



Assembly of First Nations (AFN)

Regional Engagement Sessions on Bill C-53

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April 25, 2024, at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PT, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM MT, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM CT, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM AT, and 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM NT.

Online via Zoom

Draft Agenda

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