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Symposium For a Quebec Proud of its Relationships with the First Peoples: Anti-racism policy and action plan

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Under the auspices of the Research Chair on Immigration, Ethnicity and Citizenship, the International Observatory of Racism and Discrimination (CRIEC), the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador, the Montreal Institute of International Studies (IEIM) and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

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MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2011

- 1:00 – 1:30 PM Welcoming & Registration
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM Opening remarks, by Ms. Micheline Labelle and Mr. André Jacob
- 1:45 – 3:05 PM **Session 1** ***For an anti-racism policy***
Chair: **Micheline Labelle**, Chair Holder, Chaire de recherche en immigration, ethnicité et citoyenneté CRIEC

What might justify a separate policy and action plan to counter racism against the First Peoples?

- 1:45 – 2:05 PM **Pierre Lepage**, Anthropologist Consultant, Aboriginal Affairs and Human Rights
- 2:05 – 2:25 PM **Roméo Saganash**
- 2:25 – 3:05 PM Plenary discussion
- 3:05 – 3:20 PM Health break
- 3:20 – 5:30 PM **Session 2:** ***Facing the job challenge***
Chair: **Michèle Rouleau**, Producer, Wabanock Productions

What actions should businesses and union organizations take to counter racism?

- 3:20 – 3:40 PM **Ralph Cleary**, Director General, First Nations Human Resources Development Commission of Québec
- 3:40 – 4:00 PM **Andy Baribeau** and **Diane Marois**, Aboriginal Inclusion and Management Advisers
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM Round table
Nicole de Sève, Responsible of Social Files, *Centrale des syndicats du Québec*
Jacqueline Bernier, STT du Ungava Tulattavik Health Center
Gilles Audette, Director of Foundation of Economic Training, *Fonds de solidarité FTQ*
Claudette Carbonneau, President, *Confédération des syndicats nationaux*
- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Plenary discussion
- 5:30 – 5:45 PM Health break

5:45 – 7:15 PM: **Principal presentation:** *The scope and implications of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples for the signatory countries*

Chair: **Ghislain Picard**, Chief of the AFNQL

Speaker: to be confirmed

7:15 PM Cocktail

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011

9:15 – 11:50 PM **Session 3:** *Racism against Aboriginals in the urban setting*

Chair: **Claude Picard**, Political Advisor, Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador

With the growing Aboriginal presence in the urban environment, how is the municipal world called to respond?

9:15 - 9:35 AM	Édith Cloutier , President of the <i>Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec</i>)
9:35 - 9:55 AM	Cynthia Lacasse , Project Manager, Canadian Commission for UNESCO
9:55 - 10:15 AM	Jean-Paul Audy , Mayor of Pointe-à-la-Croix and Pierre Vicaire , Coordinator, <i>Comité Harmonie intercommunautés Listuguj-Pointe-à-la-Croix</i>
10 h 15 -10 h 35	Nakuset , Co-Chair of the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy NETWORK
10:35 – 10:50 AM	Health break
10:50 – 11:50 AM	Plenary discussion
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch

1:00 – 3:15 PM **Session 4: *Tools to counter racism***
Chair: **André Jacob**, Coordinator, International Observatory of Racism
and Discrimination

What are the essential political, legal and social tools to counter racism against First Peoples? Are there connections with the Quebec government's action plan?

1:00 – 1:20 PM	Me Sylvie Godin , Vice-President, CDPDJ and François Larsen , Director of Research, Education, Cooperation and Communication, CDPDJ
1:20 – 1:40 PM	Éva Ottawa , Grand Chief, <i>Conseil de la nation atikamekw</i>
1:40 – 2:00 PM	Béatrice Vaugrante , Director General, <i>Amnistie internationale – Canada francophone</i>
2:00 – 2:20 PM	Patrick Bacon and Patrice Lacasse : First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC)
2:20 – 3:15 PM	Discussion
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Closing remarks, by Ghislain Picard, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador