ND EPSCoR 2022 State Conference Agenda
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Alerus Center – 1200 South 42nd Street – Grand Forks, ND

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<td>Registration, Poster Set-up (Pre Function North and South), and Continental Breakfast. The posters are available for viewing all day.</td>
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<td>Welcome</td>
<td>8:30 am – 8:45 am CDT – Dr. Kelly A. Rusch, Executive Director of the ND EPSCoR State Office and NSF Track-1 Principal Investigator/Project Director</td>
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<td>Welcome from ND Congressional Delegation</td>
<td>8:45 am – 8:50 am CDT – Honorable John Hoeven, United States Senator, or representative 8:50 am – 8:55 am CDT – Honorable Kevin Cramer, United States Senator, or representative 8:55 am – 9:00 am CDT – Honorable Kelly Armstrong, United States Representative, or representative</td>
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<td>NSF Perspective</td>
<td>9:00 am – 9:45 am CDT – Dr. Jose Colom-Ustariz, NSF EPSCoR Program Officer for ND EPSCoR RII Track-1 ND-ACES Cooperative Agreement</td>
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<td>9:45 am – 10:00 am CDT – Cailin Shovkoplyas, Communication Manager, ND EPSCoR</td>
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<td>10:00 am – 11:00 am CDT</td>
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<td>ND-ACES</td>
<td>Moderators: Dr. Archana Dhasarathy (UND; Biomedical Sciences) and Dr. Sanku Mallik (NDSU; Pharmaceutical Sciences) 10:05 am – 10:15 am CDT – Dr. Kalpana S. Katti (NDSU; Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering) 10:20 am – 10:25 am CDT – Dr. Sarah Sletten (UND; Biomedical Sciences) 10:30 am – 10:40 am CDT – Dr. Hilde van Gijssel (VCSU; Science) 10:45 am – 10:50 am CDT – TBA 10:50 am – 11:00 am CDT – Dr. Binglin Sui (UND; Chemistry)</td>
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<td>ND-ACES Poster Session Hybrid Q&amp;A</td>
<td>Moderators: Dr. Colin K. Combs (UND; Biomedical Sciences), and Dr. Kalpana S. Katti (NDSU; Construction, Civil and Environmental Engineering) 11:00 am – 12:00 pm</td>
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### 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm CDT

**Ballroom**

**Lunch Keynote Speaker – Dr. Candan Tamerler, ND-ACES EAB Chair**

Introduction: Dr. Kelly A. Rusch, Executive Director of the ND EPSCoR State Office and NSF Track-1 Principal Investigator/Project Director

Speaker: Dr. Candan Tamerler, Associate Dean of Research, School of Engineering, Wesley G. Cramer Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Kansas

**12:15 pm – 1:00 pm CDT**

### 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm CDT

**Ballroom**

**Annual STEM-based Indigenous Knowledge and Research Panel**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm CDT

### 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm CDT

**Ballroom**

**Panel on Industry Partnerships**

Speakers: Dr. Sinan Keten, Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Civil and Environmental Engineering and (by courtesy) Biomedical Engineering, June and Donald Brewer Professor, Northwestern University; Dr. James Brown, CEO and President, Agathos Biologics; and Dr. David Pearce, President of Innovation and Research, Sanford Research

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm CDT

### 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm CDT

**Ballroom**

**ND-ACES**

Moderators: Dr. Dinesh R. Katti (NDSU; Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering) and Dr. Julia Xiaojun Zhao (UND; Chemistry)

3:05 pm – 3:15 pm CDT – Dr. Mark Hoffmann (UND; Chemistry)

3:20 pm – 3:25 pm CDT – TBA

3:30 pm – 3:40 pm CDT – Dr. John C. Wilkinson (NDSU; Chemistry and Biochemistry)

3:45 pm – 3:50 pm CDT – Lahcen Akerkouch (NDSU; Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering), Advisor: Dr. Trung Bao Le (NDSU; Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering)

3:55 pm – 4:00 pm CDT – Dr. Colin K. Combs (UND; Biomedical Sciences)

### 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm CDT

**Ballroom**

**Closing Remarks**

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm CDT – Dr. Kelly A. Rusch, Executive Director of the ND EPSCoR State Office and NSF Track-1 Principal Investigator/Project Director