



2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference

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SHAWN A-IN-CHUT ATLEO



National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo of the Assembly of First Nations—the national organization representing First Nations in Canada—will open the 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference, and join Mike Holmes to share information on the AFN-Holmes Group pilot project—*Building Homes and Building Skills*—during the opening keynote address (www.afn.ca).

"We're working with the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation in Ontario, Canada, to develop local skills, economic opportunities and best practices," says A-in-chut. "We will share these community planning tools with other First Nations in Canada and Indigenous housing leaders around the world to help them achieve sustainable communities as well. Ultimately, this project will lead to the creation of a First Nation Centre of Excellence on green and sustainable community design, led by the AFN."

Shawn A-in-chut Atleo is a Hereditary Chief from the Ahousaht First Nation in British Columbia. He was elected as AFN National Chief in July 2009, following two terms as Regional Chief of the BC AFN. A-in-chut has a Masters of Education in Adult Learning and Global Change from the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia (in partnership with the Universities of BC, Western Cape South Africa, and Linkoping Sweden). In 2008, A-in-chut's commitment to education was recognized with his appointment as Chancellor of Vancouver Island University, becoming BC's first Indigenous Chancellor. He received an honorary doctorate of laws degree in Education from Ontario's Nipissing University June 2010.