



# 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference

Vancouver BC Canada June 2012

The **Aboriginal Housing Management Association**, host of the 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference is delighted to invite you to stunning Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. *The 2012 WIHC is the first international forum to bring Indigenous housing leaders, senior government officials, researchers and corporate heads from around the world together* to learn from best practices, build a global network, and showcase Indigenous cultures.

You'll have the opportunity to share expertise and build powerful connections with this influential arena of leaders from Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand — developed countries that share common Indigenous housing experiences.

## Some of Our Exciting Speakers:



### Mike Holmes

*TV star and housing expert*

Well-known TV host, housing expert and philanthropist Mike Holmes will give the opening keynote address. In his WIHC address, Mr. Holmes will profile *Building Homes and Building Skills*—a partnership between the Canadian Assembly of First Nations and the Holmes Group to renovate housing in the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation in Ontario, Canada, and build a sustainable community, based on **green practices**.



### National Chief Shawn Atleo

*Assembly of First Nations*

National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo of the Assembly of First Nations (the national organization representing First Nations in Canada) will open the Conference. He will join Mike Holmes in sharing information on the AFN-Holmes Group pilot project, *Building Homes and Building Skills*, during the opening keynote address. He will discuss how the group plans to **develop local skills, economic opportunities** and best practices.



### Linda Burney

*1st Aboriginal MP, New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Australia*



### Geoff Scott

*Chief Executive Officer, NSW Aboriginal Land Council*



### Roger Boyd

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Native American Programs, Housing & Urban Development, US*



### Grand Chief Doug Kelly

*First Nations Health Council Chair*



### Dr. Evan Adams

*Actor and Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor, BC Ministry of Health*



### Chief Kim Baird

*Tsawwassen First Nation*



### Chief Clarence Louie

*Osoyoos Indian Band*



### Mellor C. Willie

*Executive Director, National American Indian Housing Council and WIHC 2012 Committee Member*



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Senior government leaders will exchange *ideas on how to advance Indigenous housing self-management* in different jurisdictions. Housing managers will share a spectrum of achievements in governance and capacity building. *Indigenous leaders will reveal best practices.* Policymakers will explain ways to ensure sustainable solutions and infrastructure. The **rich cultural exchange**, with vibrant traditional and contemporary Indigenous entertainment, is part of the package. *Stimulating speakers, workshops, and presentations* will explore the five key themes.

*The 2012 World Indigenous Housing Conference will be amazing, so don't miss it!*

## 2012 WIHC Themes and Agenda:

- Monday, June 11: Registration and Pre-conference Activities
  - Optional tour of Vancouver-area: on-and off-reserve Aboriginal housing operations and meet-and-greet with First Nations leaders
  - Welcome reception
- Tuesday, June 12: Sharing Our Stories
  - Conference opening and keynote speaker address
  - Workshops, World Café
    - \*The World Café is an integral part of the WIHC. It is a simple, effective, proven format for hosting group dialogue. Through the World Cafés, WIHC 2012 will offer an unprecedented opportunity for Aboriginal housing leaders from around the world to learn from one another.
- Wednesday, June 13: Governance and Capacity-Building
  - Opening remarks, World Café, Keynote speaker
  - Cultural night reception
- Thursday, June 14: Government Partnership: What Works?
  - Keynote panel with national housing ministers, Breakout session and workshops
  - Summary of World Cafés with Chris Corrigan and closing remarks
  - Cultural night banquet dinner
- Friday, June 15: Closing
  - Summary of feedback on presentations
  - Acknowledgements, prizes, and giveaways

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