

## A Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I invite and encourage you to participate in the 2014 Annual Summit of the Pacific North West Economic Region. We are honoured that PNWER has chosen Whistler, British Columbia, to hold the Summit on July 20-24, 2014.

British Columbia was a founding member of PNWER and actively promotes collaboration in the Pacific Northwest region through the close cultural, bilateral and multilateral links we have built with our neighbours.

PNWER continues to nurture better understanding of our common interests and global responsibilities including climate action, border security, and infrastructure development. PNWER is a leader in fostering regional and international cooperation on priority issues such as energy, the environment, disaster resilience, economic development, invasive species, trade, tourism, transportation, and workforce mobility.

The Whistler Summit will bring together private sector and government leaders to extend and strengthen our collaboration as a region. Our region often shares similar challenges as well as opportunities. By working together we can pursue our individual and collective goals and enhance the quality of life of our citizens.

I hope you will be able to attend the July 2014 PNWER Summit in Whistler.

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