

## **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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