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Indigenous economy thought leader receives CCAB's 2018 Award for Excellence in Aboriginal Relations

Toronto – June 28, 2018 – The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) is proud to honour Carol Anne Hilton with the 2018 Award of Excellence in Aboriginal Relations.

Carol Anne was named the recipient of the prestigious award for her work in providing a policy and perspective framework to support the growth and development of Indigenous economies in Canada and around the world.

“Carol Anne Hilton is a one-of-a-kind generational thinker who is changing the narrative around what Indigenous economies entail, what an Indigenous world view means and how this wisdom can be applied to strengthen local and national economies,” says JP Gladu, CCAB’s president and CEO. “Her counsel related to Indigenous economic inclusion and empowerment is regularly sought after by government policy makers and aboriginal and non-aboriginal business leaders. Carol Anne is a true change maker whose legacy will be felt for generations.”

Carol Anne Hilton, MBA, is the CEO and Founder of *The Indigenomics Institute*, which is dedicated to articulating the Indigenous economic worldview and facilitating positive leadership and relationships to drive the growth and development of Indigenous economies.

“It is truly an honor to be the recipient of this award,” says Ms. Hilton. “My work in Indigenomics is a testament to our resilience as Indigenous peoples. Thank you to CCAB for supporting the important work of Aboriginal relations in this country in this era of economic reconciliation.”

Hilton founded The Indigenomics Institute as an Indigenous economy advisory group for government, Indigenous communities and the private sector. The institute’s mandate is to overcome economic barriers and help create the policy framework, partnerships and specific actions needed to move Canada’s Indigenous economy from today’s \$32 billion to \$100 billion.

The Indigenomics Institute focuses on four core areas to overcome Indigenous economic barriers and address challenges through:

- providing a platform for dialogue leading to Indigenous economic solutions
- developing economic policy, research, analysis and planning
- education and training, and
- partnership development

Indigenomics draws on ancient principles that have supported Indigenous economies for thousands of years and works to implement this wisdom to increase the role and visibility of Indigenous peoples in the new economy.

Carol Anne is the only Indigenous person selected to serve as a member of the *Canadian Economic Growth Council*. She also currently acts as a senior advisor to Canada’s Federal Finance Minister.

Carol Anne is also the author of *Indigenomics – The Global Power Shift*, which establishes a narrative to advance Indigenous business and legal power. She also established the *Indigenomics Series*, which features interviews with high-profile Canadian executives and Aboriginal business leaders to shed light on the growth of Aboriginal economy.

Carol Anne is of Nuu chah nulth descent from the Hesquiaht Nation on Vancouver Island.

About CCAB

CCAB is committed to the full participation of Indigenous peoples in Canada's economy. A national, non-partisan association, CCAB offers knowledge, resources and programs to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal owned companies that foster economic opportunities for Indigenous peoples and businesses across Canada.

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