

First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative

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ABSTRACT

The First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI), funded by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, is a joint initiative between Cando (Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) that is designed to improve the relationships and enhance the capacity of participating First Nations and municipalities to engage in joint community economic development planning and initiatives. This webinar will provide an overview of the CEDI program and the Stronger Together Toolkit. It will highlight rural First Nation-Municipal CEDI partnerships, and share stories of success and key lessons learned. Following the presentation, there will be time for questions and answers. For more information, visit www.fcm.ca/cedi

PANELISTS



<u>Helen Patterson</u>, is the Program Manager for the First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI). She has a B.A in Economics (McGill University), a M.Sc in Agricultural Economics (University of Wales) and an M.A in Organizational Development (Concordia University). Helen has over 20 years in strategic planning, project management and organizational development in Canada and internationally working with municipalities, local governments, national and international organizations. Helen has served in the role of Program Manager for CEDI since its inception in 2013



Marissa Lawrence, is the Senior Program Officer of Cando-CEDI. She comes to Cando with a rich background of designing and convening community-bridging intercultural dialogue and educational programming on topics ranging from democratic engagement, regional economic opportunity and citizen entrepreneurship, to reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. Over the past few years, Marissa worked with Reconciliation Canada where at a senior management level, developed and maintained strategic partnerships with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, governments, and organizations, and managed the design and delivery of Reconciliation Canada's national public programming.









