

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Updated Jan. 2, 2018

12:00pm : Registration Open

1:00pm-5:00pm: Training Sessions

Bach

*Training Session 1: Exporting 101*

Brahms

*Training Session 2: TBD*

5:00pm-5:30pm: Networking Session & Trade Show in Crystal Ballroom Lobby

5:30pm-6:30pm: Crystal Ballroom

***GBC Welcome and Global Business Awards Dinner***

Join the North Dakota Trade Office to kick off the 2018 Global Business Connections conference. Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford has been invited to present the 2017 Global Business Awards

6:30pm-7:30pm: Crystal Ballroom

***GBC 2018 Opening Keynote***

**Peter Zeihan**, Geopolitical Strategist and Author of *The Accidental Superpower* and *The Absent Superpower*

Thursday, April 5, 2018

8:00am-8:45am: Breakfast & Trade Show in Crystal Ballroom Lobby

8:45am-10:00am: Crystal Ballroom

***Panel Discussion: TBD***

10:00am-10:15am: Break

10:15am-11:15am: Breakout Sessions

Bach

***Session 1.1: Defining Your Next Global Market***

Brahms

***Session 1.2: NAFTA - Now What?***

11:15am-11:30am: Break

11:30am-12:30pm: Breakout Sessions

Bach

***Session 2.1: Overcoming Trade Barriers***

Brahms

***Session 2.2: Weather and the Global Economy***

Speaker: Daryl Ritchison, Interim Director of the North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network

12:30pm-1:30pm: Networking Lunch & Trade Show in Crystal Ballroom Lobby

1:30pm-2:30pm: Breakout Sessions

Bach

***Session 3.1: Supply Chain Security: Understanding and Avoiding Global Threats***

Brahms

***Session 3.2: International Business in the Digital Age***

2:30pm-2:45pm: Break

2:45pm-3:45pm: Crystal Ballroom

***Closing Keynote: TBD***