



PAW 2026 Program

Day One: Wednesday October 21, 2026

Emcee: Dr. Meghna Ramaswamy | Director, International Office, University of Saskatchewan

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM REGISTRATION; LIGHT BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM DAY ONE OPENING REMARKS

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Dr. Grant Isaac – President and Chief Operating Officer
Cameco Corporation, Canada

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM BREAK

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Global Minerals and Energy: Strategic Partnerships, Security, and the Future of Supply

Moderator

Chris Riviere – Director, International Office, Trade and Export Development (TED) –
Government of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

Mike Crabtree – President and CEO – Saskatchewan Research Council, Canada

Chris Lane – President and CEO – Saskatchewan Trade & Export Partnership, Canada

Dr. Kali Sanjay – Scientist G and Head, Hydro, Bio & Electrometallurgy Department – CSIR
Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, India

PMB 120, Convocation Hall

Energy and Technology: New Pressures and Innovations

Moderator

Dr. Shelley Kirychuk – Director, Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health,
Professor, College of Medicine – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

John Desjarlais – Executive Director, AISES / Chief Impact Officer, kihew Consulting – AISES /
kihew Consulting, Canada

Tom Kishchuk – Executive Director – Global Institute of Energy, Minerals and Society (GIEMS),
Canada

Dr. Steven Rayan – Director, Centre for Quantum Topology and Its Applications (quanTA) and
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics, College of Arts and Science – University of
Saskatchewan, Canada

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM LUNCH

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM STUDENT AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW POSTER SESSION

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During the poster session, we invite Congress attendees to select their top three posters based on the overall quality. Voting will take place through the Congress app. When making the selection, it is important to consider factors such as content clarity, visual design, innovation, relevance to the topic and graphic presentation skills.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM BREAK

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM PANEL

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Indigenous Workforce Development: Governance and Economic Participation

Moderator

Dawn Pratt – Founder, askenootow STEM / Science Lead, Musqua Environmental LP – askenootow STEM / Musqua Environmental LP, Canada

Speakers

Chief Tammy Cook-Searson – Chief, Lac La Ronge Indian Band / President, Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership – Lac La Ronge Indian Band / Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership, Canada

Reagan Harding - Director of Economic Development and Major Projects, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, Canada

John Desjarlais – Executive Director, AISES / Chief Impact Officer, kihew Consulting – AISES / kihew Consulting, Canada

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM BREAK

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CONGRESS RECEPTION

University Club, University of Saskatchewan

PAW 2026 Program

Day Two: Thursday October 22, 2026

Emcee: Dr. Meghna Ramaswamy | Director, International Office, University of Saskatchewan

7:45 AM – 8:40 AM REGISTRATION; LIGHT BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

8:40 AM – 9:00 AM WELCOME; TOP 3 STUDENT/PDF POSTER PRESENTATION

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM PANEL

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Critical Resources, Critical Choices: Energy Security in Transition

Moderator

Mike Marsh – Board Member, University of Saskatchewan Board of Governors, Former President and Chief Executive Officer SaskPower – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

Dr. Heather Exner-Pirot – Senior Fellow and Director of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment – The Macdonald-Laurier Institute, Canada

Torsten Geissler – Science Counsellor, Head of Science – Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ottawa, Canada

Dr. Scott Hunter – Director, Nuclear Business & Governance – SaskPower, Canada

Chris Riviere – Director, International Office, Trade and Export Development (TED) – Government of Saskatchewan, Canada

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM BREAK

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Biomining and Bioremediation: Biological Solutions for Sustainable Resource Development

Moderator

Dr. Karsten Liber – Executive Director and Professor, School of Environment and Sustainability – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

Dr. Wonjae Chang – Professor of Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Dr. Joyce McBeth – Associate Professor of Earth Sciences – University of Regina, Canada

Dr. Katherine Stewart – Associate Professor of Soil Science, College of Agriculture and Bioresources – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

PMB 120, Convocation Hall

Supporting Thriving Communities: Working Together to Steward Resources for a Sustainable Future

Moderator

Dr. Vicki Squires – Professor, Education Administration, College of Education – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

Dr. Lori Bradford – Associate Professor, Canada Research Chair (CRC) Tier 2 in Social and Cultural Decision Making in Engineering Design, Ron and Jane Graham School of Professional Development, College of Engineering – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Dr. Doug Clark – Professor, School of Environment and Sustainability – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Dr. Marc-André Pigeon – Assistant Professor, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy / Director, Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

LUNCH

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

1:30 PM – 3:00PM

PANEL

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Health and Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Well-being Economy

Moderators

Dr. Cory Neudorf – Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine – University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Speakers

Sandrine Dixson-Declève – Honorary President, the Club of Rome / Executive Chair, Earth4All – The Club of Rome / Earth4All, Italy

Dr. Dina von Heimburg – Head, WHO Collaborating Centre on Well-being and Social Sustainability – Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Dr. Gaynor Watson-Creed – Associate Dean, Serving and Engaging Society & Interim Division Head, Division of Public Health and Preventative Medicine, Community Health and Epidemiology – Dalhousie University, Canada

3:00 PM – 3:45PM

CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Dr. Jaspinder Komal – Assistant Deputy Minister
Defence Research and Development Canada, Canada

3:45 PM – 4:00PM

CONGRESS CLOSING

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

Drs. Michael Bradley and Solina Richter – PAW 2026 Co-Chairs
University of Saskatchewan, Canada

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

BREAK

5:00PM – 6:30 PM

PUBLIC LECTURE

Garry Room, Marquis Hall

The Turmoil of our Times: Reflections on Canadian resources and values

Ralph Goodale

Canada's former High Commissioner in the United Kingdom and previously a senior Minister in the Government of Canada