GREAT LAKES Sustainable Growth Forum 2024

COUNCIL OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION
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TORONTO REGION BOARD OF TRADE

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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE
(Subject to Change)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024	
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception and Registration Arcadia Earth: 486 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:10 – 8:20 a.m.	Welcome from CGLR **Mark Fisher** President and CEO Council of the Great Lakes Region
8:20 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome from TRBOT **Giles Gherson** President and CEO Toronto Region Board of Trade
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation: State of the Great Lakes Economy Outlook **Doug Porter** Chief Economist BMO Capital Markets
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Plenary Keynote TBC
9:30 – 9:50 a.m.	Networking Break

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10:50 – 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break		
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. (Breakout Sessions)	Skilling Up: Tackling Labour Shortages in the Great Lakes Region	Sustainable Infrastructure: Building Back Better; Delivering Long-Term ESG Benefits	Easing Border Congestion: Growth Potential in the Great Lakes Region
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. (Lunch)	Moving Forward, Faster: The Future of Passenger Rail in the Great Lakes Region **Martin Imbleau**, CEO, VIA HFR and **Joe Barr**, Director, Amtrak		
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (Breakout Sessions)	Great Lakes AI and Data Science: Pushing the Boundaries of Global Research and Innovation	USMCA+5: Future-Proofing Cross-Border Trade, Economic Integration and Supply Chains in the Great Lakes	Entrepreneurship: Cultivating the Next Generation of Great Lakes Companies
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	Networking Break		
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Plenary Panel: The Great Lakes Auto Sector – Leading the Future of Mobility		
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Plenary Panel: The Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway - Leveraging our Connected Waterways to Build Stronger Supply chains and Improve our Competitiveness		
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Reception, Dinner, and Great Lakes Changemaker Awards Ceremony		
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024			
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Tech Breakfast: Accelerating Sustainability in the Great Lakes Region Pitch Session		
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	Plenary Keynote		
9:25 – 9:45 a.m.	Plenary Fireside Chat: The Business of Sustainability – The Private Sector's Role in a Sustainable Great Lakes Region		
9:50 – 10:30 a.m.	Plenary Panel: Sustainable Finance – Challenges and Opportunities in the Great Lakes Region		
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Networking Break		

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11:00 – 11:45 a.m. (Breakout Sessions)	Freshwater Future: Advancing Corporate Water Stewardship in the Great Lakes region.	Back to our Roots: Leading the Global Regenerative Agriculture Revolution in the Great Lakes region.	A Fair and Just Future: Environmental Equity for Communities across the Great Lakes region.
11:45 – 1:00 p.m.(Lunch)	Fireside Chat: Achieving the Global Sustainable Development Goals in the U.S. - Canada Great Lakes Region **Ambassador Bob Rae**, Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations		
1:00 – 1:45 p.m. (Breakout Sessions)	Nature Now: Confronting Biodiversity Loss; Rewilding the Great Lakes Region	Accelerating Climate Ambitions: Achieving Net-Zero by 2050 in the Great Lakes Region	
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Networking Break		
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.	Plenary Panel: Circular Great Lakes – Forging a Future without Plastic Waste and Litter		
2:45 – 3:05 p.m.	Plenary Presentation: Creating Change – Bringing Everyone Along		
3:05 – 3:45 p.m.	Fireside Chat: A Renewed U.S. – Canada Partnership – Leading the Way in the Great Lakes Region **Tom Clark**, Consul General – New York, Canadian Government **Baxtor Hunt**, Consul General – Toronto, U.S. Government **Madeleine Fequiere**, Consul General – Chicago, Canadian Government		
3:45 – 4:00 p.m. (closing remarks)	Concluding Remarks **Brian Ames** Chair of the Board Council of the Great Lakes Region **Giles Gherson** President and CEO Toronto Region Board of Trade		