

NS ASSEMBLY OF LEADERS

AGENDA



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007 - McNally Theatre Auditorium
Saint Mary's University, McNally Building, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS

8:00 - 8:30 **Registration & Networking**

8:30

Welcome

Dr. Terry Murphy, Saint Mary's University
Don Dennison, greetings from New Brunswick Business Council

Setting the Stage

Wayne Forster, novaknowledge
Facilitators: Chris Hornberger, Halifax Global Inc.
Doug Logan, Impact Performance Group

FORWARD THINKING

8:45

Sustainable Prosperity

Paul Taylor, Deputy Minister, NS Department of Economic Development
Nancy Vanstone, (Acting) Deputy Minister, NS Department of Environment & Labour

9:15

New Workforce & Economic Realities

Dr. Jim McNiven, Senior Policy Research Associate, Canmac Economics Ltd.

9:45

Productivity & Social Progress in Atlantic Canada with "Canada's Productivity Guru"

Dr. Andrew Sharpe, Executive Director, Centre for the Study of Living Standards

10:15

Question & Answer Session with Thought Leaders

10:30

Break & Networking

SPARKING ACTION - ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 **Round Table Discussions**

12:30 **Lunch & Networking**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1:00 **The Irish Experience**
John Dunne, Chief Executive, Chambers Ireland, and member of the
National Economic & Social Council of Ireland

SPARKING ACTION - OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

1:30 **Applying the Irish and Welsh Social and Economic Development
Model in Nova Scotia**
Dr. Michael Bradfield, Professor of Economics, Dalhousie University, and
expert on regional development in Canada

2:00 **How Canada Performs: A Report Card on Canada**
Dr. Michael Bloom, Vice-President, Organizational Effectiveness & Learning,
The Conference Board of Canada

2:30 **Question & Answer Session with Thought Leaders**

2:45 **Break & Networking**

SPARKING ACTION - WHAT WILL YOU DO?

3:15 **Round Table Discussions**

4:30 **Emerging Themes and Question & Answer Session**

4:45 **novaknowledge's Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Knowledge Champions:

