BPRI Forum: Regional Cross-Border Collaboration between the U.S. and Canada

This forum will explore the state of regional cross-border collaboration and identify avenues to advance cross-border relationships, which is particularly critical given the current state of U.S. – Canada relations. Best practices from other regions will inform discussions about challenges and opportunities in three key areas, which are all essential to the resilience of our region.

Wednesday, October 24th, Viking Union room 565, Western Washington University:

8:15-8:45  Arrival, coffee and light refreshments
8:45-9:00  Greetings by Dr. Chris Sands
9:00-9:30  Welcome by U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen
9:30-11:50 Panel discussions:
Transportation/Infrastructure Planning
_Moderator: Bruce Agnew, Director of Cascadia Center at Discovery Institute_  
Hugh Conroy, Director of the International Mobility & Trade Corridor Program  
Dr. Bill Anderson, Director of Cross-Border Institute, University of Windsor  
Lina Halwani, Director of Planning, BC Ministry of Transportation  
Todd Carlson, Washington Department of Transportation

Business/Economic Integration
_Moderator: Dr. Chris Sands, Johns Hopkins University_  
Matt Morrison, CEO of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region  
Dr. Kathryn Friedman, University of Buffalo & Woodrow Wilson Center  
Hana Doubrava, Corporate Affairs Director, Microsoft Vancouver  
Solomon Wong, President & CEO, Intervistas Consulting Group

12:00-1:00  Lunch & Keynote by Brian Wootton, Regional Director of Incident Management, Canadian Coast Guard

1:10-2:15  Transboundary Environmental Cooperation
_Moderator: Don Alper, Professor Emeritus, WWU_  
Ginny Broadhurst, Director of the Salish Sea Institute  
Margit Säre, Cross-Border Fellow, Center for Transboundary Cooperation  
David Marshall, Executive Director, Fraser Basin Council  
Katrina Radach, The Nature Conservancy

2:25-3:20  Breakout group discussions
3:20-3:30  Concluding remarks