

SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 DRAFT



**“Creating the Future”**

Leadership Summit of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers  
Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario  
October 20-22, 2017

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

**Friday, October 20**

12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Marriott Hotel Lobby  
400 Renaissance Dr,  
Renaissance Center  
Detroit, MI 48243

**Summit Registration**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Foyer  
Art Gallery of Windsor  
401 Riverside Dr W,  
Windsor, ON N9A 7J1  
Canada

**Press Conference Registration**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Valiant Corporation Suite  
Art Gallery of Windsor

**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.*

5:30 p.m.  
Meet in Marriott Hotel  
Lobby

**Buses depart for Welcome Reception**

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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
The Henry Ford  
20900 Oakwood Boulevard  
Dearborn, MI 48124

**Welcome Reception**

Welcoming remarks by Michigan Department of Transportation  
Director Kirk Steudle  
Throughout the evening, guests will be able to see the museum’s  
many exhibits, including the presidential limousine of John F.  
Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln's chair from Ford's Theatre, Thomas  
Edison's laboratory, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop, the Rosa  
Parks bus, and many more historical exhibits both independently  
and through guided tours.

*Closed Press*

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

*Attire: Casual*

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
The Henry Ford

**Opening Dinner**

*Closed Press*

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

*Attire: Casual*

9:00 p.m.  
Meet at The Henry Ford  
Entrance

**Buses depart for Marriott Hotel**

**Saturday, October 21**

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

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
42 Degrees North

**Governors’ and Premiers’ Breakfast with Sponsors**

Sponsors seated at Governor’s/Premier’s table of their choice  
(based on space available).

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: Governors, Premiers, Heads of Delegation, Sponsors*

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom  
Foyer

**Registration**

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Opening plenary session**

Invocation by Ogema Larry Romanelli of the Little River Band of  
Ottawa Indians. Welcoming remarks by Governor Snyder and  
Premier Wynne.

Introduction to “Blue Accounting” kiosks by Ridgway White,  
President, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

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9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Growing the Regional Economy**

Speaker: Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, Chair,  
Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and  
Premiers Economic Task Force

The Lieutenant Governor will make major announcements on the  
Conference’s policy and infrastructure “action agenda” to ease  
cross-border trade, measures to improve regional labor  
productivity, and actions to support key economic clusters.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Creating A Competitive Regional Transportation System**

Moderator: Charlie Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota Department  
of Transportation

Speakers:

John Kwant, Vice President, City Solutions, Ford Motor  
Company;

Serge Le Guellec, President and General Manager, Transport  
Desgagnés;

John Orr, Senior Vice-President, Southern Region, CN

This session will focus on how to strategically support and  
strengthen the transportation system and enhance regional  
competitiveness through investment and policy innovation.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Critical Infrastructure for the Regional Maritime System**

Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Dennis Sugrue, Detroit District  
Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers

Discussion will focus on the importance of maritime  
infrastructure including the Soo locks to the regional and national  
economies.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Governor Walker Presentation**

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
42 Degrees North

**Lunch**

Speaker: Bruce Nierenberg, President and Chief Executive  
Officer, Victory Cruise Lines

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

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1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Building on Success to Protect the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence**

Speakers: Charles Wooley, Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;  
Jim Johnson, Director, Environmental Stewardship Division, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development;  
James Zehringer, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources;

Other speakers to be confirmed.

Working through the Conference, major strides have been made in recent years to fight aquatic invasive species and reduce nutrient inputs to vulnerable waters. This session will focus on these successes and how to build on them going forward.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**The Circular Economy and Its Potential to Help Protect and Restore the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence**

Speakers:

Sachin Dalal, Senior Manager, Digital Analytics, Accenture;  
Jessica Long, Managing Director, Strategy & Sustainability, Accenture

This session will talk about the idea of the circular economy, and its potential to support the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence both in the case of business and through creative public-private partnerships.

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom  
Foyer

**Break**

Informational kiosks on “Blue Accounting” provided by the Great Lakes Commission and The Nature Conservancy

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**Premier Couillard Presentation**

*Open Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Ambassador Ballroom

**The Power of New Technologies for Future Generations**

Introductory Remarks by Premier Wynne and Governor Snyder  
New technologies and a skilled workforce prepared to use them are critical to the future success of our people and our region.

This session will discuss how robotics has been used as a fun and educational way to engage young people as they build their skills and prepare to “create the future.” The session will include a demonstration by U.S. and Canadian teams.

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5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Location TBD

**Sponsors' Photos with Governors and Premiers**

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: Governors, Premiers, platinum and gold sponsors*

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Port of Detroit  
Waterview Loft  
130 E. Atwater Street,  
Detroit, MI 48226  
(the Port is a very short  
walk from the Marriott  
Hotel)

**Reception and Dinner**

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: All participants*

*Attire: Casual*

8:00 p.m. – on  
Locations TBD by hosts

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

**Sunday, October 22**

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

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  
Marriott Hotel  
42 Degrees North

**Breakfast session**

Speaker: Laura Grannemann, Vice President of Strategic Investments, Rock Ventures

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

*Attire: Casual*

10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Meet in Marriott Hotel  
Lobby

**Cultural Event**

**Detroit Experience Factory Bus Tour**

The bus tour will provide an opportunity to see the revitalization of Detroit and its emergence as the “comeback city.”

*Closed Press*

*Attendance: All Participants*

*Attire: Casual*

12:00 p.m.

**Summit adjourns**