

Summary of participant benefits

Participant Group	Contribute to the conference	Take away from the conference
Project champions <i>(Community representatives / project initiators, band councils, remote industry (e.g.. mining companies))</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share field realities (issues, challenges, decision-making methods, etc.) • Share lessons learned for successful project design, implementation and operation • Influence and collaborate with key policy decision makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen peer relationships with other communities • Learn from other project experiences • Get a sense for where the technology capabilities and government policies are going
Government program managers <i>(Representatives from government departments and agencies with funding programs or policies for renewable microgrid projects)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share status of government programs and results from across programs; successes and challenges • Share approaches to supporting successful projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen federal/provincial/territorial peer relationships • Learn field realities and opportunities; reflect on program design • Get a sense for where the technology capabilities are going • Hear policy recommendations from stakeholders
Project management industry <i>(Project management consultants, technical advisors, systems integrators, FN economic development corporations)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share project specifics and how to get to a feasible business case • Share lessons learned for successful project design, implementation and operation • Share strategies for overcoming challenges and barriers • Influence and collaborate with key policy decision makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understand field realities and government program and policy support • Get a sense for where the technology capabilities and government policies are going
Project suppliers and industry partners <i>(Renewable energy companies, storage companies, controls developers and suppliers)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share technology capabilities & project experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build relationships with project champions and project management industry • Better understand field realities and government program and policy support
Utility stakeholders <i>(Generation, transmission & distribution utility staff and board members)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share field realities (issues, challenges, decision-making methods, etc.) • Share lessons learned for successful project design, implementation and operation • Share utility regulatory / policy incentive structure for renewable energy generation • Influence and collaborate with key decision makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen peer relationships • Learn from other project experiences • Network with other utilities working in this space • Better understand government program and policy support • Get a sense for where the technology capabilities are going