

INSPIRING COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

October 25-27, 2016

Tree of Peace, 5011 – 51st Street, Yellowknife, NT

**Schedule subject to change*

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - <i>INSPIRING</i>		
Time	Activity	Presenters/Notes
08:30AM	Registration	Coffee, Tea and Snacks Networking, information boots, displays
09:15AM	Opening Blessing	Ndilo Chief Ernest Betsina, Elder Muriel Betsina
09:25AM	Welcome Remarks	Kris Johnson, Superintendent, ITI-NS Region, Lone Sorensen, Agriculture Mentor
09:45AM	Interactive Activity/Icebreaker	<i>TBA</i>
10:00AM	Indigenous Food Systems	Key Note Speaker: Dan Longboat, Anishinaabe professor, Indigenous Environmental Studies at Trent University, Ontario
11:00AM	Health Break & Networking	Coffee, Tea and Snacks
11:20AM	Indigenous Food Systems (continued)	
12:00PM	Lunch Break	
1:15PM	Seed Sovereignty: Who Owns the Seeds of the World, Bio-Piracy, Genetic Engineering and Indigenous Peoples	Key Note Speaker: Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth, Minnesota, USA
2:30PM	Health Break	Coffee, Tea and Snacks
2:50PM	Building Community & Raised Beds for Growing Food	Chief Ernest Betsina, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Ndilo, Northwest Territories
3:10PM	Traditional Values & Practises in Food Systems	Key Note Speaker: Dan Longboat
3:50PM	Restoring Our Food Independence	Jackie Milne, Northern Farm Training Institute, Hay River, Northwest Territories
4:20PM	Questions and answers	Chief Betsina, Dan Longboat, Winona LaDuke, Jackie Milne
4:30PM	Closing for the day	

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 - BUILDING SKILLS & LOCAL ECONOMY

08:30AM	Doors open	Coffee, Tea and Snacks Networking, information boots, displays
09:15AM	Restoring Stable Local Economies	Key Note Speaker: Winona LaDuke, Honor the Earth
10:30AM	Health Break & Networking	Coffee, Tea and Snacks
10:50AM	Opportunities and Challenges for Commercial Food Production	Interactive session discussing steps towards more commercial agriculture and local food production, w/Winona LaDuke, Dan Longboat, Dr. Seefeldt
11:30AM	Soil Health	Key Note: Dr. Steven Seefeldt, University of Alaska
12:00PM	Local Lunch & Networking (please register in advance)	Local lunch provided by K'alemi Dene School Students Catering Program. Local food tasting table.
1:30PM	School Gardening	William McDonald School and Ecology North
1:50PM	All about Potatoes - Advice for Growing Success & Small Business	Phil Bakker of EarthApples, Stony Plain, Alberta
2:30pm	Health Break	
2:50PM	Green-housing and Growing Food North of 60	Dr. Steven Seefeldt, University of Alaska
4:00PM	Questions and Answers	Dr. Seefeldt and Phil Bakker
4:30PM	Closing for the day	

Thursday, October 27, 2016- PLANNING FOR 2017 & BEYOND

08:30AM	Doors open	Coffee, Tea and Snacks Networking, information boots, displays
09:15AM	Small Business Greenhouse Growing <i>"Trying Hard and Failing, but only sometimes"</i>	Brit Wever, Sahtu Gardens & Commercial Greenhouse
09:45AM	More About Soil Session	Dr. Steven Seefeldt
10:15AM	Health Break	Coffee, Tea and Snacks
10:35AM	Planning for 2017 Growing Season for Remote Communities	Dr. Seefeldt, Lone Sorensen, Brit Wever, Romanie Wideman Group work sessions
12:00PM	Lunch Break	Lunch not provided – on our own
1:30PM	Garden Jeopardy	Interactive game to integrate "Inspiring Commercial Agriculture" – Kris Johnson
2:15PM	Market Gardening/ Planning and Advice	Continued work on lessons learned in "Opportunities and Challenges to Commercial Food Production" session
3:00PM	Questions and Conclusions	Brit Wever, Dr. Seefeldt, Romanie Wideman, Lone Sorensen
3:30PM	Closing	