

**Preliminary Schedule for 2017 Atlantic Connections Conference**  
**Supporting the Career Progression & Retention of Women in SETT**

Tuesday - May 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
9:00-10:00am	<b>Writing Compelling Commentary</b> <i>Shari Graydon (Informed Opinions)</i>	WinSETT Special Topics Workshop: <b>Networking &amp; Professional Presence</b> <i>Donna Clark (facilitator)</i>
10:00-11:00am		
11:00-12:00pm		
12:00-2:00pm	Lunch	
2:00-4:00pm	WinSETT Special Topics Workshop: <b>Microaggressions in the Workplace</b> <i>Donna Clark (facilitator)</i>	
6:00-7:00pm	Reception	

Wednesday – May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
9:00-10:00am	<b>Welcome:</b> Recap of ACT 2015, Meet and Greet, NSERC, CCWESTT
10:00-12:00pm	<b>What's Been Happening?</b> <i>Coffee break during session</i>
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:30pm	<b>Parallel Session 1</b>
2:30-3:00pm	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3:00pm-4:30pm	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Vandana Juneja, Catalyst & Discussion

Thursday – May 4 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00-9:15am	<b>Welcome Back</b>
9:15-10:30am	<b>Parallel Session 2</b>
10:30-11:00am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00-12:00pm	<b>Report Back from Parallel Sessions</b> <i>Donna Clark (facilitator)</i>
12:00-1:30pm	Lunch <b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Gloria Montana “Crossing Boundaries”
1:30-3:30pm	<b>Conversation Café</b> <i>Donna Clark (facilitator)</i> <i>Coffee break during session</i>
3:30-4:00pm	<b>What Next?</b> <i>Donna Clark (facilitator)</i>

**Parallel Streams and Topics:**

- **Women in Technology:** Focusing on attracting and retaining women in technology (includes panel discussion)
- **Women in Engineering:** Sharing successful employer diversity and inclusion programs (includes invited speakers and panel discussion)

- **Women in Academia:** Hiring - best practices - what to do when you are the only women on the hiring committee; Achieving Balance in Life - juggling the demands on our time; Helping students navigate the path to academia (discussion)
- **Women in Trades:** Sharing best practices and strategies from each province - what works well? - improving work place culture (discussion)