



**NCAI's 2023 Mid Year Convention & Marketplace**  
**Full Agenda — DRAFT**  
*Updated: May 1, 2023*

<b>Sunday June 4, 2023</b>		
<b>TIME (CDT)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<b>NCAI Golf Tournament</b> <i>Hosted by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community at the Meadows, on site at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Center complex, the 2023 Mid Year Golf Tournament features a 4-Person Team Scramble format with five placement trophies and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive to be awarded. Separate registration is required; registration includes food and beverages, along with a deluxe swag backpack and other prizes.</i>  <i>Registration here:</i> <a href="https://golfersofalltribes.com/event-registration">https://golfersofalltribes.com/event-registration</a>	The Meadows
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Owámniyomni (St. Anthony Falls) Tour</b>	TBD
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Prairie Island Buffalo Tour</b>	TBD
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Culture Camp</b>	Hocokata Ti
<b>Monday June 5, 2023</b>		
<b>TIME (CDT)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Sunrise Gathering</b>	Patio
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	TBD
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Open</b> <b>Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>	Winona



8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Sessions</b>	Chaske
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>1st General Assembly</b>	<b>Minnetonka Ballroom</b>
8:30	<b>Procession and Call to Order</b> Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
8:45	<b>Invocation</b>	
8:50	<b>Welcome from the Local Planning Committee</b>	
9:00	<b>Rules of the Convention</b> <i>Rules and Credentials Committee</i>	
9:05	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	
9:10	<b>Resolutions Committee Report</b> <i>Resolutions Committee</i>	
9:15	<b>President's Report</b> Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
9:30	<b>Executive Director's Report</b> Larry Wright, Jr., <i>Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
9:45	<b>Federal Updates</b>	
10:45	<b>Clean Energy Development and Infrastructure in Indian Country</b> <i>A panel discussion highlighting opportunities for Tribal Nations to develop and invest in clean energy throughout Indian Country, and a look at the innovative ways Tribal Nations are operating in the energy sector. Join us for a conversation with federal officials and tribal practitioners from the energy sector as they discuss what Tribal Nations can do to take control of their own energy needs, lower the energy costs of their communities, and utilize energy projects as a means for economic development.</i>  <i>Panelists forthcoming.</i>	
11:45	<b>Muckleshoot Canoe Journey</b> Virginia Cross, <i>Councilwoman, Muckleshoot Tribe</i>	



11:55	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day One</b> Speaker: To Be Determined <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i>	TBD
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Regional Caucuses — Day One</b> Alaska Region Eastern Oklahoma Region Great Plains Region Midwest Region Northeast Region Northwest Region Pacific Region Rocky Mountain Region Southeast Region Southern Plains Region Southwest Region Western Region	
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	<b>Marketplace Open</b>	
<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <i>Please note that Concurrent Sessions marked with an asterisks (*) are open to the public and do <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI's Mid Year Convention.</i>  <i>Additionally, while NCAI assists in the coordination of Concurrent Sessions, NCAI is not involved in the specific subject matter covered in these sessions.</i>		
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>*Tribal Consultation: Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Tribal and Native American Affairs</b>  <i>Description forthcoming.</i>	Isanti 1
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>USDA Informational Session</b>  <i>Join USDA Rural Development (RD) in this session to learn about a portfolio of programs that can address your housing, economic development, energy and infrastructure related</i>	Isanti 2



	<p>priorities. Participants will receive an overview of RD's housing, water and environmental, community facilities, broadband, energy, business, and economic development programs. Additional information will be shared about four new energy programs funded through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). These new programs will fund activities that support long-term resiliency and innovative methods to expand reliable clean energy which will transform rural power production, create jobs, and spur economic growth in rural America. The new Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program will also be featured.</p> <p>Speakers will include a team of RD's Tribal Relations staff, National Office Program Leadership and RD State Office staff who will be available for in-depth Q&amp;A and discussions.</p>	
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Microgrid Energy Servers for Energy Sovereignty, Cost Savings, and Decarbonization on Tribal Lands</b></p> <p>The reliance of tribes on a dated, unreliable, and unsustainable electrical grid impedes their ability to serve and protect their communities and to make progress in preserving the health of their land through decarbonization efforts. As the climate changes, extreme hot and cold temperatures are adding stress to the grid and exacerbating pollution, while major weather events are increasing the frequency and severity of power outages that can devastate vulnerable, rural communities. In this session, attendees will learn that, by generating their own electricity through microgrid energy servers, tribes can become independent of an outdated external power source and polluting back-up diesel generators; provide highly-reliable energy to their communities; save or even make money; and shrink their carbon footprint. This is a pathway to meaningful energy sovereignty.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Colosimo, <i>Midi Enterprises, LLC</i></li> <li>• Blair Gallagher, <i>Midi Enterprises, LLC</i></li> <li>• David Baugh, <i>Bloom Energy, Corp.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Isanti 3</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>New Opportunities for Tribal Tax Parity in the New Republican Controlled Congress</b></p> <p>Join us for a discussion on tribal tax parity that will focus on</p>	<p>Owatonna 1</p>



	<p><i>opportunities to move Tribal Nation priorities forward in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives. Topics will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Administration and tax treatment of tribal general welfare programs and payments;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal Treasury Advisory Committee (TTAC) General Welfare Program Regulations;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal tax-exempt bonds;</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal pension plans; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Adoption tax credits for tribal courts ,and to continue other tribal tax credits.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sam Cohen, Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians</i></li> <li>• <i>Scott Dacey, Managing Partner, PACE LLP</i></li> <li>• <i>Peter Larson, Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP</i></li> <li>• <i>Telly Meier, Attorney, Hobbs Straus Dean and Walker</i></li> </ul>	
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b><i>HIMDAG: An Indigenous Community Rebrands Its Schools and Shows Progress</i></b></p> <p><i>Learn how the Tohono O'odham community has transformed its school environment and climate by embracing values, customs, traditions, history, and language. The combination of a Three-Year Plan designed to turn the district around has clarified goals, expectations, and best practices, and embracing the value of culture and original language has resulted in increases in reading, math, attendance, and a dual language program in O'odham. Participants will walk away with a blueprint of the plan, our data, and answers from our panel to determine what direction your district wants to go, compare what you are already doing, or ideas that may work for your district.</i></p>	<p>Owatonna 2</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK</b></p>	

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<p>5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>*Listening Session: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding and Technical Assistance for Rural/Tribal Communities at U.S. Department of Transportation</b></p> <p><i>The Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) Initiative works to address disparities in rural and Tribal transportation infrastructure by developing user-friendly tools and information, aggregating USDOT resources, and providing technical assistance. The ROUTES Initiative is also working on EV charging for rural/Tribal communities and will be publishing an update to our toolkit, the Rural EV Infrastructure Toolkit, in the next few weeks and will be released before this conference. This Rural EV toolkit is the main focus for this presentation/listening session.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to the Rural EV toolkit, our session will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Introduction to the ROUTES Initiative</i></li> <li>• <i>The Rural Grant Applicant Toolkit</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion of BIL/IIJA USDOT Funding Opportunities (with a focus on Tribal specific funding programs)</i></li> <li>• <i>USDOT Navigator Technical Assistance</i></li> <li>• <i>Tribal-specific technical assistance and contacts</i></li> </ul>	<p>Isanti 1</p>
<p>5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>What's next with the Office of Strategic Planning? From Climate to Education</b></p> <p><i>The Department of the Interior (DOI) and Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) will provide a follow-up session to NCAI's 2022 Mid-Year Conference's Public &amp; Private Partnerships Listening Session, Updates to NAPs Conservation Pledge &amp; Funding Collaborative &amp; Initial National Listening Session Findings, as well as seek input from Tribal Leaders on the best way to support Tribes in the areas of language revitalization and economic development.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Estakio Beltran, Partnership Advisor, DOI/NAP</i></li> <li>• <i>DOI Staff – TBD</i></li> <li>• <i>DOI Staff – TBD</i></li> <li>• <i>Joel Moffett, Director of Environmental &amp; Special Projects, NAP</i></li> </ul>	<p>Isanti 2</p>
<p>5:00 p.m. -</p>	<p><b>Protecting Mature and Old Growth Forests: Thinking</b></p>	<p>Isanti 3</p>





<p>6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>About Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and Other Next Steps</b></p> <p><i>This session will focus on continuing a dialogue with Tribal stakeholders to explore the details of a potential regulation to protect mature and old growth forests in more depth and additional opportunities for collaboration and formal support. We are prioritizing outreach both with Tribes that expressed some skepticism about our thoughts and those that expressed enthusiasm. We believe in a transparent process and would like to brief participants of our efforts and facilitate a discussion focused on Tribal priorities on protections and regulations they would like to see included in a draft rule.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, on March 30, 2023, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced a draft Public Lands Rule that establishes a framework for managing BLM lands to ensure healthy landscapes, abundant wildlife habitat, clean water, and balanced decision-making. This rulemaking is a generational opportunity to improve how the largest land manager in the nation will address conservation, restoration, and resilience activities. In this session, panelists will provide a briefing on this proposed rule and will facilitate a discussion on how to support Tribal Nations seeking to engage in the public comment period by making resources available such as draft comments and an analysis of the drafted rule.</i></p>	
<p>5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Introduction to StrongHearts Native Helpline: Taking a Native Centered Approach to Victims Advocacy When Addressing Domestic and Sexual Violence</b></p> <p><i>StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy. In this session, panelists will cover:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What it means to be Native-centered, empowerment-based and trauma-informed</i></li> <li>• <i>Services Offered by the Helpline</i></li> <li>• <i>Overview of Available Data and Accomplishments</i></li> <li>• <i>Spreading Awareness: Media Packets and Promotional Items</i></li> <li>• <i>How You Can Help to End DV/SV</i></li> </ul>	<p>Owatonna 1</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Native Elders and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (ADRD): What the Research Does and Does Not Tell Us</b></p> <p><i>American Indians / Alaska Natives (AIAN) constitute 2.9% of the U.S. population, but are at an increased risk for dementia relative to other populations— 1 of every 3 AIAN elders will develop dementia in the next 20 years. Despite this fact, AIANs are substantially underrepresented in ADRD research. This session will share about this important work, and create a safe space for dialogue and feedback from tribal leaders about ADRD research happening in Tribal Nations across the U.S., which is important for ADRD researchers and tribal leaders to be aware of, bring to their communities, and contribute to the advancement of this work.</i></p>	Owatonna 2
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Marketplace Opening Reception</b>	<b>Minnetonka Ballroom</b>
<b>Tuesday June 6, 2023</b>		
<b>TIME (CDT)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	<b>Health Walk</b>	Meadows
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	TBD
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Open Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>	Winona
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Sessions</b>	Chaske
<b>8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>2nd General Assembly</b>	
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
8:35	<b>Invocation</b>	





8:40	<p><b>International Climate Issues and Indigenous Peoples</b>  <i>A round table discussion examining the impacts of climate change on Indigenous peoples across the globe and how Indigenous peoples are responding. Join us for a conversation featuring Indigenous leaders, federal officials, and principals from international conservation and climate action organizations that will look at climate change from a global perspective and will consider the critical role Indigenous people are playing and will continue to play in healing our planet.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fawn Sharp, <i>President, National Congress of American Indians</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith Harper, <i>Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Council</i></li> <li>Anthony Morgan Rodman, <i>Executive Director for the White House Council on Native American Affairs, Department of the Interior</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Additional panelists forthcoming.</i></p>	
9:40	Youth Update	
9:55	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  Mark Macarro, <i>First Vice President, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Marketplace Open</b>	
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	
<p><b>Task Forces</b>  <i>Attendance at Task Force meetings does <u>not</u> require registration for NCAI's Mid Year Convention. Please note that additional Task Force meetings are taking place on Wednesday, June 7th from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. See Wednesday's agenda for more information.</i></p>		
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>VAWA Task Force (Day 1 of 2)</b>  <i>The Task Force on Violence Against Women (VAWA) serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Today task force members will highlight tribal programs that prevent and address violence against women in Indian Country,</i></p>	Isanti 1 Closed to Press



	<i>examine national and international violence against women policy work, and coordinate efforts to strengthen future reauthorizations of the Violence Against Women Act.</i>	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Climate Action Task Force</b></p> <p><i>The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force is to “document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of Tribal Nations and native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action.” This task force meeting will provide an overview of administrative and congressional updates to improve and expand federal support for tribal climate actions.</i></p>	Isanti 2
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Federal Recognition Task Force</b></p> <p><i>The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribal nations, both federally and non-federally recognized, regarding changes to the tribal acknowledgement process.</i></p>	Isanti 3
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Native Languages Task Force</b></p> <p><i>Developments in Native languages have taken place at the tribal, state, and federal policy levels. Tribal nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders’ perspectives.</i></p>	Owatonna 1
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Tax and Finance Task Force</b></p> <p><i>Tax revenue is essential to help build healthy rural and regional economies. Join the NCAI Tax and Finance Task Force for an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of tax and finance in Indian Country. This Task Force has been charged with advancing tribal priorities on legislative and administrative tax and finance policy, developing solutions to dual taxation, facilitating tribal engagement with the U.S. Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC), and sharing information regarding tribal-state tax agreements.</i></p>	Owatonna 2
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Technology Task Force</b></p> <p><i>The NCAI Technology Task Force will hold an open meeting to discuss work in the fields of technology and telecommunications in Indian Country. The Task Force is composed of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology experts, entrepreneurs, and representatives from tribal organizations.</i></p>	Owatonna 3

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Two</b> Speaker: To Be Determined <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i>	TBD
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Regional Caucuses — Day Two</b> Alaska Region Eastern Oklahoma Region Great Plains Region Midwest Region Northeast Region Northwest Region Pacific Region Rocky Mountain Region Southeast Region Southern Plains Region Southwest Region Western Region	
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Subcommittee Meetings</b>	
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Comedy Night</b>	Show Room
<b>Wednesday June 7, 2023</b>		
<b>TIME (CDT)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast</b>	TBD
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Registration Open Rules &amp; Credentials Open</b>	Winona
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Sessions</b>	Chaske
<b>8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>3rd General Assembly</b>	<b>Minnetonka Ballroom</b>
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Stephen Roe Lewis, <i>Recording Secretary, National Congress</i>	

	<i>of American Indians</i>	
8:35	<b>Invocation</b>	
8:40	<p><b>Water Scarcity and Conservation</b>  <i>A round table discussion to talk about water issues with a focus on water scarcity and conservation efforts. Join us for an open and honest discussion with federal officials, tribal leaders, and legal experts that will look at existing and future challenges related to water, as well as how Tribal Nations are already taking action to safeguard the water that sustains their people and the communities.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists forthcoming.</i></p>	
9:40	<b>Update:</b> To Be Determined	
9:55	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  <i>Stephen Roe Lewis, Recording Secretary, National Congress of American Indians</i></p>	
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10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Addiction Task Force</b>  <i>Join the NCAI Addiction Task Force to discuss administrative and legislative priorities to increase access and improve the function of behavioral health and addiction programs at the tribal level. The Addiction Task Force continues to support</i></p>	Isanti 2

	<i>efforts to advance education, treatment, preventative services, and public safety in tribal communities</i>	
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Peyote Working Group</b>  <i>The NCAI Peyote Task Force will discuss the current landscape of Peyote conservation and preservation. This task force will focus on barriers to American Indian Religious Freedom and challenges the Native American Church faces.</i></p>	Isanti 1
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>TANF Task Force</b>  <i>The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Tribal, Administrative and Congressional priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs for tribes across Indian Country. The TANF taskforce was established to support efforts to increase tribal authority to administer family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.</i></p>	Owatonna 1
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Transportation Task Force</b>  <i>The NCAI-ITA Joint Transportation Task Force is focused on building a unified advocacy approach to tribal transportation development and legislative reauthorization to promote safety and prosperity in tribal communities and to ensure the United States upholds its government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations.</i></p>	Owatonna 2
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Tribal Border Caucus — <i>Tentative</i></b>  <i>Tribal citizen crossing of the United States-Canada and United States-Mexico borders for traditional, cultural, or religious purposes has been a paramount concern for Tribal Nations split by the invisible lines that divided their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern, southern, and Alaska border Tribal Nations to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as navigating the opening of the borders during the COVID-19 pandemic, travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or cultural items.</i></p>	Owatonna 3 Closed to Press
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>Lunch Speaker Series — Day Three</b>            Speaker: To Be Determined  <i>Join us for a buffet lunch and a presentation from a special guest speaker. Lunch is free to all registered attendees.</i></p>	TBD
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3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<p><b>*FCC Technical Assistance / Training Session: National Broadband Map/Broadband Data Collection</b></p> <p><i>The FCC's National Broadband Map provides information about the internet services available to individual locations across the country, along with new maps of mobile coverage, as reported by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the FCC's ongoing Broadband Data Collection (BDC). The FCC is on track to launch an updated version of the current maps in Spring 2023 based on updated location data and availability data as-of December 31, 2022.</i></p> <p><i>The BDC invites stakeholders to participate in efforts to verify and validate both the locations on the map and the broadband availability data submitted by ISPs in order to refine and improve the data shown on the maps. Along with the FCC's own verification efforts, stakeholders may file challenges to the data depicted on the maps. Participation in the challenge processes by governmental entities (and Tribal entities in particular), as well as consumers, service providers, and third parties will help ensure that each iteration of the map evolves to more accurately represent the facts on the ground.</i></p> <p><i>In this session on the BDC, FCC staff will review the ways that Tribal governments and entities can participate in the BDC and, in doing so, help improve the accuracy of the maps. Staff will focus on the various challenge processes created as</i></p>	Isanti 1
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	<p>part of the BDC and demonstrate how to engage with the National Broadband Map.</p>	
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>How the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Can Support Your Tribal Nation</b></p> <p><i>The mission of the Center for Indian Country Development (CICD) at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is to support the prosperity of Native nations and Indigenous communities through actionable data and research that make substantial contributions to public policy. Join members of the CICD team for a breakout session with two goals: Introducing attendees to some recent data tools, and gathering input to shape the next one. This session is intended to bring together a broad audience: Anyone who uses data—or would like to use it—for planning, reporting, grant writing, economic development, or general knowledge purposes in Indian Country.</i></p>	<p>Isanti 2</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>The Positive Impacts of Relative Caregivers on Native Children</b></p> <p><i>Research affirms what American Indian/Alaska Native people have always known to be true: children do better when they are raised with family. Studies show that children who can't stay in their own homes have better educational, health, and social outcomes with relative caregivers than they do in foster care with strangers. This is especially important for Native children. One percent of children in the U.S. are American Indian or Alaska Native, yet 2% of children in foster care are Native, and 8% of children living with relative caregivers are Native.</i></p> <p><i>In this session, participants will learn about the newly-established Grandfamilies and Kinship Care Network, a federally-funded national technical assistance center for tribes and states led by Generations United, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association's role in it. Relative caregivers will share their experience raising relative children, including the joys and challenges. They will highlight their needs, including services and supports that would better assist them in caring for their relative children. Strategies for aligning tribal child welfare policy with the</i></p>	<p>Isanti 3</p>

	<p><i>needs of relative caregivers will also be shared. Opportunities for technical assistance and resources to support tribes and states in better coordinating their services to support relative caregivers will also be shared.</i></p>	
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Uplifting Tribal Sovereignty through Just Transition: Support for Tribal Renewable Energy Goals</b></p> <p><i>Since 2010, GRID Alternatives' has worked with tribal communities across the United States to support their renewable energy goals and visions for a sustainable future through tribal focused programs. Since 2018, the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (TSAF) , a tribal-led program has partnered with 65+ tribes and 40+ tribal individuals to support renewable energy development and leadership development goals. Over the last four years, the TSAF has provided tribes with access to philanthropic capital through competitive grantmaking and leadership development programs. At its core, TSAF is about more than just regranting; it's about mobilizing and developing tribal solar projects and integrating workforce development and training, nation-building, and strengthening the energy resilience of tribal communities with visions for a clean energy outlook for generations to come. The upfront expenses to install and maintain solar systems are out of reach for many tribal communities, which is why TSAF funding has been critical to each grantee we have supported.</i></p> <p><i>Tribal leaders, tribal organizations and everyone in between will learn about the unique and innovative ways the TSAF tribal partners are building solar energy capacity in their communities.</i></p>	<p>Owatonna 1</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Water Over Nickel: Protecting Indigenous Communities and Environments from the Negative Impacts of Mining</b></p> <p><i>The push to electrify vehicles is critical to meeting national and international goals to reduce emissions and slow global warming. But the materials—like nickel—used to produce electric vehicle batteries are often mined from the earth using environmentally damaging practices. And 97% of nickel deposits in the U.S. are located within 35 miles of Native American reservations. While advancements in green technology are critical to protecting our planet from the</i></p>	<p>Owatonna 2</p>



	<p><i>effects of climate change, we must ensure these advancements do not endanger our natural resources or indigenous communities.</i></p> <p><i>Water Over Nickel aims to raise collective awareness of the risks associated with the Tamarack Mine, a nickel mine proposed by Talon Metals Corp. The proposed mine is located just 1.3 miles from the homes of tribal members at Round Lake, and near cultural sites and resources, including Rice Lake and Sandy Lake. The discussion will focus on the risks nickel mines like the proposed Tamarack Mine pose to tribal communities and the Mille Lacs Band's approach to holding Talon Metals accountable to protect their cultural resources, people, land, wild rice and water.</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanie Benjamin, <i>Chief Executive / Chairwoman, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i></li> <li>• Kelly Applegate, <i>Commissioner of Natural Resources, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i></li> <li>• Esteban Chiriboga, <i>Environmental Scientist, Great Lakes Indian Fish &amp; Wildlife Commission</i></li> </ul>	
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>	
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Committee Meetings</b>	TBD
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	<b>Cultural Night</b>	Hocokata Ti
<b>Thursday June 8, 2023</b>		
<b>TIME (CDT)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Sessions</b>	Chaske
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Marketplace Open — Arts &amp; Crafts Only</b>	Waconia
<b>8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>4th General Assembly</b>	<b>Minnetonka Ballroom</b>



8:30	<b>Procession and Call to Order</b> Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
8:35	<b>Invocation</b>	
8:40	<b>Emerging Issues in the 2023 Farm Bill</b> <i>A panel discussion looking at the Native Farm Bill Coalition's priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill. The panelists will also have an honest assessment of what challenges exist that might prevent tribal priorities in the Farm Bill and what steps tribal leaders can take to help get the 2023 Farm Bill passed with improved provisions for tribal communities.</i>  <i>Panelists forthcoming.</i>	
9:40	<b>Voting Rights Update</b>	
10:00	<b>Tribal Supreme Court Project Update</b>	
10:20	<b>Update:</b> To Be Determined	
10:40	<b>Resolutions Committee Report</b> <i>Resolutions Committee</i>	
10:45	<b>NCAI Committee Reports</b>	
11:45	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Shannon Holsey, <i>Treasurer, National Congress of American Indians</i>	
12:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	