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**Aboriginal
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A Good
Model, But
Room for
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Saskatchewan has become a hotbed for EDCs, with a 2014 report by McNair business development counting 34 individual First Nation-owned EDCs; 5 owned by Tribal Councils representing 51 communities; and a total of 166 First Nation community owned business entities.

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INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

**7th WORLD INDIGENOUS BUSINESS FORUM: 72
Days Away!**

**Speakers Highlight: MALAI ILA'AVAM Managing Director -
Hamdei Mines Limited**

8 years of exploration geology experience in Papua New Guinea projects at varied levels of development. Led and drove exploration programs at Morobe Mining JV (a Harmony Gold and Newcrest Joint Venture) for 4 years. He later worked at Marengo Mining interpreting the first lithology wireframes for the Yandera deposit and completing a multi-dataset interpretation that delineated 3D blocks of geology.



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First Nations unemployment rate up from this time last year MBC News

The First Nations unemployment rate in Saskatchewan is more than four times the provincial average while the Metis rate is twice as high. The latest job numbers from Statistics Canada were released this morning. They show Saskatchewan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May was down by a third of a point to 6%.

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Forum finding ways to increase Aboriginal engagement in all mining aspects [Eagle Feather News](#)



The 2nd Annual Developing, Diversifying and Evolving the Mining Supply Chain Forum helped kick off the 8th Annual Saskatchewan Mining Supply Chain Forum at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. The overall Forum focuses on overviews of operations by Saskatchewan mining companies, provides information on opportunities and processes to supply equipment and services to the mining industry and also hosts a trade show with more than 200 mining and supplier companies.

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MKO action plan seeks to grow northern First Nations' economies [Thompson Citizen](#)



Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO) Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson wants the federal and provincial governments to work with Northern Manitoba First Nations to create the conditions to allow health local economies to flourish, as outlined in a 10-point economic action plan announced May 26. The plan includes six recommendations aimed at the federal government and four at the provincial government which North Wilson says will improve the lives of people in the 30 First Nations MKO represents.

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Saskatchewan, Quebec Top Canadian Jurisdictions for Mining Investment [Money News](#)



Saskatchewan remains the most attractive jurisdiction for mining investment in Canada, according to the annual global survey of mining executives released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank. "While Saskatchewan is blessed with potash and uranium reserves, miners also appreciate it's approach to mining policy..."

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Blog Recap

SFNEDN has been proud to host blog posts since September 2015, from experts and professionals within Saskatchewan. Thank you to Milton Tootoosis, Heather Exner-Pirot, Lee Swanson, Shaun Soonias, Lesley Wilinieć, Guy Lonechild, Wanda Hunchak, Geoff Gay & Merle Massie. To recap the posts and if you would like to reread, please visit the link below.



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On behalf of SFNEDN, thank you again to the people who made these blogs possible your valued expertise and insights are appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13 - 15, 2016

Aboriginal Business Match - Prairies

Saskatoon, SK.

<https://registration.aboriginalbusinessmatch>

August 22, 2016

SWIFFA Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Dakota Dunes Golf Links

Whitecap Dakota Nation, SK

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August 22 - 26, 2016

World Indigenous Business Forum

*For more info on events happening in conjunction, go to the website

Saskatoon, SK

www.wibf.ca

September 22, 2016

Aboriginal Business Forum - 2nd Annual

Whitecap Dakota Nation, SK.

Link: TBA

October 13 - 14, 2016

Indigenous Economic Partnership Summit - 3rd Annual

Lloydminster, Alta.

<http://www.lloydconstruction.ca>

November 22 - 23, 2016

Indigenous Agricultural Summit

Regina, SK.

<http://www.agribition.com>

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