

**INDIAN GAMING 2017 TRADESHOW PANEL WILL FOCUS ON
NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Indian Gaming Association will host the annual Indian Gaming Tradeshow next month at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, California, and will offer a number of leading workshops and panels over the four-day event.

One of the highlighted panels will be the Women in Leadership Panel, which will bring together some of Indian country’s distinguished leaders throughout Indian country. **The panel entitled “Women in Leadership – Innovation, opportunity, and performance within government & business are enhanced through gender balance,” will bring to the Indian Gaming 2017 stage:**

Moderator:

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Executive Director National Congress
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Melanie Benjamin
Chief Executive
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Secretary of the
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NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens, Jr., said, “We are very excited to bring these powerful Indian Country Leaders together. They each have a proven track record of success as leaders of the communities they serve. This panel discussion will be one of the most dynamic learning opportunities for us all and is open to all Trade Show Registrants.”

Women have always played an essential role in the success of government & business and their communities overall. This leadership role has been a part of many cultures for centuries, and today we see that role being brought back full circle again. Today’s Native American Woman brings a great deal of strength, knowledge, inspiration, collaboration, influence, and respect to Tribal government, business, and economic development.

Through discussion, this panel of very successful women leaders will share their thoughts, ideas, strategies and their own successes to enhance the commitment and dedication of others to do the same within their government, businesses, and communities. The panel will delve into and address the issues that will help you become the leader you want to be no matter what gender you are, exploring all

avenues available to advance in today's society equally. They will explain how the gender balance in leadership roles has transformed decision-making, strategy formulation, and long-term planning in our communities while keeping strong cultural traditions intact within the family.

This featured panel takes place on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 9:00 am at the San Diego Convention Center in Ballroom 20A.

Overall, this year's conference and workshops will include over 90+ session focusing on the gaming industry landscape. Indian Gaming 2017 will once again offer an outstanding agenda, as well as a large production of events, activities, and recognition all centered around the success of tribal government gaming and the Indian gaming industry. To learn more about all our registration packages and or to add the conference to your existing registration package visit www.indiangamingtradeshow.com.