



## Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Engagement Sessions on Bill C-53 – Ontario and Manitoba

April 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT / 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET  
Online via Zoom

### Draft Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Leads
10 mins	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Knowledge Keeper Lawrence Courtoreille
15 mins	<b>AFN Opening Remarks, Mandates, and Advocacy</b>	Facilitator
20 mins	<b>Update on Bill C-53 Legislative Process</b>	Aaron Asselstine Jesse Donovan
180 mins	<b>Discussion, Questions and Answers</b>	Facilitator
10 mins	<b>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</b>	Facilitator
5 mins	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Knowledge Keeper

### Description

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will be hosting four (4) online regional engagement sessions on Bill C-53, *An Act Respecting the Recognition of Certain Métis Governments in Alberta, Ontario, and Saskatchewan*. These sessions will provide an opportunity for First Nations leadership and technicians to share information, views, and activities on Bill C-53, to access legal and technical presentations, as well as support interventions that will ensure the protection of First Nations inherent, Treaty, and section 35 rights. Participants are encouraged to bring forward constructive amendments to the Bill, in alignment with AFN Resolution 81/2023, *Urgent Protection of First Nations Inherent and Treaty Rights from Ongoing Illegitimate Rights Assertions*.



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## Speakers

- Aaron Asselstine, AFN Director, Lands
- Jesse Donovan, Associate Director, Lands

## Supporting Documents

1. AFN Resolution 44/2023, *Protect First Nations Rights and Interests from Unfounded Métis Rights Assertions*
2. AFN Resolution 81/2023, *Urgent Protection of First Nations Inherent and Treaty Rights from Ongoing Illegitimate Rights Assertions*