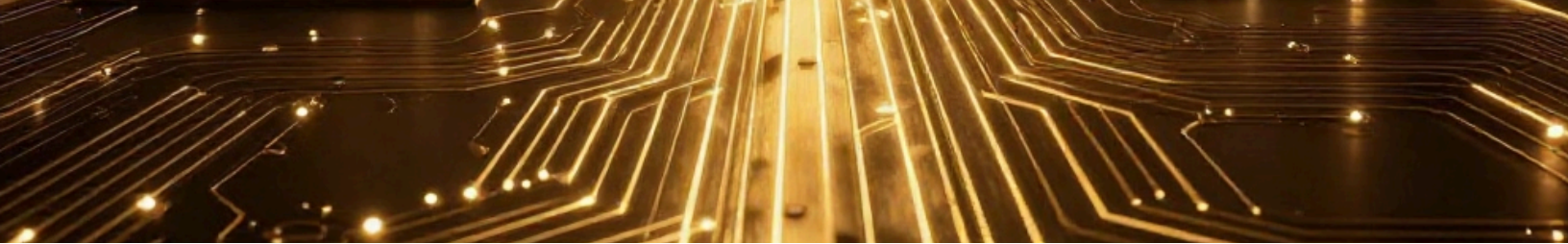
Dr. Danica Pawlick-Potts, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies, York University

What does Indigenous Data Sovereignty mean in an increasingly cloud, data, and AI-enabled world? Explore how data governance, digital infrastructure, emerging technologies and cyber security can support Indigenous authority over data – and what this means for the digital future of First Nations.

4:15 PM

Early Bird Draw – Apple Watch Series 12!





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Can Your Nation Survive the Next Cyber Incident? – An Interactive Cyber Crisis Simulation

Courtney Larmand, Manager of Risk Advisory Sales, CDW

Abdul Sattar Raja, Head of IT & Cybersecurity, governWISE Alliance

Your budget is limited. Your essential services are at risk. Step into the leadership team of a fictional First Nation, make critical decisions as a cyber crisis unfolds, and discover what it really takes to respond, recover and build resilience.

10:30 AM

Break & Networking

10:45 AM

Strengthening Your Microsoft 365 Security: Practical Steps That Matter

Rob Wyse, Principal Services Advisor, CDW

Put Microsoft 365 security into practice with foundational approaches to protecting identities, devices, email, and organizational information – and learn the questions leadership should be asking their IT team or service provider.

11:30 AM

Cyber Insurance: Are You Really Covered?

Melanie Power, Public Policy Analyst, CDW

Put Microsoft 365 security into practice with foundational approaches to protecting identities, devices, email, and organizational information – and learn the questions leadership should be asking their IT team or service provider.

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Lunch & Networking & Door Prize Draw

1:00 PM

AI In Practice: From Possibility to Everyday Use

KJ Burke, Field CTO – Hybrid Infrastructure, CDW

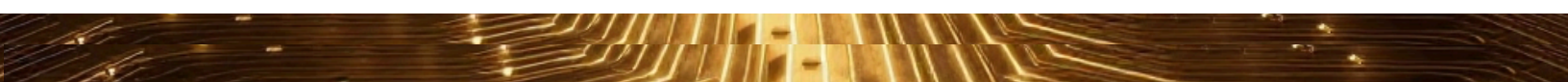
Move beyond the AI conversation and see what practical adoption can look like. Explore real-world examples of how AI can support every day work, productivity, decision making, and service delivery within First Nations organizations.

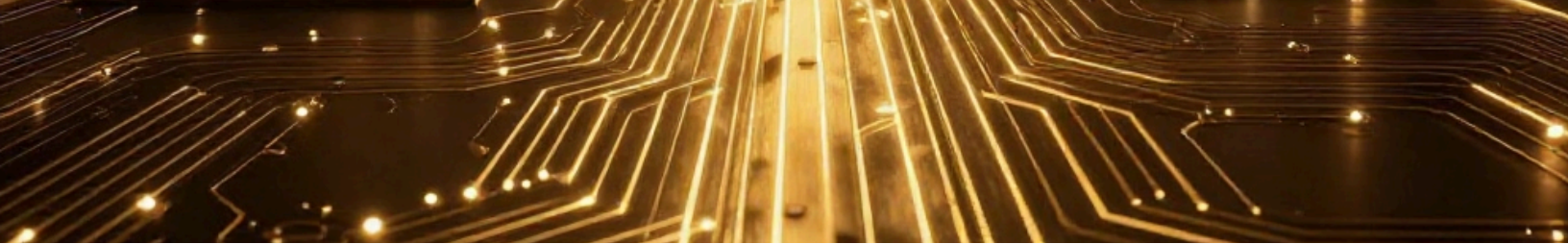
1:30 PM

Governance Development Capacity Support Funding

Ron Mavin, Regional Manager, First Nations Governance, Indigenous Services Canada

Learn about funding and capacity-development supports available to First Nations and how they can help advance governance, cybersecurity, digital capacity, infrastructure and technology priorities.





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2:30 PM

Leading the Digital Future of First Nations – Leadership Fireside Chat

Randy Councillor, Director of Operations, Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation

Emma Sobel, Canadian Centre for Cyber Security

Wyatt Tessari L'Allié, Founder & Executive Director, AI Governance and Safety Canada

Elloitt Levine, Director of Worldwide Public Sector & Education, Qualcomm Technologies

Marco Nalli, Director, Enterprise Business Canada, AMD Inc.

A forward-looking leadership conversation about what comes next for First Nations in an increasingly digital world. Explore cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, digital sovereignty, community capacity, technology investments and how Nations can shape their own digital futures.

3:30 PM

Closing Prayer

