

07:00 Registration & Breakfast

07:45 • Greetings - **Joe Whitbread** Moderator

- Welcome - **Loucius Michel, PhD** Burman School of Business
- Prayer - **James Tuffour, PhD** Dean, Burman School of Business
- Greetings from Burman University - **Dr. Loren Agrey** President
- Land Recognition - **Melissa-Vitalina Enache** Business Club Representative
- Keynote Speaker Introduction - **Darren Gagnon** CEO of Land Automotive Group

08:15 Keynote Speaker - **Jon Cornish** CFA Charterholder, Philanthropist, and CFL Hall of Famer
Charting Your Small Business Path through the Changing Labour Market

09:15 Break & Networking

09:30 Workshop 1 - New Tech, New Workforce, New Rules: The Central Alberta Labour Market in 2026
Presenter - **Shital Chamadia** Career Assistance Network

10:00 Break & Networking

10:10 Workshop 2 - Myths, Facts and Foreign Workers: What Small Employers Really Need to Know
Presenter - **Martine Varekamp-Bos** Immigration Care

10:40 Break & Networking

10:55 Small Business Resource Centre Introduction - **Peter DeWit, Darren Gagnon**

Panel Discussion with Q&A

Moderator - **Joe Whitbread** Joe Social Media

Panelists:

- **Jon Cornish** RBC Dominion Securities Portfolio Manager
- **Martine Varekamp-Bos** Immigration Care
- **Shital Chamadia** Career Assistance Network
- **Shauna Feth** CEO of Alberta Chamber of Commerce

11:45 Closing remarks - **Loucius Michel, PhD**

Noon Adjournment

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