

YOUR PAGE: YOUR IDEAS

ThinkNorth will generate many exciting discussions about the potential for Northern Ontario's economic future. There will be many ideas put forward but we want to make sure that we capture your specific insights directly. Please record your thoughts throughout the day and leave your input at your table at the end of the day.

Succeeding in a Global Economy

Growing a Knowledge-Based Economy

Developing a Sustainable Regional Economy

Additional Comments:

Thank you for your valuable contribution to the development of the Northern Growth Plan. If you have further insights to offer, please direct them to:

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WORKSHEET INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of the attached worksheet is to generate input into the development of the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. Your contribution is important to ensuring a robust and relevant document.

On today's agenda, there is a dedicated session for group dialogues where you will have an opportunity to discuss these questions at your table and articulate the key priorities for developing these policy themes. A specific group worksheet is on every table and one person will be asked to record the group's consensus. Please use this worksheet to record your own specific thoughts. The key discussion themes are:

- Promoting a Value-Added Economy
- Moving from Research and Innovation to Opportunity
- Investing in People and Knowledge

Please leave your completed worksheet at your table or, if you have further comments to add, please send them to:

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If you would like to receive updates as we progress towards a draft Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, please provide us with your contact information:

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WORKSHEET QUESTIONS

1) Promoting a Value-Added Economy

The export of primary-processed raw materials has served as a primary economic driver for decades in Northern Ontario. Increasingly there is a global demand for sustainable value-added product, particularly those offering green alternatives. With the North's knowledge and expertise, this global demand presents significant opportunities for evolving traditional and existing industries towards a more competitive focus.

What are the key policy directions needed to support movement towards a value-added focus?

2) Moving From Research and Innovation To Opportunity

Tremendous work is occurring in research, technological development and innovations across the North. Moving these research and innovation activities to market-ready products will play a key role in growing the North's competitive advantage and reputation.

What are primary policy directions needed to build a supportive framework for moving research and innovation to commercial success and becoming a significant economic driver for the North?

3) Investing in People and Knowledge

Education and skills development is identified as integral to attracting and retaining people in the North. Similarly, the need to ensure a highly educated and skilled labour force and higher levels of participation by Aboriginal people for supporting the growth of existing and emerging sectors may require some realignments and new directions.

What three priority directions should be articulated in a Northern Growth Plan to improve new economic opportunities while addressing existing labour market needs?

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Participation

- ☐ ThinkNorth Summit (Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay)
- ☐ Videoconference location: _____ (please specify)
- ☐ Webcast

Which of the following group(s)/sector(s) do you belong to? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Municipal
- ☐ Aboriginal / First Nation/ Métis
- ☐ Education / Training
- ☐ Private sector business/ sector & professional associations
- ☐ Health/Social
- ☐ Research / innovation
- ☐ Economic development

Other _____

How satisfied are you with the opportunity to provide input?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor

Please tell us one thing about this opportunity for input that has met or exceeded your expectations?

Please tell us one thing that you would suggest be done differently to improve the opportunity for input?

Please leave your completed evaluation at your table or submit it by.

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