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Monday, April 03, 2017

7:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Welcoming Remarks from the Chair



**Roger Francis**  
Director, Saskatchewan Institute  
The Conference Board of Canada

8:05 am Opening Keynote Presentation  
**Visioning for 2050**

Getting to a future state begins with a vision. We've had strong planning and guiding documents for economic advancement, but it's time to look ahead—way ahead. When we see a vision of Saskatchewan in 2050, what actions need to be taken in 2017 to ensure social and economic advancement in future years?



**The Hon. Kevin Doherty**  
Minister of Finance  
Saskatchewan Ministry of Finance

8:30 am Plenary Session 1  
**Economic Outlook: Saskatchewan, Canada, U.S., and Beyond**

The world has changed drastically over the last two years. The Conference Board of Canada's senior team of economists will provide a snapshot of the economic present and provide a forecast that captures these changes, place issues into perspective, and set the stage for the next two days of discussion. Diagnostics, data, and debate—a great way to start an economic summit.

Craig Alexander, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist, will provide the provincial and metropolitan economic outlook and will discuss the performance of the Saskatchewan economy in the context of global economic growth, commodity markets, and Canada's national performance.

Pedro Antunes, Executive Director, Economic and Analysis, and Deputy Chief Economist, will provide highlights from the Conference Board's most recent Canadian forecast, and the U.S. and global outlooks. Pedro

will talk about the economic prospects for Canadian leaders and explain factors that are driving economic change.



**Craig Alexander**  
Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist  
The Conference Board of Canada



**Pedro Antunes**  
Executive Director, Economic Outlook and Analysis, and Deputy Chief  
Economist  
The Conference Board of Canada

10:30 am Networking Break

10:45 am Plenary Session 2  
**Panel Discussion**

Information requires context and following our diagnostic session will be a panel of well-known provincial personalities that will offer their analysis on what they have heard. In addition, the panel will entertain questions and comments from the floor and with an eye to our collective business and social future, discuss key themes.



**Moderator:**  
**Roger Francis**  
Director, Saskatchewan Institute  
The Conference Board of Canada



**Panellists:**  
**Regan Exner**  
Regional Managing Partner  
MNP LLP



**Dawn Martin**  
Manager, Strategy Management  
City of Regina



**Dr. Ken Rasmussen**  
Professor  
Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina

11:45 am Western Business Outlook for Saskatchewan Adjourns



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