Reforming Justice and Revitalizing First Nations Laws: An Update on the Indigenous Justice Strategy

Monday July 8, 2024 10:30 am – 12:00 pm EDT ROOM: 512EF; Palais des congrès

Session Description:

This session will provide an update to First Nations-in-Assembly on engagement work related to the development of Justice Canada's Indigenous Justice Strategy (IJS). In October 2023, the Justice Sector held a Virtual Justice Speaker Series with intersectional discussions on themes including the revitalization of First Nations legal traditions, the reclamation of First Nations jurisdictions over justice systems, and First Nations legal traditions and the Canadian criminal justice system. The input from these engagements and previous 2-years of engagement is included in the report *AFN's Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy*.

This session will begin with opening remarks followed by a presentation from AFN Justice Sector with an overview of the AFN recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy by Bonnie Cole, Legal Consultant. The Justice Canada Reconciliation Secretariat will then provide an update on the Justice Canada-led engagement. The final presenter will be a representative from the B.C. Justice Council on their engagement work supporting the Indigenous Justice Strategy and recent expansions of their services in B.C.

Speakers List:

- Mike Muswagon, Knowledge Keeper
- Terry Teegee, Regional Chief and Co-Portfolio Holder
- Kyrie Tristary, AFN Justice Director
- · Hazel Harrington, Justice Canada Reconciliation Secretariat
- Kory Wilson, B.C. Justice Council

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5-min.	Opening Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Mike Muswagon
5-min.	Welcome and Introductions	Regional Chief Terry Teegee
15-min.	Update on AFN Engagement and Overview of AFN's Recommendations for a First Nations Justice Strategy	Kyrie Tristary Bonnie Cole
15-min.	Justice Canada-Led Engagement for the Indigenous Justice Strategy	Hazel Harrington
15-min.	B.C. Justice Strategy, IJS Engagement and Expansion of Services	Kory Wilson
30-min.	Facilitated Question and Answer Session	Kyrie Tristary
5-min.	Closing Prayer	Knowledge Keeper Mike Muswagon