



National Forum on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA)

February 4-5, 2025 | Westin Bayshore | Vancouver, British Columbia

Provisional Agenda

Monday, February 3, 2025

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.	Registration and Welcome Reception	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer

Day One – Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Forum Registration open	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
9:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks <i>Forum Chair: Kory Wilson, (Kwakwaka'wakw), BSc. JD, Executive Director of Indigenous Initiatives and Partnerships for British Columbia Institute of Technology</i>	Salon A-B-C
9:30 a.m.	Setting the Context for the Forum <i>AFN British Columbia Regional Chief Terry Teegee, Portfolio Holder</i>	Salon A-B-C
9:50 a.m.	Minister's Address	
10:00 a.m.	Health Break	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
10:15 a.m.	Setting the Context - The History of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples <i>Panelists: Dr. Wilton Littlechild, Treaty 6, Ermineskin Cree Nation, CEIL Member; Kenneth Deer, Haudenosaunee External Relations Taskforce; and Dr. Sheryl Lightfoot, Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i>	Salon A-B -C
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
1:00 p.m.	AFN Presentation on UNDA <i>Presenter(s): Natasha Beedie, Director of Rights and Governance – AFN, and Randall Kahgee, Senior Counsel - Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP</i>	Salon A-B -C
2:00 p.m.	Introduction to UNDA Concurrent Sessions	Salon A-B-C



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2:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	Session #1 - The Duty to Consult: Adequate Consultation and Accommodation	Salon A-B-C <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i>
	Session #2 - Gender, Sexuality, and Sovereignty: Empowering 2SLGBTQIA+ Indigenous People Through UNDRIP	Salon D
	Session #3 - Land Restitution and the UN Declaration: Historic Opportunities and Enduring Challenges	Salon E
	Session #4 - Strengthening First Nations Leadership in Marine Conservation: Advancing UNDA Action Plan Measures #38 and #42	Seymour Room
4:00 p.m.	Health Break	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
4:15 p.m.	Panel Presentation on Self-Determination and Nation-Building <i>Panelist(s): Drew Lafond, President - Indigenous Bar Association, Dr. Brenda Gunn, Professor, Faculty of Law - University of Manitoba and Cheryl Knockwood, Director of Governance - Membertou First Nation</i>	Salon A-B -C
5:15 p.m.	Closing of Day One	

Day Two - Wednesday, February 5, 2025		
Time	Activity	Location
7:30 a.m.	Forum Registration open	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
7:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
8:30 a.m.	Recap of Day 1 Overview of Day 2 • Forum Chair: Kory Wilson	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
8:45 a.m.	Keynote Address: National Chief, Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak, Assembly of First Nations	Salon A-B-C



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Time	Activity	Location
9:00 a.m.	Reconciling Indigenous Laws and Policies • AFN Council of Experts on Indigenous Laws	Salon A-B-C
10:00 a.m.	Health Break	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
10:15 a.m.	Introduction to UNDA Concurrent Sessions	Salon A-B-C
10:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	Session #5 - Enhancing Participation of First Nations at the United Nations - Ongoing Opportunities and Challenges	Salon A-B-C <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i>
	Session #6 - UNDRIP & the Inherent Right to Self-Government	Salon D
	Session #7 - Indigenous Youth Voices and the UNDRIP Action Plan	Salon E
	Session #8 - Implementing the UN Declaration: Protecting and Revitalizing Pacific Salmon and their Habitats	Seymour Room
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
1:00 p.m.	Keynote: The Honourable David Eby, M.L.A. Premier of British Columbia	Salon A-B-C
1:30 p.m.	Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) Lessons Learned	Salon A-B-C
2:15 p.m.	Introduction to UNDA Concurrent Sessions	Salon A-B-C
2:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
	Session #9 - Modern Treaty Perspectives on UNDRIP Implementation	Salon A-B-C <i>Simultaneous Interpretation Available</i>
	Session #10 - First Nations Rights to Environmental Health and Protection	Salon D
	Session #11 - Rethinking Accessibility and the United Nations Declaration	Salon E



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4:00 p.m.	Health Break	Bayshore Ballroom Foyer
4:15 p.m.	Closing Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>AFN British Columbia Regional Chief Terry Teegee, Portfolio Holder</i>• <i>Natasha Beedie, Director of Rights and Governance - AFN</i>	Salon A-B-C
4:45 p.m.	Closing Ceremonies	Salon A-B-C
5:00 p.m.	Closing of Forum	