



UNITED FOR GROWTH

Leadership Summit of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers

October 4-6, 2025

Québec, Québec

Only confirmed speakers listed

Saturday, October 4	
	Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at Le Château Frontenac, 1 Rue des Carrières
12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Main lobby	Summit Registration
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bassin Louise, 100 Quai Saint-André	Precision Underwater Survey Demonstration Project Remarks by Ms. Olga Farman , CEO, Port de Québec; Dr. Jessica Daignault , Technical Sales Manager, Kongsberg Discovery The Smart Ships Coalition will conduct a pilot project demonstrating the use-case for smart shipping technologies in underwater survey. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby at Summit registration desk	Old Québec Walking Tour Participants will enjoy a guided tour of Old Québec, a World Heritage Site, and learn about its history, architecture and people. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception

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Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room	
7:30 p.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room	First Nations Invocation
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Frontenac/Petit Frontenac Room	Opening Dinner—A Taste of Québec <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
9:00 p.m. – on	Post-dinner receptions to be hosted by sponsors or others as appropriate

Sunday, October 5	
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8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Ballroom	Plenary Sessions <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	An Introduction to the Agenda for Growth Remarks by Premier Legault Remarks by Governor Whitmer Introduction by Mr. Ridgway White, President and Chief Executive Officer, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Regional Economy Overview Mr. Doug Porter , Chief Economist, BMO An overview of the regional economy, key sectors, issues, and challenges.
9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 1--Energy Moderator: Ms. Ève Bernèche , Managing Director, CDPQ

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	Speakers: Ms. Susan Fancy, Associate Director, Global CO2 initiative, University of Michigan; Ms. Doreen Harris, President and Chief Executive Officer, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Mr. Simon Whitelocke, Senior Vice President and Chief Business Officer, ITC Holdings Corporation Presentation of University of Michigan report on regional energy use including 10-year demand forecast; roundtable discussion among industry and other energy experts. How do we sustainably leverage energy and water for competitive advantage?
10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 1
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary Session 2--Sustainable Agriculture Moderator: Mr. Tim Boring, Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Speakers: Mr. Kris Johnson, Director of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy; Mr. Robert Loggins, Director of External Affairs, Bush Brothers & Company; Ms. Cathy Lennon, General Manager, Ontario Federation of Agriculture Highlighting the value of the agriculture industry for the region and exploring opportunities to strengthen the farm economy and build resilience. How can regional collaboration ensure sustainability from farm to table?
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 2
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Plenary Session 3- Shipbuilding Moderator: Ms. Julie Lambert, President & General Manager, Pétro-Nav Inc., and Executive Vice-President — Liquid Bulk, Groupe Desgagnés Inc. Speakers: Ms. Susan Corbin, Director, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity; Mr. James Davies, CEO, Davie Shipbuilding; Mr. Patrick Kelly, CEO, Fraser Industries The session will focus on growing shipbuilding in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region including a discussion of opportunities and challenges for US and Canadian

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	shipbuilders; and, strategies that the States and Provinces can use to support this industry including workforce development.
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Frontenac/Petit-Frontenac Room	Lunch Regional Economic Development Speakers: Ms. Véronique Proulx , President and Chief Executive Officer, Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec; Mr. Lou Sandoval , President and Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Chamber of Commerce <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
1:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Ballroom	Plenary Sessions <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i>
1:45 – 2:00 pm.	Governors/Premier Speech 3
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Plenary 4--Transportation Moderator: Ms. Anne Reinke , President & CEO, Intermodal Association of North America Speakers: Mr. Charl van Niekirk , Chief Executive Officer, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority; Ms. Julie Gascon , President & CEO, Montréal Port Authority; Building a robust and efficient regional transportation system to move people and goods, including discussion of key infrastructure such as the Gordie Howe Bridge, maritime assets, rail, and multimodal connections.
2:45—3:00 p.m.	Governor/Premier Speech 4
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Moderated Fireside Chat Her Excellency Kirsten Hillman , Ambassador of Canada to the United States The Honorable Peter Hoekstra , Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada

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	Moderator: Ms. Hannah Thibedeau , Executive Communications Officer, Global Public Affairs
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Théâtre Capitol, 972 Rue Saint-Jean First opened in 1903, with its large staircase, gilding, balustrades and decor rich in memories, the Théâtre Capitol vibrates for almost a century to the rhythm of the major currents of art and entertainment.	A Night of Québec Culture—Entertainment by Flip Fabrique Remarks by Québec City Mayor Bruno Marchand FLIP Fabrique is a circus company based in Québec. This troupe is composed of world-class artists crafting contemporary circus shows with an uncanny ability to have fun and move the audience. <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants.</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>

Monday, October 6	
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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Petit Frontenac/Bellevue Room	Networking Breakfast <i>Closed Press</i> <i>Attendance: All Participants</i> <i>Attire: Casual</i>
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Frontenac Room	Press Conference Remarks by each participating Governor and Premier followed by question-and-answer session. Ceremonial tree planting immediately following the press conference. <i>Open Press</i> <i>Attendance: Governors, Premiers, other heads of State and Provincial delegations and press.</i>
10:00 a.m.	Adjourn